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Pam Fair ’80, chair of the foundation beginning July 1, 2008, says the organization plays a vital role in helping the university fulfill its mission.

“UC Davis stands among the top universities in the world, providing a remarkable breadth and quality of research, teaching, patient care and public service,” Fair said. “Private support furthers the endeavors of faculty, makes higher education affordable to UC Davis students, and provides funding for new initiatives and opportunities. I’m proud that the UC Davis Foundation can help to further the mission of an extraordinary university that has served California for more than 100 years.”

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