ALL LEARNING BEGINS WITH A QUESTION. QUESTIONS LEAD TO ANSWERS, AND EVEN BIGGER QUESTIONS EMERGE.

AT UC DAVIS, BIG QUESTIONS GALVANIZE OUR LEARNING AND DISCOVERY.

AND OUR STUDENTS, FACULTY AND RESEARCHERS UNCOVER THE BOLD ANSWERS THAT BECOME THE SOLUTIONS TO THE CRITICAL ISSUES OF OUR WORLD.

ASKING TODAY’S BIGGEST QUESTIONS

We make our world significant by the courage of our questions and by the depth of our answers.

— Carl Sagan

What can the University of California, Davis, do to make the world a better place? Members of our community—from scientists to artists—begin their work with big questions like this in mind.

The issues we explore, inevitably, are society’s most pressing concerns. We are leading the charge toward sustainable practices and energy alternatives that are mindful of our earth’s precious resources and reduce our dependence on oil. We are teaching future leaders to think critically about their world and to understand cultures that are different from their own.

We are on the leading edge of stem cell research, as one of only two centers in the country funded by the National Institutes of Health to translate human stem cell research into therapies. And we are enhancing the quality of life and health in our region by engaging with the local community through the arts and medicine.

Our contributions are fueling our success. In 2006, UC Davis’ research funding climbed another 8 percent to $543 million, which represents a remarkable increase of 82 percent over the past five years. And thanks to generous donors, our philanthropic totals rose for the fourth consecutive year to $81.5 million.

This fall the largest freshman class in University of California history sought our rigorous, attentive and research-enriched education. And the Washington Monthly ranked us in the top 10 among all U.S. universities for our contributions to society.

In the pages of this annual report, you will learn about the big questions we’ve been asking and the bold way our community is answering them. Indeed, we are committed to making the world a better place.

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