When I look back on 2015, I am filled with pride and joy for the tremendous accomplishments of our outstanding faculty, staff and students. Truly, 2015 was a noteworthy year of remarkable achievements, and the passion, fervor and brilliance of the Anteater community have continued to reach new heights and touch lives in meaningful ways.

I feel grateful and privileged to be a part of the Anteater family, an inspirational group of scholars, teachers, learners and supporters who are determined to serve humankind. The culture of innovation and service upon which our university was founded continues to permeate the campus today.

In 2015, we celebrated our university’s 50th anniversary with the Festival of Discovery, welcomed the Dalai Lama for his 80th birthday celebration, successfully concluded our $1 billion Shaping the Future fundraising campaign and appointed several new campus leaders, including Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor Enrique Lavernia and Vice Chancellor for Health Affairs and CEO of UC Irvine Health Howard Federoff.

Anteaters were recognized with the highest honors in their fields of expertise, and our university was once again deemed the “coolest” in the country by Sierra magazine for its sustainability leadership. On top of that, UCI was named one of the top 10 public universities in the nation by U.S. News & World Report and the No. 1 university for economically challenged students by The New York Times in its College Access Index. At 50 years old, UCI has reached its stride.

As we set out to write the story of our next half-century, we will take ongoing inspiration from our founders, who arrived on the Irvine campus in 1965 committed to advancing society through creating knowledge, unearthing life-enhancing discoveries, and providing a world-class education to the most talented young people regardless of background.

I am confident that we will continue to make strong contributions in research, education and service; accelerate our ascendency among globally preeminent research universities; and marshal our passions, skills and ingenuity to further improve people’s lives.

Fiat lux,

Chancellor Howard Gillman
It was also a year of transition – of reflecting on the past and embracing tomorrow. In 2015, UCI celebrated its golden anniversary in grand style, paying tribute to the accomplishments that made it one of the world’s best public universities while building a bright future of community and global impact.

Once again, UCI faculty, students and staff achieved as never before in the classroom, in the lab, on fields of play and in society.
Grasshopper tacos, simulated earthquakes, Shakespeare readings and brain wave art were among the attractions at UCI’s signature 50th anniversary bash, held Oct. 3. About 10,000 people gathered for the outdoor shindig, which kicked off with a 5K race, then shifted to an afternoon festival, complete with a rock climbing wall, live music, hundreds of cupcakes and an assortment of educational displays. Fifty never looked so good!
In honor of the UCI pioneers who helped transform a patch of dusty ranchland into today’s world-class research university, Founders Day welcomed inaugural faculty, staff and students to a Sept. 30 celebration. Attendees included members of the Daniel Aldrich and Jack Peltason families, as well as founding professors Jim McGaugh, Robert Cohen and Hal Moore. Also on hand was Barbara Davidson, a student from 1965 who later spent four decades in various staff positions on campus.

Californian’s coolest campus Too

In a 10-week contest aimed at making UC campuses carbon neutral by 2025, UCI finished first, thanks to about 4,000 staff, students and faculty completing tasks to amass points. The Cool Campus Challenge was part of UC President Janet Napolitano’s Carbon Neutrality Initiative.

Libraries: Athletics since 1965

Trophies, championship rings, game balls, Peter the Anteater paraphernalia and other sports memorabilia from UCI’s first 50 years are on display through April in “Ready, Set, ZOT! UCI Athletics Since ‘65,” an exhibit at Langson Library.
In a carefully choreographed blend of sound and motion, student flute players and dancers swept across campus last March, converging on the Irvine Barclay Theatre as part of a ceremony to usher in Howard Gillman as UC Irvine’s sixth chancellor. The multimedia investiture event was attended by hundreds of education luminaries and guests. Taking the helm in UCI’s 50th anniversary year, Gillman vowed to expand the school’s burgeoning academic reputation and global impact. As a centerpiece of that vision, he pledged to build a large, multidisciplinary research and educational building devoted to the “convergence of science and engineering.”

Actor Cary Elwes, famous for his dual role as farm boy Westley and the Dread Pirate Roberts in “The Princess Bride,” emceed the investiture ceremonies, which also included a keynote address by USC President C.L. Max Nikias. Other attendees included University of California President Janet Napolitano, UCLA Chancellor Gene Block and UCI Foundation board chair Emile Haddad.
They say you can’t go home again, but Enrique Lavernia proved otherwise in 2015 – twice. In September, he traveled to his native Cuba for the first time since leaving the island with his parents in 1965. That trip was made possible by another homecoming two months earlier – to UC Irvine, the campus he had joined in 1987 as an assistant professor of mechanical engineering. In 2002, after serving as chair of UCI’s Department of Chemical Engineering & Materials Science, Lavernia left to become dean of the UC Davis College of Engineering. In July, he returned to UCI as provost and executive vice chancellor. In the new post, he has already helped draft the university’s new strategic plan, advised graduate students and joined an educational delegation to Cuba.
Modeled after a California poppy, which opens and closes to sunlight, Casa del Sol scored big in the U.S. Department of Energy Solar Decathlon 2015. Judges in the prestigious international engineering competition praised the drought-tolerant, ultra-energy-efficient home as “the most innovative in the entire competition.”

The futuristic dwelling was designed and built over two years by a team of students and faculty from UCI, Chapman University, Saddleback College and Irvine Valley College.

“I believe that these students now believe they have the ability, the know-how, the tenacity, the perseverance to change the world,” said Gregory Washington, dean of the Henry Samueli School of Engineering. “And they will literally try to do it.”
The man who doesn’t normally celebrate birthdays found himself surrounded by 18,000 well-wishers, music and a mammoth cake last July. The Dalai Lama seemed pleased to participate in the 80th birthday festivities, which were part of a three-day Global Compassion Summit co-sponsored by UCI.
Peter on parade

Peter the Anteater set sail in Newport Harbor as captain of UCI’s “zot yacht” during the 107th Newport Beach Christmas Boat Parade. Meticulously decorated by students and faculty from the Claire Trevor School of the Arts (and funded by alumni donors and friends), the boat highlighted UCI’s commitment to sustainability.

Zero-emission

The Anteater Express, the first zero-emission hydrogen fuel cell bus in the UC system, took center stage during Celebrate UCI on April 18. The vehicle will save more than 18,000 gallons of fuel per year compared to a conventional bus.
No place like home

Fans cheer a three-point basket during UCI’s victorious 50th anniversary homecoming game against UC Santa Barbara. Pregame festivities included live music, science exhibits and a beer garden that served Anteater Ale, a golden anniversary concoction brewed by Brandon Fender ’08, co-owner of The Good Beer Co.
In Memoriam:

Jack Peltason, UCI pioneer

The man whose namesake road winds through campus – UCI Chancellor Emeritus and former UC President Jack W. Peltason – died in March after a long battle with Parkinson’s disease. He was 91. Born in St. Louis, Peltason was an internationally recognized political scientist and constitutional law scholar who played leading roles in shaping UC Irvine, first as dean of the College of Arts, Letters & Science (before the campus opened), then as vice chancellor of academic affairs and, later (after a stint leading the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign), as UCI’s second chancellor. After taking the helm in 1984, he oversaw a period of expansive growth before being elevated to serve as president of the entire UC system from 1992-95.

Irwin Rose, Nobel laureate

His discovery of a “kiss-of-death” mechanism inside animal and plant cells won a Nobel Prize, revolutionized the field of cell biology and sparked new treatments for cancer, cystic fibrosis and Parkinson’s disease. In June, Irwin “Ernie” Rose, who finished his distinguished career as a biochemist at UCI, died in his sleep at age 88. Known for his stratospheric intellect, boundless curiosity and generosity with students, Rose was regarded as one of the world’s top biochemists. His groundbreaking work in the 1970s on enzymes that break down unwanted cell proteins fostered a new understanding of molecular activity in cancer and other diseases. As a result, he and two collaborators from Israel shared the 2004 Nobel Prize in chemistry.
In O.C. startup heaven – a.k.a. Applied Innovation’s Cove – budding inventors and entrepreneurs mingle with angel investors, high-powered mentors and legal experts in a 31,000-square-foot sandbox of offices, conference rooms, video walls, computers and even air hockey and foosball tables. The dazzling business hub debuted in October as a one-stop shop to help commercialize UCI’s breakthrough research. Led by Richard Sudek, The Cove aims to give wings to hundreds of new companies, creating thousands of jobs and transforming Orange County into an innovation mecca that rivals the Silicon Valley. Toward that end, the center also sponsors various workshops, mixers and social events. Not surprisingly, every square inch of available space was leased before the doors opened – and plans for an additional 15,000 square feet are in the works.
If the Beach Boys ever write a song about surfing college students, UCI should be featured in the lyrics. In November, the campus topped Money magazine’s list of best colleges for beach lovers, based on the school’s easy access to spectacular shorelines and strong academics.

Dr. Federoff

Think of him as Orange County’s top doc. In July, Dr. Howard J. Federoff, a renowned neurological researcher who co-invented a blood test that predicts Alzheimer’s disease with 90 percent accuracy, took over as vice chancellor of health affairs and dean of UCI’s School of Medicine. He arrived from Georgetown University, where he won acclaim for his clinical and research leadership as a top health administrator.

Spinal cord injury breakthrough

Twelve small steps for man; one giant leap for spinal cord injury research. In a stunning medical breakthrough, a man who had been paralyzed for seven years briefly walked again thanks to a UCI brain-computer system that bypassed his spinal cord and sent messages directly to his legs. The novel technology, created by biomedical engineer Zoran Nenadic and neurologist An Do, made headlines around the world. “We showed that you can restore intuitive, brain-controlled walking after a complete spinal cord injury,” Nenadic said.
In the battle against Huntington’s disease, veteran researcher Leslie Thompson, a professor of psychiatry & human behavior and neurobiology & behavior, and her team logged another impressive discovery. The group identified two proteins involved in the degenerative disease's progress, offering new targets for treatment.
Medical errors, infections and injuries to patients are so rare at UCI Medical Center that the hospital recently received its third consecutive A grade for patient safety from the nonprofit Leapfrog Group, which tracks quality of care at more than 1,600 hospitals nationwide. UCI Medical Center was also one of just 98 U.S. medical centers to make the cut for Leapfrog’s 2015 Top Hospitals list.

Leapfrogging ahead on patient safety

Cancer center recertification

The National Cancer Institute has renewed UC Irvine’s certification as one of only 45 comprehensive cancer centers in the US and the only one in Orange County. This prestigious federal designation, first granted nearly 20 years ago, means that the physician-scientists of the UC Irvine Health Chao Family Comprehensive Cancer Center are among the nation’s leaders in research and clinical care in more than 150 different kinds of cancer. The center has also achieved the American College of Surgeons’ Commission on Cancer accreditation for meeting rigorous clinical standards and maintaining a commitment to providing patients with the highest levels of care.
Shaping the Future: $1 billion at work

Powered by donations large and small, UCI became the youngest American university to ever complete a $1 billion fundraising drive. The gifts tripled UCI’s endowment, financed hundreds of scholarships and fellowships, endowed over 50 academic chairs, and fueled research that saves lives, restores eyesight and helps heal the planet.
Sure, Nobels and Pulitzers are nice – and UCI has its share of both. But how many universities hold Guinness world records for the largest dodgeball game, pillow fight and water blaster shootout? Only one, of course. In what has become an annual tradition, Anteater students racked up another Guinness triumph last fall – the world’s biggest game of capture the flag, with 2,888 players.
Peter’s birthday: Is there ant-flavored cake?

During his first five decades as UCI’s Zotmaster-in-chief, Peter the Anteater evolved from cuddly cartoon character to 6-foot-9 stud. He also visited the White House (where he posed with President George W. Bush), toured the governor’s office and even blasted into outer space. Celebrating his 50th birthday last November, Peter was lauded as, if not the nation’s most unusual mascot, at least the one with the longest tongue.

Commencement: Greg Louganis

Four-time Olympic gold medalist Greg Louganis ’83 was the featured commencement speaker for the Francisco J. Ayala School of Biological Sciences.
With classes on everything from business contracts to zombies, UCI’s self-supporting Extension program continues to blossom. Its massive open online courses (MOOCs), for example, surpassed 2 million registrations in just three years. To handle the growth, UCI Extension broke ground on a five-story, state-of-the-art educational center set to open in fall 2016. Constructed entirely without state funds, the building will be LEED Platinum-certified.
She started with cannery workers and wound up at the White House. In September, Vicki Ruiz, Distinguished Professor of history and Chicano/Latino studies, received the National Humanities Medal from President Barack Obama. The award honors those who have deepened America’s understanding of humanities and broadened citizen engagement with history, literature, languages, philosophy and similar disciplines.

Ruiz, who pioneered the field of Chicana/Latina history, has dedicated much of her four-decade career to chronicling the unsung stories of neighborhood women struggling for civil and labor rights. After publishing *Cannery Women, Cannery Lives*, she went on to write or edit several more books, including *Latinas in the United States: A Historical Encyclopedia*.

“She is a first-rate academic, campus leader and tireless researcher of immigrant women’s stories,” Chancellor Howard Gillman said after the White House ceremony. “We couldn’t be prouder.”
Humanities Out There

A time-traveling stagecoach, art projects and help with homework are part of Humanities Out There, a partnership between UCI and the Bowers Kidseum. Each quarter, humanities students earn course credit for visiting the museum to tutor low-income youngsters and accompany them on gallery tours.

When it comes to assisting low-income students, UCI was first in the nation last year, according to The New York Times. The ranking was based on the College Access Index, which measures the share of students receiving Pell Grants and their graduation rates, as well as the net cost (after financial aid) that a college charges low- and middle-income students.

“The big challenge for American higher education is that it has to be a gateway through which talented young people can thrive, regardless of their background,” Chancellor Howard Gillman told the newspaper.

A similar rating program, the CollegeNet Social Mobility Index, which ranks colleges on their affordability, graduation rates and early career salaries, listed UCI fourth in the U.S.
Bill Maurer: Move over, Alexander Hamilton

To help redesign the $10 bill, the U.S. Treasury Department asked UCI social sciences Dean Bill Maurer for input. An anthropologist who studies alternate forms of payment, Maurer and a select advisory group kicked around ideas last year for replacing Alexander Hamilton with a female historical figure. Meanwhile, Maurer’s money-centric research landed two grants worth $856,000 and produced a pocket-size new book, How Would You Like to Pay? How Technology Is Changing the Future of Money.

Eyeing a ‘Crouching Tiger’

Innovation Gateway debuts

Outfitted with high-tech classrooms, restaurants, a trading & technology lab, generous conference space and a sprawling terrace, the new five-story Paul Merage School of Business building opened to rave reviews from students, faculty, donors and the business community. Hundreds gathered for the grand opening in May.
Michele Goodwin

Delving into such unsavory territory as human trafficking and the black market for body parts, Michele Bratcher Goodwin’s research has won wide acclaim. In addition to serving as a Chancellor’s Professor of law and director of the Center for Biotechnology & Global Health Policy at the School of Law, she is a prolific author and champion of civil liberties and human rights.

A leader in scholarly impact

From the beginning, UCI Law’s faculty has consistently ranked in the top 10 for scholarly impact, joining such rarefied company as the law faculties at Yale, Harvard and Columbia.
Illuminations

James Franco and Beethoven. Cooking demonstrations and nature photography. Documentaries and a madwoman driving a Volvo. These and other cultural events are part of Illuminations, a new chancellor’s initiative designed to expose students from all majors to the creative arts. The program also aims to boost ties between UCI and various regional museums, concert halls, galleries and other arts institutions.
“Man of La Mancha”: Not an impossible dream

In 1965, the same year UCI opened, “Man of La Mancha” premiered on Broadway. So perhaps it’s fitting five decades later that the now-classic musical kicked off the Claire Trevor School of the Arts drama department’s 2015-16 season. The reimagined production also marked the department’s first return to the Irvine Barclay Theatre stage since 2008. And, coming up in May, the department will present a concert staging of “Evita” at the Barclay.

Economic impact on Orange County

UCI has an annual economic impact on Orange County of $4.8 billion and is a significant contributor to the region’s talent-rich workforce.
Retired U.S. Navy Cmdr. Mario Barnes, an associate dean and professor who co-directs the law school’s Center on Law, Equality & Race, received the Clyde Ferguson Jr. Award from the Association of American Law Schools. The honor recognizes excellence in public service, teaching and scholarship.
Unboiling an egg

It’s too late to help Humpty Dumpty, but egg repair research conducted by UC Irvine chemistry professor Gregory Weiss promises to make cancer treatments and food production more affordable. Working with a team of UCI and Australian chemists, Weiss invented a process that unravels the effect of cooking egg whites. After boiling, the whites are dissolved with a urea substance. Then a fast-spinning “vortex fluid machine” is used to untangle a key egg protein, restoring it to precooked shape. Applying this method to other proteins could help pharmaceutical companies and food processors.

The egg project won Weiss and his colleagues a 2015 Ig Nobel Prize, a parody of the Nobel Prizes honoring scientific research that “makes you laugh, then makes you think.” As part of the award, Weiss received a Zimbabwean $10 trillion bill, which is worth about two U.S. dollars.
Heading off concussions

Alligators and water polo don’t normally mix – except in James Hicks’ lab. The professor of ecology & evolutionary biology, long known for researching gator cardiovascular systems, more recently began studying water polo head injuries and concussions. The project includes a survey to quantify the problem and an experiment in which UCI engineering students shot water polo balls at a crash-test dummy to gauge the impact of being hit at various speeds.
Malaria-proof mosquitoes

The quest to build a better mosquito leaped forward when researchers at UCI (led by microbiology & molecular genetics professor Anthony James) and UC San Diego injected malaria-blocking genes into a strain of the bloodsucking insect. The gene, which is passed down to subsequent mosquito generations, could help eradicate a disease that sickens or kills millions of people worldwide each year.
Connor: High-impact hire

The provost’s new High Impact Hiring Plan, which hunts for faculty recruits who will have a “transformational impact on the quality, reputation and impact of UCI’s academic mission,” bagged its first trophy last year: Carol McDonald Connor, who joined the School of Education as a Chancellor’s Professor. Coming from Arizona State University, she specializes in the use of technology to establish what types and doses of reading instruction are most effective for preschool through fifth-graders with differing knowledge and skills.

Big data

To help make sense of the world’s overflow of computer data, the Donald Bren School of Information & Computer Sciences launched the UC system’s first undergraduate major in data science last fall. The program teaches students how to use statistical and computing principles to interpret big data – and helps meet a growing demand for data analysts.
For clues to grappling with water shortages in California and beyond, UCI researchers ventured to the land down under – Australia – which used everything from dual-flush toilets to billboards to survive a 12-year dry spell known as the Millennium Drought. The UCI-led team came back with the first comprehensive analysis of what worked and what didn’t during the crisis.

“Documenting what happened in Melbourne during the Millennium Drought was a real eye-opener,” said Stanley Grant, a civil & environmental engineer. “It’s like looking into what the future could be for California, if we got our act together.”

Overall, Australians slashed their water use by half from 1997 to 2010. Technology played a surprisingly small role, said David Feldman, professor and chair of planning, policy & design. “You can’t just come up with technical innovations and think that’s going to do the trick,” he said. “You need education, you need public outreach, and you need all these people working on it. During the drought in Australia, if you watered your lawn, you heard about it from your neighbors.”

Faculty scholars
The campus cadre of American Association for the Advancement of Science fellows continued to grow in 2015 with the addition of biological chemistry professor Robert Moyzis and chemistry professor Sergey Nizkorodov. Moyzis was honored by the prestigious group for the discovery and molecular cloning of the human telomere. Nizkorodov was recognized for his contributions to molecular chemistry and the photochemistry of complex organic aerosols. UCI now has 141 AAAS fellows.
Top 1% researchers

Studies related to aircraft safety and wireless networks catapulted two engineering professors – Satya Atluri and Syed Ali Jafar – into the top 1 percent of scientific researchers in the world, according to Thomson Reuters’ 2015 Highly Cited Researchers list.
In a hydrological hat trick, water expert Amir AghaKouchak, an assistant professor of civil & environmental engineering, had his work appear in three of the world’s leading scientific journals during a two-week span in August. The Iranian-born scholar co-wrote drought-related articles that graced the pages of *Science, Nature* and *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*. 

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Inspired to offer no-cost medical care to uninsured and underserved community members, a group of UCI undergrads teamed with the Lestonnac Free Clinic and professor Dr. Baotran Vo to open a free, student-run health clinic in Garden Grove. The An Lanh Clinic’s secondary goal is to give medical students hands-on learning experience.

Free clinic

Spirit rally

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Dalai Lama Scholar

Biological sciences senior Mary Sargious’ proposal to pair UCI student-mentors with foster and first-generation teens at a Santa Ana charter school won the 2015-16 XIV Dalai Lama Endowed Scholarship. Sargious’ program aims to provide leadership and college prep resources to the teens.
Armed with the basketball equivalent of a giant sequoia tree – 7-foot-6 center Mamadou Ndiaye – UCI not only won the Big West Conference, but also made its first NCAA Division I Tournament berth after the 2014-15 season. Alas, the 13th-seeded Anteaters lost in the final seconds of the second round to No. 4 Louisville, a three-time national champion. For the 2015-16 season, UCI fielded the tallest starting lineup in college basketball history, with a combined height of 36 feet.
After winning its sixth Big West Conference title in seven years, the women’s water polo team was ranked No. 5 in the nation, its best finish ever.
UCI graduate programs and specialties among the nation’s top 12

Three UCI graduate programs and specialties are among the nation’s top 12, according to the most recent rankings by U.S. News & World Report: literary criticism & theory (3), criminology (5), and organic chemistry (12). U.S. News also ranked UCI’s online program for a Master of Advanced Study in criminology, law & society the top online graduate criminal justice program in the country.

Alum wins National Book Award

The book world bestowed one of its top honors on a UCI social sciences graduate last fall. Neal Shusterman ’85, a former New University newspaper staffer, captured the National Book Award for young people’s literature for Challenger Deep, a novel inspired by his son’s struggles with mental illness.

Two grads nominated for Tony Awards

A pair of Anteaters were Tony Award nominees last year. Beth Malone, M.F.A. ’00 was up for best actress in a musical for her role in “Fun House.” And Tim Kashani, a 1986 graduate in information & computer sciences and a 1988 MBA grad, founded Apples & Oranges Studios, which co-produced “An American in Paris,” recipient of a dozen Tony nominations. Kashani also serves as a board member of the UCI Alumni Association.
The Alumni Association’s 2015 Lauds & Laurels Extraordinarius award went to Jean-Claude Falmagne, professor emeritus of cognitive sciences, for his groundbreaking work in mathematical cognition and his innovative design of math instruction software.
To accommodate rising numbers of freshmen, UCI embarked on an ambitious expansion of its Mesa Court residential complex. Construction is well underway on a new dining commons, community spaces and more than 750 additional beds for first-year students.
UC Achieve

Along with UC officials around the state, Thomas Parham, UCI’s vice chancellor for student affairs, headed back to high school last fall as part of UC Achieve, which encourages low-income students to attend college. Now in its fourth year, the program also offers workshops on taking the SAT, budgeting for higher education and writing effective personal statements.

TH!NK inspires budding philosophers

By having fifth-graders read and raise questions about The True Story of the Three Little Pigs and the Tao Te Ching, UCI’s TH!NK program strives to introduce local youngsters to philosophy as a skill that can help them navigate real-world dilemmas, from deciding what kind of car to buy to dealing with family conflicts. The four-week program was developed by the Department of Philosophy.
CURRENT FUND RECEIPTS BY CATEGORY

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California residents (undergraduates) $14,750
Nonresidents (includes nonresident tuition, fees) $39,458

Enrollment (fall 2015)
Undergraduates 25,256
Postbaccalaureates 96
Graduate students
  General campus 4,861
  Health sciences 1,338
Total 31,551

Freshman Applicants (fall 2015) 71,768
Freshmen Enrolled (fall 2015) 5,756

Degrees Awarded
Bachelor’s 6,768
Master’s 1,412
Ph.D./Ed.D. 390
M.D. 93
J.D. 109
Total 8,772

Average Time to Complete
Baccalaureate: 4.33 years

Workforce (fall 2015)
Regular-rank faculty 1,175
Other teaching faculty 1,780
Nonteaching academics 2,720
Campus staff 5,378
Medical center staff 4,836
Subtotal 15,889
Student employees 7,213
Total 23,102

Current Undergraduate Student Diversity and Access

UC Irvine strives to provide high-quality education to a diverse mix of undergraduate students. This past year, 27.57 percent of them were from underrepresented minority groups. This is an increase of 93.2 percent in terms of the proportion of our fall undergraduate enrollments in the last 10 years. In raw numbers, the figure has more than doubled.

We take great efforts to make our educational programs accessible to all. The proportion of our new undergraduates who come from families of limited means or who are first-generation college students has increased substantially in recent years. Half of our new freshman and transfer students are now Pell Grant recipients and/or first-generation students.