DELIVERING ON THE PROMISE

At a time when higher education is leaving too many students behind, the University of California stands apart. We educate more low-income and first-generation college-going students than any other top caliber research university. The result: opportunity for thousands of the state’s most enterprising young people and an upwardly mobile workforce that keeps California’s economy strong.

WELCOMING ALL WHO DREAM BIG

UC ENROLLS MORE LOW-INCOME STUDENTS THAN ANY OTHER INSTITUTION OF ITS CALIBER.

The University of California enrolls 77,000 low-income students, compared to 9,600 at all of the Ivy League universities combined. Sources: IPEDS Institutional Characteristics and Student Financial Aid Surveys | UCOP Institutional Research | Accountability.universityofcalifornia.edu | Employment Development Department quarterly wage data | UCOP Corporate Student System.

*Low-income students are defined as those who qualify for Pell Grants, federal aid awarded to students from families with household incomes of $50K or less.

PREPARING YOUNGSTERS FOR GREATNESS

UC is at work in schools around the state to help students prepare for and apply to college, whether at UC or elsewhere.

REACH OF UC PROGRAMS FOR ACADEMIC AND COLLEGE-READINESS

We are in more than 1,000 California public schools – serving the communities that need it most.

Students in UC-led college preparation programs are 60% more likely to take college entrance exams than non-participants in the same schools.

Students in K-12 Parents of K-12 students

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55% of California resident students pay $0 tuition because of programs such as the Blue and Gold Opportunity Plan, covering families with incomes of $80,000 or less.

PROVIDING ONGOING SUPPORT

UC opens the gates to a brighter future

Seeing students through to diploma, and beyond

Low-income students don’t only enroll at UC — they succeed.

78% of low-income students at UC schools earn degrees within six years, as compared with 70% of low-income students at other highly selective public institutions.

Nationally, higher education is struggling to serve these students: Less than half of all low-income students who enter four-year colleges and universities go on to earn degrees.

70% of UC’s low-income students go on to work in California.

Within five years, their median individual income exceeds that of their families when they entered UC.

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-serving those from all walks of life

41% of the 2013 freshman class were first-generation college students.

30% came from homes in which English is not the primary language.

47%

National average

Selective private

Other selective public

UC

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UC also serves nearly 35,000 community college students through programs to help them transfer to UC.

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