

### UC in Your District

The University of California's reach goes well beyond its 10 campuses, five medical centers and three national laboratories. The University's presence is felt in each of California's 58 counties through a wide array of exemplary community partnerships, enriching cultural resources and innovative research programs. From health-care education for rural physicians to agricultural research advice for local farmers to college preparation efforts in nearly every public school, UC has a direct influence in your community. Find out more about UC programs in your district by visiting:

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### UCLA MEDICAL CENTER

**UCLA Medical Center provides services throughout District 54**, and is known for its pioneering advancements in organ transplantation and ultrasound and is ranked #1 in the West by *U.S. News and World Report*. More than 300,000 people – **including a disproportionate share of the state's poor and uninsured** – are cared for at UCLA Medical Center each year. UCLA's Mattel Children's Hospital offers a full range of specialty health services for children. The Medical Center serves as a training site for physicians and as a research center that drives innovations in life-saving drugs and surgical procedures.

### UC NATURAL RESERVES

**UC administers natural reserve sites that protect unique local environments, serve as invaluable research laboratories and educate the public.** UC Santa Barbara reserves include the **Carpinteria Salt Marsh Reserve**, which protects an important local estuary, and the **Santa Cruz Island Reserve**, which protects the breeding grounds of harbor seals and the threatened island fox. Both reserves host **a range of public education and outreach programs for local K-12 schools and the larger community.**

### UC IRVINE MEDICAL CENTER

**The UC Irvine Medical Center** has a strong academic reputation in neurosciences, cancer and genetics research. The UC Irvine Medical Center in Orange, the **Long Beach Veterans Affairs Medical Center** and the **Long Beach Memorial Medical Center** provide cutting-edge medical research to the general population and to a disproportionate share of the area's poor and uninsured. UC Irvine Medical Center's 462-bed facility is **Orange County's only designated comprehensive emergency service and Level I Trauma Referral Center.**

**The world-renowned UCLA Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center** provides comprehensive cancer care services and investigative clinical trials **at a satellite clinic in Long Beach in District 54**. Patients who come to UCLA centers for cancer care benefit from the most advanced forms of therapy available and from a variety of supportive services.

<http://www.healthcare.ucla.edu>

**The California Policy Research Center (CPRC)** applies UC's research expertise to the analysis, development and implementation of state and federal policy. CPRC hosts such projects as the Welfare Policy Research Project, the **California Program on Access to Care, the Latino Policy Institute and the California-Mexico Health Initiative**.

**UC Irvine's CampMed works with schools in Long Beach** and is geared toward exposing educationally and economically disadvantaged high school students to the health profession through a unique outdoors learning experience.



**UC's MESA (Mathematics, Engineering & Science Achievement)** works to prepare educationally disadvantaged students for four-year colleges at **several K-12 schools throughout District 54**. **The MESA California Community College Program** increases the number of math and science majors who successfully transfer and receive degrees from four-year universities and works with **CSU Long Beach**. <http://mesa.ucop.edu>

**The UC Science Fair Initiative** increases the number of UC-eligible students from underrepresented, under-performing high schools **in District 54**. In 2000-01, 715 students from four area high schools participated. [www.cfep.uci.edu/K12/ScienceFair](http://www.cfep.uci.edu/K12/ScienceFair)

**UC's Design for Sharing** purchases thousands of tickets to events presented by UCLA Performing Arts. Tickets are distributed through social service agencies for those who could not otherwise afford to attend the events, **including at multiple sites in Long Beach**. [www.performingarts.ucla.edu](http://www.performingarts.ucla.edu)



**The Puente Project** increases the enrollment and retention of educationally underserved students in four-year universities and works with **Long Beach City College**. To date, Puente has provided mentoring, teaching, and

counseling for over 20,000 under-represented students. Puente students graduate from four-year universities at twice the average rate. <http://www.puente.net>

**The UCLA Mobile Eye Clinic** provides free eye exams in the **greater Los Angeles** area at schools, agencies working with abused and foster children and the elderly and homeless shelters. Over 5,000 patients are treated each year.

**UC's Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources Cooperative Extension** provides accessible and comprehensive agricultural research information for local growers, ranchers, governments and the larger community at the **Los Angeles County office**. UC advisors also work to improve nutrition, reduce child obesity, ease the transition from welfare to work and engage 4-H youth in educational activities. <http://www.ucanr.org>



**The VA Long Beach Healthcare System is an affiliate of the UC Irvine Medical Center** and provides a full range of medical care to **thousands of veterans in the region**. **The system houses a main hospital in Long Beach** and provides a full range of patient care services using state-of-the-art technology. **Outpatient clinics are located throughout the region**. <http://www.va.gov>

**The UC Affiliated Oiled Wildlife Care Network** strives to ensure that wildlife exposed to petroleum products in the environment receive treatment. The program is managed through the UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine and provides services at a site in **Long Beach**. [www.vetmed.ucdavis.edu/owcn](http://www.vetmed.ucdavis.edu/owcn)

**UC Irvine's Chemistry Outreach** program has teams of graduate and undergraduate students visit Orange County schools to perform demonstrations and talk about chemistry. Since 1992, over 24,000 students have been reached – including those at **Barton Elementary in Long Beach**. [www.chem.uci.edu/~jsnowick/outreach](http://www.chem.uci.edu/~jsnowick/outreach)

**UC Riverside's College of Engineering-Center for Environmental Research Technology (CE-CERT)** program contributes to improved environmental quality and energy efficiency through interdisciplinary research and by providing educational opportunities for the next generation of engineers, scientists and policy-makers. <http://www.cert.ucr.edu>

**UC Davis' Animal Ambassadors** program uses web-based and hands-on interaction with animals to foster children's interest in science. Between 3,500 - 4,000 children participated in the program between 1999-2002. **The program is present in schools throughout Los Angeles County**.

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