



**Public Health Ph.D. student Chia Thao** is using her donor-supported Graduate Fellowship to explore minority health disparities and promote the well-being of Hmong farmers in the Central Valley.



**Professor Victor Muñoz** made a key discovery that could allow scientists to engineer adaptive proteins.



"Beyond the Brink: California's Watershed" featuring UC Merced researchers will premiere on KVIE.



A thin layer of compost is applied to grasslands in the Altamont Hills. This practice of carbon farming has been identified by the state as a pillar of its approach to fighting climate change.



# CAMPUS ON THE RISE

**#44** TOP PUBLIC UNIVERSITY  
RANKED #104 OVERALL  
- U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT

JUMPING **32** SPOTS OVERALL  
23 SPOTS AMONG PUBLICS

**10%+** LADDER-RANK FACULTY HAVE EARNED NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION CAREER AWARDS

OPENED  
**2005**



**YOUNGEST EVER R2 DESIGNATION**  
- Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education

**\$2M+** GRADUATE FELLOWSHIPS RECEIVED

## SUSTAINABILITY — TO OUR CORE

Our faculty research on environmental impacts, including soil erosion, water use, Valley Fever, biodiversity, renewable energy, human evolution and even political violence is world renowned.



### RESEARCH UNITS INCLUDE:

UC ADVANCED SOLAR TECHNOLOGIES INSTITUTE

SIERRA NEVADA RESEARCH INSTITUTE

NATIONAL PARKS INSTITUTE

We operate the **WAWONA FIELD STATION** in Yosemite National Park, and campus is surrounded by the **UC MERCED VERNAL POOLS** and **GRASSLAND RESERVE** — our own living laboratory.

On our 830+ acres, UC Merced has demonstrated commitment to the environment from the ground up — from sustainably designed and operated LEED-certified buildings to a sustainable campus vehicle fleet and purchasing practices.

ONLY UNIVERSITY IN THE NATION WHERE EVERY BUILDING IS LEED CERTIFIED



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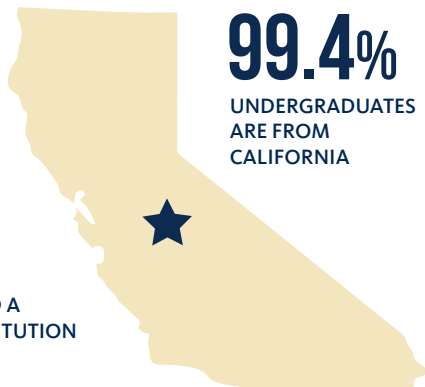
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## SOCIAL MOBILITY — OUR MISSION AND PASSION

We are leading the way in California and the nation for helping young people build better lives for themselves and their families through higher education.

**55.5%**

HISPANIC + DESIGNATED A HISPANIC SERVING INSTITUTION



**99.4%**

UNDERGRADUATES ARE FROM CALIFORNIA

U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT

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STUDENT OUTCOMES

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OUTPERFORMING PREDICTED GRADUATION RATES

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SOCIAL MOBILITY

## STUDENT SUCCESS — FROM ENROLLMENT TO CAREER

**SUMMER BRIDGE PROGRAM** brings first-generation students onto campus during the summer before first-year classes to provide acculturation and study skills to prepare them for college life.

**COMPETITIVE EDGE SUMMER BRIDGE** ensures graduate students are better equipped to complete their degrees and go on to successful careers, by helping them navigate life in a new city and at a new level of academic intensity.

The **CALVIN E. BRIGHT SUCCESS CENTER** provides opportunities and co-curricular experiences that aid students in enhancing their knowledge of university resources, academic and personal growth and development, and advocacy and access, through learning support, transition programs and individual interventions.

Our **LIVING-LEARNING COMMUNITIES** help students to find their micro-communities, sharing study and social lives with like-minded peers organized around fields of study, such as natural sciences, or areas of passionate concern, such as social justice.

### UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH

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UC SYSTEM

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% OF UNDERGRADUATES INVOLVED IN RESEARCH AND CREATIVE PROJECTS

- U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT

**77%**

OF UNDERGRADUATES WORK ON RESEARCH

### LEADERS IN STEM

**46%**

FEMALE UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ARE IN A STEM-RELATED MAJOR

**52%**

HISPANIC & AFRICAN-AMERICAN STUDENTS IN STEM MAJORS

### ALUMNI PAVE THE WAY

**27**

AVERAGE AGE OF ALUMNI

**#27**

ALUMNI GIVING RATE

- U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT

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IN THE UC SYSTEM FOR % OF UNDERGRADUATES GOING ON TO EARN MASTER'S DEGREES

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