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A CENTURY OF OPTIMISM.

INSPIRING PAST. ENGAGING PRESENT. BOUNDLESS FUTURE.

UCLA had its start in 1882 as the Southern Branch of the California State Normal School. Our mission: train teachers for a growing Southern California population. In 1919, we became the Southern Branch of the University of California. Our student body: 250 Letters and Science students and 1,250 teachers' college students. People believed in us. We grew rapidly. And in 1926, the UC Regents broke ground in the Hills of Westwood. We had a new 419-acre location and a new name — the University of California, Los Angeles.

In 2020, UCLA concluded a year-long celebration of its centennial with local, national and international events.

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UCLA TODAY.

- **Admissions:** With more than 119,000 undergraduate applicants applying for admission for Fall 2020, UCLA is the most applied-to university in the U.S.
- **Students & Faculty:** More than 44,000 undergraduate and graduate students and a faculty of about 4,300 members teach, learn, engage and explore.
- **Schools:** UCLA encompasses the UCLA College (formerly the College of Letters & Science) and 12 professional schools.
- **Programs:** We offer more than 3,800 courses in more than 125 undergraduate majors, 98 master's programs and 109 doctoral and professional programs.
- **Socioeconomic Diversity:** Nearly a third of undergraduates earning a degree at UCLA are the first generation in their families to graduate from a four-year college or university.
- **Research:** About \$1 billion is received each year in competitively awarded grants and contracts, and approximately 6,000 funded research projects are underway at any given time.
- **Intellectual Property:** UCLA manages more than 2,960 active inventions, including approximately 1,000 U.S. patents.
- **Economic Impact:** UCLA is responsible for more than \$11.7 billion in economic impact annually, and generates \$34 for every dollar invested by California taxpayers.

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BRUIN PRIDE. WORLD WIDE IMPACT.

Here are just a few UCLA-grown achievements and innovations that have changed the world and influential Bruins who never stop inspiring us.

AWARDS & HONORS

UCLA's students, faculty and alumni are some of the most honored individuals in their fields.

- 14 Nobel laureates
- 15 MacArthur fellows
- 11 National Medal of Science winners
- 3 Pulitzer Prize winners
- 2 U.S. Poet laureates
- 38 Academy Award winners

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & HEALTH CARE

The impact of UCLA's accomplishments reaches around the world.

- Almost 3,000 inventions and more than 140 companies have been created based on technology developed at UCLA.
- UCLA's hospitals are ranked among the top U.S. hospitals and are number one in California.
- More than 200 of our current 2,000 physicians are listed as the "Best Doctors in America."

Right: Dr. Una Lee, Urology, UCLA Health System. "Starry Sky" is a ceiling in the Mattel Children's Hospital. Photo credit: © 2010 Elena Zhukova





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ATHLETICS

UCLA Athletics is the most decorated program in the nation. UCLA alumni are icons, record breakers, award winners, world champions and game changers. As of 2020:

- 118 NCAA championships
- 120+ professional athletes
- No. 1 overall pick in almost every major league's draft
- 261 Olympic medals; 133 of them gold

ICONIC & INFLUENTIAL ALUMNI

UCLA alumni are optimists who believe anything is possible — and frequently prove it. Here are just a few who have made a noticeable impact on our world.

ARTS AND LETTERS

- **Agnes de Mille**, dancer and choreographer
- **Juan Luis Herrera**, first Latino U.S. poet laureate
- **James Horner**, Academy Award-winning composer
- **Kay Ryan**, U.S. poet laureate

ENTERTAINMENT

- **Mayim Bialik**, actor and neuroscientist
- **Carol Burnett**, comedian
- **Francis Ford Coppola**, Academy Award-winning director
- **James Dean**, actor
- **Giada De Laurentiis**, chef and restaurateur
- **Alexander Payne**, writer and director
- **Rob Reiner**, actor and director
- **George Takei**, Star Trek actor and activist



Top: Jackie Joyner-Kersey, class of 1985, Olympic medalist and track star.

Middle: Professor Leonard Kleinrock, internet pioneer.

Bottom: Mayim Bialik, Class of 2000, Ph.D. 2007, actor and neuroscientist.

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HEALTH

- **Timothy Miller**, surgeon and *Operation Mend* supporter
- **Randy Schekman**, winner of Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine
- **Paul Terasaki**, tissue-typing pioneer

PUBLIC SERVICE

- **Tom Bradley**, first African-American mayor of Los Angeles
- **Ralph Bunche**, diplomat and Nobel Peace Prize laureate
- **Elinor Ostrom**, political scientist and first female Nobel laureate in economics
- **Antonio Villaraigosa**, former Los Angeles mayor
- **Henry Waxman**, congressional watchdog

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

- **Vinton Cerf**, Internet Hall of Fame
- **Anna Lee Fisher**, astronaut and first mother in space
- **Richard Heck**, Nobel laureate in chemistry
- **Nathan Myhrvold**, inventor and business leader
- **Taylor Wang**, first Chinese-born astronaut

SPORTS

- **Kareem Abdul-Jabbar**, NBA superstar
- **Troy Aikman**, NFL Super Bowl quarterback
- **Arthur Ashe**, Wimbledon champion
- **Ann Meyers Drysdale**, basketball All-American
- **Jackie Joyner-Kersey**, Olympic medalist and track star
- **Jackie Robinson**, Major League Baseball legend
- **Bill Walton**, NBA superstar

Right: Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, Class of 1968, NBA superstar.
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