UC San Diego at 50: “Achieving the Extraordinary”

Chancellor Marye Anne Fox
UC San Diego’s 50th Anniversary

• Fifty years ago, founder Roger Revelle had one criterion for the UC San Diego campus:

“It must be distinctive.”
Next year, UC San Diego will celebrate:

• 50 years of “achieving the extraordinary” in higher education and academic research;

• The achievements of our stellar students, alumni, faculty and staff;

• UC San Diego’s economic impact in the region and beyond;

• The university’s emergence as a local, national and global leader.
UC San Diego’s 50th Anniversary

Celebration Timeline

• Sept. 2010: Welcome Week and Convocation

• Throughout the year: numerous celebration events including three signature events

• June 2011: All Campus Graduation Celebration
Signature events:

- Founders’ Day, November 18, 2010
- Innovation UCSD, February 2011
- “Green” Open House, April 16, 2011
UC San Diego’s 50th Anniversary

50th anniversary homepage
A Community Resource

Arts, cultural and diverse activities and resources:

• La Jolla Playhouse
• Wagner Theatre
• UC San Diego Athletics
• RIMAC
• Stuart Collection
• UC San Diego Libraries
• Prebys Music Center
A Community Resource

• UC San Diego Medical Center
  – Serves 21,000 inpatients and 476,000 outpatients annually
  – Free student-run clinics

• Scripps Institution of Oceanography
  – Birch Aquarium
  – Climate research and solutions
A Leader in Sustainability

• UC San Diego scientists were among the first to study the rise of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere.

• That research continues today, and is now a multi-disciplinary effort.

• Students also participate in climate research and have helped “green” the campus.
A Leader in Sustainability

Green efforts on campus include:

• Retrofits
• Recycling
• Alternate fuels and transportation
• LEED-standard buildings
• Expansion of cogeneration capacity
A Leader in Sustainability

• We’re working to secure diverse sources of renewable energy:
  – Photovoltaic energy
  – Wind energy
  – Fuel cell energy
  – Seawater cooling

• UC San Diego is a living laboratory for climate solutions.
Total economic impact of UC San Diego in San Diego County: $5.7B

- $3.7B in direct and indirect spending
- Nearly $2B in personal income
- More than 33,600 jobs
Total economic impact of UC San Diego in the State: $7.2B

- $4.6B in direct and indirect spending
- $2.6B in personal income
- 39,000 jobs
UC San Diego’s Economic Impact

• UC San Diego is a magnet for state and federal funding, including federal stimulus money.

• Our alumni and faculty have created more than 200 start-ups.

• UC San Diego is the third largest employer in the County.
UC San Diego’s Economic Impact

Education is key to the economy. Research universities create:

• New jobs
• New industries
• An educated workforce
• Innovative research
• Increased tax revenue
• Public service
Current Economic Climate

Economic realities:

• Severe state budget cuts led to an $84 million budget shortfall at UC San Diego this year.

• This is a 27.9% decrease from the university’s 07-08 state funding allocation.

• Per-student funding down 51% from 1990
Current Economic Climate

How we’re dealing with the reduction:

• Furloughs for faculty/staff
• Faculty recruitment freeze
• Layoffs
• “Brain drain”
• Student fee increases
• Higher student /faculty ratios
Investing In Our Future

Invent the Future:
The UC San Diego Student Support Campaign

• Goal: raise $50M for scholarships and graduate fellowships
• Launched in Sept. 2009
• Part of UC $1B campaign
• Blue and Gold Plan
Investing In Our Future

• 64% of all undergraduates receive financial assistance.

• Only 16% of our graduate students receive fellowships.

• Scholarships and fellowships allow us to stay competitive in attracting top students to campus.
Investing In Our Future

- Must ensure access to UC San Diego for all students
- Focus on diversity initiatives
- Community outreach programs
- Board of Overseers Education Summit
How You Can Help

• Become a UC San Diego advocate.

• Spread the word about UC San Diego and the importance of higher education.

• Get involved in our 50th anniversary celebration.
How You Can Help

• Support a student scholar, a faculty researcher or another philanthropic project.

• Participate in campus events, including the Chancellor’s 5k Run/Walk for Scholars.

• Get involved with Town and Gown.

• Become a Chancellor’s Associate.
Thank you.

Learn more at www.ucsd.edu.