
About USC

USC Today

Located near the heart of Los Angeles, the University of Southern California is one of the nation's top private research universities.

Since its establishment in 1880, USC has conferred degrees on more than a quarter-million students — leaders who have helped Southern California grow to become a national trendsetter in public policy, economic and business affairs, urban planning and engineering, scientific research, health care and the arts.

Today, USC and its graduates are continuing this tradition of leadership — developing innovative classroom techniques, exploring new fields of scholarly investigation, and establishing a widening network of service and partnership among the nations of the Pacific Rim.

The traditional function of the university is to teach students — in the classroom, studio, laboratory, seminar room, on the playing field, and where they live. USC is committed to the principle that this educational mission is most effectively carried out in a context that encourages the creation of new knowledge.

USC places a premium on research and scholarship and on the professional and scholarly credentials of its faculty. Since 1969, the university has been a member of the Association of American Universities, the elective body that unites the 62 premier research universities in the United States and Canada.

USC is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges, 985 Atlantic Ave., Suite 100, Alameda, CA 94501, (510) 748-9001. Students may review the university's accreditation documents by contacting Jerome Walker, Associate Provost.

The university has traditionally performed a wide variety of roles in service to its communities — contributing to the welfare of its own members, as well as to Southern California and the nation. In particular, the university's network of affiliated hospitals and its partnerships with business and community organizations enable USC to make its expertise available to the community at large.

Academic Programs

The University of Southern California maintains a tradition of academic strength at all levels — from the earliest explorations of the undergraduate to the advanced scholarly research of the postdoctoral fellow.

USC offers bachelor's degrees in 89 undergraduate majors as well as master's, doctoral and professional degrees in 236 areas of study. Students may select from a variety of major degree combinations in the College of Letters, Arts and Sciences, in the Graduate School and under the direction of the university's 17 professional schools.

The heart of USC's liberal education program is the College of Letters, Arts and Sciences. The largest of USC's academic divisions — both in student enrollment and faculty — the college encompasses more than 30 academic departments and programs serving over 5,900 undergraduates and more than 1,500 graduate students. In addition to the undergraduate degrees offered by the college, many of the university's professional schools also offer bachelor's degree programs.

Faculty

USC has more than 3,000 full-time faculty. In addition, approximately 3,180 volunteer faculty members are affiliated with the Keck School of Medicine of USC, and 430 volunteer faculty are affiliated with the USC School of Pharmacy. Research, teaching and service are supported by a staff of 7,900.

USC's faculty includes members of the National Academy of Sciences (10), National Academy of Engineering (25), National Academy of Public Administration (6), and the Institute of Medicine (10). More than 200 faculty members have received prestigious academic and professional awards from organizations as varied as the National Institutes of Health, the National Science Foundation, the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation, the John Simon Guggenheim Foundation and the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences. In 1994, USC Professor George A. Olah received the Nobel Prize in Chemistry.

Students

Diversity is the hallmark of the USC student community. USC students come from all 50 states and nearly 150 countries. There are 32,000 students enrolled at the university including 16,500 undergraduate and 15,500 graduate and professional students. In fall 2004, 54 percent of new freshmen were from California. Approximately 32 percent of the university's total enrollment is composed of American minorities; a further 17 percent are

international students. USC is consistently near the top among American universities in international enrollment. Among undergraduates, 50 percent are men, 50 percent are women.

The average SAT score of the 2004 enrolled freshman class was 1350. The average GPA was 4.0. In fall 2004, 179 freshmen were National Merit Scholars, 14 were National Achievement Scholars and 33 were National Hispanic Scholars.

USC students consistently earn nationally competitive scholarships and fellowships including Rhodes, Marshall, Fulbright and Truman scholarships.

Research Support

Each year, USC's distinguished faculty and modern facilities attract substantial external funding for educational and scientific research. USC currently ranks in the top 10 among private universities receiving government funding for research and development support and in the top 20 among all universities — with a 2004 total of nearly \$420 million.

Libraries

The USC libraries house over 4.2 million volumes, more than 3 million photographs, and just over 6 million microforms, and subscribe to nearly 30,000 current journals.

The largest of the USC libraries is the Doheny Memorial Library, which contains the research collections for most of the social sciences and humanities materials. The Doheny Memorial Library also houses the Research Services Center, Cinema-TV Library, the Music Library and Special Collections.

In addition to the Doheny Library, the USC libraries include a number of specialized research libraries that serve the unique research needs of the campus. Most of these are located near the school or department they serve. Three independent campus libraries are devoted to specialized collections for their respective professions: the Asa V. Call Law Library, the Eileen and Kenneth T. Norris Medical Library and the Jennifer Ann Wilson Dental Library and Learning Center.

The Thomas and Dorothy Leavey Library, one of the most technologically sophisticated libraries in the world, features: a core collection of books and journals, two electronic information commons with nearly 200 computer workstations, more than 50 collaborative workspaces, two hands-on learning classrooms, a multimedia auditorium, and more than 1,400 reader seats in a variety of formal and informal arrangements. Designed to support undergraduate learning, Leavey provides faculty and students with tools to accomplish research using both traditional and electronic resources. Within Leavey, the James Irvine Foundation Center for Scholarly Technology provides faculty with assistance in using technology and information resources to develop materials for instruction and scholarly research.

The USC libraries have noteworthy collections in the areas of cinema, international and public affairs, American literature, regional history, marine science, philosophy, Latin American studies, and Korean studies. The Feuchtwanger Memorial Library features an extensive collection of Lion Feuchtwanger's own works along with the rarest books from his library. The USC libraries are also home to the Boeckmann Center for Iberian and Latin American Studies, as well as an extensive collection of photographs chronicling the history of Southern California. A complete list of all USC libraries and updated library hours is available online at www.usc.edu/isd/libraries.

The USC libraries are the administrative hub of the Southern California Electronic Libraries Consortium. USC is a member of the Research Libraries Group, an international association of major universities and research institutions. In addition, USC maintains borrowing agreements with Hebrew Union College, the Los Angeles County Museum of Natural History Library, California State University, Los Angeles, Caltech and UCLA.

USC's digital library resources, available online at www.usc.edu/isd/elecresources, include a collection of article indexes, catalogues, dictionaries, encyclopedias, electronic journals and visual materials. USC's online library catalogue, Homer, provides a list of books, periodicals, government documents and dissertations held in libraries on the University Park campus. The new Scholar's Portal enables simultaneous searching of selected research databases, including Homer and core bibliographic tools in all major subject areas. To access these resources and learn about additional services, visit library.usc.edu.

USC's Ask-A-Librarian service provides professional reference assistance to students, faculty and staff. Patrons receive expert answers — via phone, email, online "chat" sessions or in person. Ask-A-Librarian is located online at www.usc.edu/isd/askalibrarian.

Computing Resources

The Information Services Division (ISD) oversees the university's libraries, computer resources, telecommunications services, licensed database and software collections, and public computing centers and networks.

ISD is responsible for serving the community's technology needs for instruction and research, access to the Internet, email, and print and digital library resources at public computing centers. These centers are equipped with the latest technology to ensure that the USC community has access to the resources it needs.

In order to access computing services and library privileges, new students must obtain a USCard. Students may obtain this identification card at the USCard customer service office located in the Commons lobby. Students must also activate their free USC account at www.usc.edu/isd/firstlogin. Complete information about any of the resources and services provided by ISD is available online at www.usc.edu/isd.

Home Connection

All the rooms in USC residence halls, as well as some areas of Leavey Library and the Marshall School of Business, are connected to ResNet, a high-speed computer network. The ResNet connection allows students to bypass their modem and enjoy free, high-speed (10 megabits per second) Internet access.

Students who live off-campus may access the Internet via a computer. USC has more than 1,000 modems that students may dial into for access to the Internet, free of charge. USC's Virtual Private Network (VPN) client is available to access restricted USC resources for students who use another Internet service provider. This application can be downloaded at <http://software.usc.edu>. Information on connecting to USC can be found at www.usc.edu/isd/it/connect.

USC Wireless

Most common areas at USC — including libraries, auditoriums and eateries — are configured for wireless technology. New locations are being added continuously. An updated list of the locations where students can connect without plugging in is available at www.usc.edu/isd/it/wireless.

To access the new wireless technology, users need an activated USC account and a wireless card, available at the University Bookstore. For ISD-supported cards, documentation is available at www.usc.edu/isd/it/wireless. The wireless card must then be registered at a public computing center or library and configured with virtual private network (VPN) software, which may be downloaded free-of-charge from <http://software.usc.edu>. The following computer platforms are currently configured to access the USC wireless network: Windows XP and 2000, and Mac OS 9.0.4 through Mac OS X.

TOTALe (Blackboard)

The Trojan Online Teaching and Learning Environment (TOTALe) Web site (<http://totale.usc.edu>) is the online learning portal used by many USC professors to provide electronic copies of course materials, syllabi, reading materials and handouts. TOTALe, also known as Blackboard, allows students to participate in an online discussion or take a quiz with automatic grading and immediate feedback.

Computing Assistance

ISD's Information Technology Services (www.usc.edu/isd/it) offers online computing documentation on a variety of topics. Printed guides are available in public computing centers and the Leavey Library Information Commons.

Software at USC

The university offers a wide range of software available for download, for purchase and for use in ISD's public computing centers. To learn more, visit <http://software.usc.edu>.

Computer Workshops

Adventures in Information, an ongoing series of non-credit workshops on computer software and operating systems, is offered throughout the academic year at no cost to students (www.usc.edu/isd/adventures). The hands-on training sessions cover popular topics including Web page creation, image editing and statistics software.

Information

For more information about computing resources, users may contact the Customer Support Center by calling (213) 740-5555 or emailing consult@usc.edu. Additional assistance also is available at the service desk of any public computing center.

Hospitals and Patient Care

The schools of Medicine, Dentistry and Pharmacy, and the health professions departments of Biokinesiology and Physical Therapy, and Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy train professionals in the health care fields, conduct original research in all aspects of biomedicine and health care and provide high quality patient care to the Southern California community.

Health care facilities on the Health Sciences campus include the USC/Norris Comprehensive Cancer Center and Hospital, the USC University Hospital, the USC Healthcare Consultation Centers I and II and the Doheny Eye Institute. The 293-bed University Hospital is an ultra-modern hospital that offers many specialized services and procedures that are beyond the scope of most community hospitals.

The Keck School of Medicine also provides medical staffing for the nearby Los Angeles County+USC Medical Center, which is one of the nation's largest teaching hospitals. Owned and operated by Los Angeles County, the medical center's specialized facilities include a state-of-the-art burn center, a Level III neo-natal intensive care unit, a Level I trauma service and an HIV/AIDS outpatient center that annually cares for more than 4,000 patients.

Community Relations

USC is an active partner in efforts to enhance the social, economic, physical and cultural aspects of the neighborhoods adjacent to both the University Park and Health Sciences campuses.

To carry out these efforts, USC Civic and Community Relations (USCCCR) assists USC academic and administrative units to implement the five university community initiatives in partnership with community agencies, leaders and public officials. These initiatives encourage more entrepreneurs to establish businesses in the immediate vicinity of the two campuses; provide special educational, cultural and developmental opportunities for children who live in the immediate neighborhoods; work with neighbors, city and county officials, and the Los Angeles Police Department to provide safer streets in the areas surrounding the two campuses; encourage more USC employees to own and occupy housing in the immediate vicinity of the two campuses; and strive to employ at USC more persons who live in the immediate neighborhoods.

USCCCR provides resources that strengthen the communities around USC's campuses, deepen USC's ties to these diverse communities, and foster positive relations between USC and those people who are most directly affected by USC's presence in these neighborhoods.

More than 265 community service programs administered by USC and affiliated institutions serve more than 430,000 persons and provide volunteer opportunities for more than 40,000 USC students, faculty, staff and alumni and friends each year. These volunteers contribute more than 1.2 million volunteer hours. Areas of activity include arts and culture, athletics and recreation, child care, children and family, business and economic development, communication and media, criminal justice and legal education, employment, environmental, health, housing, human relations, legal, literacy, older adult, public safety, scholarships and awards, technology, volunteer and community service.

Model programs such as the USC Family of Schools, the USC Joint Educational Project, Kid Watch, USC Mission Science, USC After School Sports Connection, and the Neighborhood Academic Initiative are a few of the innovative university-community partnerships that are making a real difference in the lives of the university's neighbors.

Information about these community service programs and data about the USC neighborhoods can be obtained on USCCCR's Web site (www.usc.edu/text-relatons/ccr and www.usc.edu/neighborhoods/community/programs).

From 1994 to 2002 USC employees contributed nearly \$4.8 million through the USC Good Neighbors Campaign, which benefited 141 USC-community partnership projects.

USC is committed to working in partnership with its neighbors to build a thriving and safe social and physical environment in Central and East Los Angeles.

Cultural Life

USC and its graduates play an important role in making Los Angeles one of the world's great centers for the arts. The schools of Music and Theatre produce a regular series of concerts, operas, musicals, plays and other events. There are three major music, drama and cinema theatres on campus. For up-to-date information on cultural events at USC, call the University Ticket Office at (213) 740-7111 or visit the arts Web site (www.usc.edu/info/arts).

Athletics

USC sponsors nine varsity sports for men and 10 for women, involving more than 500 of the nation's top-ranked athletes. In their pursuit of athletic and academic excellence, USC varsity teams have won more national championships than all but two NCAA member institutions: 20 women's team titles and 85 men's team titles — including 11 unofficial football titles. USC is one of only three universities in intercollegiate athletic history to win at least five national championships in one year (1962-63 and 1976-77). Fifty USC athletes have been awarded NCAA postgraduate scholarships.

In Olympic competition, USC has fielded more athletes than any other institution. Since 1904, 357 Trojan athletes have participated in the Olympic Games, accumulating a total of 112 gold, 64 silver and 58 bronze medals.

At least one USC athlete has won a gold medal in every summer Olympiad since 1912, making USC the only university in the world with this distinction.

USC Alumni Association

All USC graduates are members of the USC Alumni Association, which is dedicated to serving the university's close to 200,000 alumni, lifelong and worldwide. Trojan alumni span all 50 states and virtually every region of the world and are leaders in their chosen fields. Distinguished alumni include former U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher, astronaut Neil Armstrong, architect Frank Gehry, opera singer Marilyn Horne, symphony conductor Michael Tilson Thomas, film director George Lucas, baseball legend Mark McGwire and comedian Will Ferrell.

The USC Alumni Association offers a broad portfolio of programs and services to help alumni stay connected to USC and one another. These include: a worldwide network of alumni clubs, career assistance, a searchable online alumni directory, free lifetime email forwarding, organized volunteer opportunities, alumni travel programs and class reunions.

The association was founded in 1923 and is headquartered in Widney Alumni House, the oldest university building in Southern California. For more information, call (213) 740-2300 or visit the USC Alumni Association Web site at <http://alumni.usc.edu>.

Environment

University Park Campus

Located at the same site since USC's establishment in 1880 on eight acres of land in the city of Los Angeles, the University Park campus has grown to its present size of 235 acres. Situated three miles south of the Los Angeles Civic Center, the campus is adjacent to the museums and recreational facilities of Exposition Park and is served by a network of freeways that provides access to most cultural, business and recreational areas of Southern California.

The University Park campus consists of 201 major buildings and residential halls totaling approximately 7.9 million gross square feet. Additional university buildings are located off campus, in the immediate vicinity.

Health Sciences Campus

Located three miles from downtown Los Angeles, the USC Health Sciences campus is a focal point for students, patients and scientists from around the world. Here a blend of

clinical, classroom and laboratory resources combines to form a dynamic, interactive environment that is shaping the future of health care.

The 50-acre Health Sciences campus is home to the region's first and oldest medical and pharmacy schools, as well as acclaimed programs in biokinesiology and physical therapy and occupational therapy. In addition to Los Angeles County+USC Medical Center, the primary teaching hospital for the Keck School of Medicine for more than a century, the campus includes several state-of-the-art patient-care facilities, among them USC/Norris Comprehensive Cancer Center and Hospital, USC University Hospital and Doheny Eye Institute. Activities of USC faculty, residents and students also extend beyond the campus — to affiliated hospitals and health care providers throughout Southern California, and to the USC University Park campus, a collaborative partner in numerous health sciences-related programs.

Other Locations

Other teaching facilities include the Hawaii Center, Orange County Center, Sacramento Center, and the Wrigley Marine Science Center on Santa Catalina Island.

Hawaii Center (808) 423-3123, 900 Hanger Avenue, Building 2060, Hickam Air Force Base, HI 96835-5246, Education.

Orange County Center (714) 752-5505, 2300 Michaelson, Irvine, CA 92612, Business, Education, Pharmacy and Social Work.

Sacramento Center (916) 442-6911, 1201 J Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, Policy, Planning, and Development and Education.

Wrigley Marine Science Center at Catalina (310) 510-1364, Wrigley Marine Science Center, P.O. Box 5069, Avalon, CA 90704.

A Brief History

Los Angeles was little more than a frontier town in the 1870s, when a group of public-spirited citizens with a reverence for learning first sought to establish a university in the region. Although the "city" still lacked paved streets, electric lights, telephones and a reliable fire alarm system, the effort to create an institution of higher education in Southern California, led by members of the region's Methodist Episcopal Conference, found an enthusiastic reception among the more far-sighted residents, who were eager to advance their community.

In 1879, three community leaders — Ozro W. Childs, a Protestant horticulturist; former California Governor John G. Downey, an Irish-Catholic businessman; and Isaias W. Hellman, a German-Jewish banker and philanthropist — deeded to the Board of Trustees of the nascent University of Southern California 308 lots, which were located in an area designated "West Los Angeles," near the intersection of Vermont Avenue and Exposition Boulevard. A portion of the land, which was located within the original land grant establishing "El Pueblo de la Reina de Los Angeles," was to be reserved for the actual campus. Sales of the remaining lots would create an endowment to provide the seeds of financial support for the institution. More than an act of generosity, the gift

of land was an expression of confidence in the future.

Era of the Founders (1880-1921)

Among the founders of USC, the prime mover was Judge Robert Maclay Widney, a leading Los Angeles businessman who had come to the area to practice law and develop real estate. It was Widney who, after 11 years, succeeded in forming a board of trustees for the future university and secured the donation from Childs, Downey and Hellman, which enabled the new university to open in 1880 with 53 students and 10 teachers.

In 1880, Marion McKinley Bovard became USC's first president, after serving as head pastor at the Fort Street Methodist Church in Los Angeles. Bovard presided over seven boom years prior to 1887 and then over five years of fiscal uncertainty and near collapse, until his death in December 1891.

The man who accepted the task of coping with the financial difficulties of the period was Dr. Joseph P. Widney, brother of Robert Maclay Widney and the first dean of the USC Medical School (1885-1896). Widney served the university for three years, asking little compensation. In 1895 he left the presidency to resume his medical practice.

During the successive presidencies of George W. White at the turn of the century and George Finley Bovard, brother of USC's first president, the young university struggled to keep up with the demands placed on it by the rapidly expanding Southern California community. The population of Los Angeles had grown from 11,000 in 1880 to 319,000 in 1910. While, elsewhere in the country, the Carnegies, Cornells, Rockefellers, Vanderbilts and Stanfords were heavily endowing universities during the late 19th century, USC forged ahead largely on the energies of its faculty, deans, presidents and trustees.

During this period, the forerunners to today's schools or departments of education, dentistry, law, music, fine arts, marine biology, sociology, philosophy, journalism, pharmacy, business, religion and engineering were all added to the university.

The years of World War I were difficult, demonstrating, as had the financial panic of the 1890s, that USC was vulnerable to economic cycles, but nevertheless resilient in difficult times. One bright spot of the period was that USC's spirited athletic teams were, in 1912, officially dubbed the "Trojans" by *Los Angeles Times* sportswriter Owen R. Bird.

The von KleinSmid Era (1921-1947)

Rufus Bernhard von KleinSmid — or “Dr. Von” as he was affectionately known — became USC’s fifth president in 1921. By the end of his first decade in office, USC had attained full national accreditation, established a graduate school to unify graduate work across the university and had become a large non-denominational institution. Altogether, the von KleinSmid era lasted 27 years and included many pioneering academic ventures.

In 1919, the School of Architecture was established; in 1924, von KleinSmid established the nation’s first school of international relations; in 1929, the nation’s second school of public administration was established; and in 1929, the nation’s first program in cinematography was initiated. The first Ph.D. degree conferred in Southern California was given at USC in 1923.

The first priority of von KleinSmid’s administration was to expand professional training programs; however, the Great Depression had arrived at decade’s end, and once again, USC was forced to retrench. Army barracks were constructed on campus to supplement the nine major buildings von KleinSmid had built prior to the Depression years, and the curriculum was adjusted to a wartime emphasis in international relations, history, geography, languages, aerospace science and the like. Crowded conditions were exacerbated by some 2,000 military trainees on campus by 1943.

After the war, the lack of space at USC actually grew worse, as the G.I. Bill brought former servicemen to the university for study. Enrollments soared from 8,500 in 1945 to over 24,000 in 1947. In 1946 von KleinSmid, then 70 years old, elected to step down and became chancellor of the university for life.

Era of Maturity (1946-1980)

As support for higher education increased, USC began a new, modern era which brought maturity and increased significance both nationally and internationally. President Fred D. Fagg, Jr. began the process by instituting modern cost-accounting practices, purchasing land near the Los Angeles County Hospital for a health sciences campus, and establishing a development office. Fagg also initiated the construction of six buildings, began an aggressive program of land acquisition and increased the library collection by two-thirds.

In 1958, Dr. Norman Topping became Fagg’s successor, beginning two of the most dynamic decades in USC’s history. Topping established a comprehensive planning commission which produced, in May 1961, the Master Plan for Enterprise and Excellence in Education. This courageous and forward-looking academic blueprint included a fund-raising

goal of \$106,675,000 in new funds. Though Topping predicted the goal might take 20 years to accomplish, it was reached and surpassed in little more than five.

The crowning achievement of the Topping years was USC’s election to the Association of American Universities, an organization made up today of 62 leading public and private universities. The AAU bases membership on general excellence with an emphasis on graduate and research programs.

When Topping stepped down in 1970, the mantle of leadership was passed to John R. Hubbard.

Hubbard charted his priorities as bringing USC to the highest level of academic excellence and distinction possible. Toward these ends, he launched an overwhelmingly successful fund-raising effort.

Though American higher education in the 1970s was characterized by lowered enrollments and a drop-off in funding, USC rose to new heights. Ten major buildings were begun or completed, USC’s total number of endowed chairs and professorships rose to 67; applications for admission soared from 4,100 in 1970 to over 11,000 in 1979; and the mean grade point average for admitted freshmen rose to 3.4 on a 4.0 scale.

Great Expectations (1980-1991)

James H. Zumberge was inaugurated as the ninth president of USC on May 10, 1981, during a ceremony that was the capstone of a year of celebrations marking the centennial of the university.

Building on an academic planning process that began early in his tenure, Zumberge was instrumental in defining the goals that became the basis for The Campaign for USC, the biggest fund-raising program in the university’s history. When the campaign concluded in June 1990, it had raised \$641.6 million in support of a wide variety of capital projects, had contributed more than \$188 million to the university’s endowment and boosted annual support of university programs to unprecedented levels.

USC also made major strides in funding for research during the Zumberge years. Sponsored research funding grew from \$71.5 million in 1981 to \$174.5 million in 1990 — a 144 percent increase. Major research efforts, such as the USC-based National Center for Integrated Photonic Technology and the Southern California Earthquake Center, contributed significantly to USC’s emergence as one of the nation’s premier research universities.

Among the more than a dozen major new buildings completed during Zumberge’s tenure were the Hedco Neurosciences Building, the General William Lyon University Center, the Cinema-Television Complex, the University Bookstore and Zohrab A. Kaprielian Hall, as well as major additions to the Architecture and Fine Arts Library and Law School. A new Teaching Library was in advanced stages of planning.

USC’s Health Sciences campus also underwent dramatic transformations during the Zumberge Decade. It nearly doubled in size with the acquisition of land and existing buildings from Los Angeles County. As Zumberge stepped down, the USC/Norris Comprehensive Cancer Center, which opened in 1983, was in the final stages of fund-raising for a major building addition, and construction was nearing completion on the Richard K. Eamer Medical Plaza, a cooperative project of the university and National Medical Enterprises. The plaza includes the 284-bed USC University Hospital and the USC Healthcare Consultation Center.

Steven B. Sample (1991-present)

Steven B. Sample, the tenth president of the University of Southern California, inaugurated his tenure by establishing five priorities for USC during the 1990s. They include strengthening the quality of undergraduate education, developing the Health Sciences campus into a world-renowned center for excellence in clinical research and care, recruiting a larger number of the best doctoral and post-doctoral students, expanding USC’s tradition of public service by focusing on the neighborhoods immediately surrounding the two campuses, and improving the quality of USC programs and services while conserving resources.

Since Sample took office, USC has marked several major milestones. Chemistry Professor George Olah, director of the Loker Hydrocarbon Research Institute, won the Nobel Prize. The university enrolled the most academically talented freshman classes in its history, topped the \$420 million mark in sponsored research and completed two comprehensive, university-wide strategic planning processes designed to take USC to the next level of academic excellence. It also mounted the second most successful fundraising campaign in the history of higher education, raising nearly \$3 billion. USC became the only university to receive four separate nine-figure gifts in one campaign — \$112.5 million from Alfred Mann to establish the Mann Institute of Biomedical Engineering, \$120 million from Ambassador Walter Annenberg to create the Annenberg Center for Communication, \$110 million from the W. M. Keck Foundation for USC’s School of Medicine, and a second gift from

the Annenberg Foundation of \$100 million. In addition, several important facilities have opened including the USC University Hospital, McAlister Academic Resource Center in Heritage Hall, the W. M. Keck Foundation Photonics Research Laboratory, USC Viterbi School of Engineering Ronald Tudor Hall, the Thomas and Dorothy Leavey Library, and the USC/Norris Comprehensive Cancer Center expansion project. Under Sample's leadership, USC was named College of the Year 2000 by the editors of *Time* magazine and the *Princeton Review* for the university's extensive community service programs.

President Sample has had a distinguished career that includes teaching and administration as well as research and its practical application. A graduate of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Sample served on the faculty at Purdue University, then held administrative posts on the Illinois Board of Higher Education and at the University of Nebraska before assuming the presidency of

the State University of New York at Buffalo. An award-winning scientist and inventor, Sample has consulted extensively for industrial firms. In 1998, he was elected to the National Academy of Engineering. He has received honorary degrees from a number of institutions, including Purdue University and the University of Nebraska.

Throughout his career, Sample has continued to teach. During his first year at USC, he co-taught a freshman seminar, "Science and Technology in Human Culture," and he has since taught junior-level classes in electrical engineering. Currently, Sample and Professor Warren Bennis co-teach the course "The Art and Adventure of Leadership," Sample's bestselling book *The Contrarian's Guide to Leadership*, was chosen by the *Toronto Globe* as one of the 10 best business books of 2001, and has been translated into five languages. He has also been involved in community projects, taking an active role in a number of business, civic and social service organizations.

The National Council of Christian and Jews (now renamed the National Conference for Community and Justice) of Buffalo, N.Y., recognized him in 1991 for his civic leadership and humanitarianism. An advocate of reform in the nation's public elementary and secondary schools, Sample chaired the Los Angeles Metropolitan Project (LAMP), a group of community and education leaders which won a \$53 million challenge grant from Ambassador Walter Annenberg to accelerate local school improvement efforts. He currently serves on the boards of the Los Angeles World Affairs Council, Los Angeles Educational Alliance for Restructuring Now (LEARN), Project California of the California Council in Science and Technology, and the Coalition of 100 of Los Angeles, among others.

Student Life

The Student Affairs Division has as its fundamental purpose the provision of services and resources to students which will assist them in their total development: physical, social, emotional, cultural, moral and intellectual. As such, the division complements and serves the educational, research and service objectives of faculty and students by designing programs which are an extension of the academic experience. Consistent with this charge, the division has adopted the following statement which informs and guides its policies and actions regarding the USC community.

Principles of Community

USC is a multicultural community of people from diverse racial, ethnic, and class backgrounds, national origins, religious and political beliefs, physical abilities and sexual orientations. Our activities, programs, classes, workshops/lectures and everyday interactions are enriched by our acceptance of one another, and we strive to learn from each other in an atmosphere of positive engagement and mutual respect.

We want to make explicit our expectations regarding the behavior of each member of our community. As adults, we are responsible for our behavior and are fully accountable for

our actions. We each must take responsibility for our awareness of racism, sexism, ageism, xenophobia, homophobia and other forms of oppression.

Bigotry will not go unchallenged within this community. No one has the right to denigrate another human being on the basis of race, sex, sexual orientation, nation origin, etc. We will not tolerate verbal or written abuse, threats, harassment, intimidation or violence against person or property. In this context, we do not accept alcohol or substance abuse as an excuse, reason or for such abuse, harassment, intimidation or violence. Ignorance or "it was just a joke" is also not an excuse for such behavior.

All who work, live, study and teach in the USC community are here by choice, and as part of that choice should be committed to these principles which are an integral part of USC's focus, goals and mission.

Non-Discrimination Policy

University of Southern California does not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, national origin, gender, age, Vietnam veteran status, disability or sexual orientation. The University of Southern California seeks

compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 which respectively prohibit discrimination. Inquiries regarding these issues may be directed to the director of the Equity and Diversity Office, Figueroa Building, Room 202, (213) 740-5086. Students who wish to file a complaint should contact the Office of the Vice President, Student Affairs, Student Union 201, (213) 740-2421.

Academic Support

As the university admits a student body increasingly qualified and motivated academically, Student Affairs is providing increased levels of support for the coordination of honors programs, development of residential hall study space, tutorial support, linkage of career guidance with academic advising, and involvement of faculty in student residence halls and all campus community activities. Such programs are described in the sections which follow. The thematic nature of the individual programs is captured by the guiding principle of "academic community."

Career Planning and Placement Center

The USC Career Planning and Placement Center provides information and resource advising to help students explore career options including internships, full-time employment and networking opportunities. The center offers assistance in resume writing, interviewing techniques and sponsors such programs as the Career Fair, Internship Week, numerous “diversity in the workplace” events and the Trojan Network. In addition, the center offers comprehensive career assessment testing. The Career Planning and Placement Center is located on the first floor of the Student Union Building, Room 110, and is open Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. For more information, call (213) 740-9111 or visit the center’s Web site (<http://careers.usc.edu>).

Job Opportunities

The Career Planning and Placement Center posts current part-time job openings available on and off campus. Many of the jobs listed in the Career Center are work-study positions which are a part of a student’s financial aid package. Off-campus internships are available to all students. Students interested in obtaining a campus job should access the online job listing service available 24 hours a day by registering at the site (<http://careers.usc.edu>).

Center for Academic Support

The Center for Academic Support (CAS) is the location of the central resource and referral agency for learning enrichment at USC. CAS staff work with USC faculty, staff and students to complement and enhance optimal use of the educational resources of the university. The goals of this program are to facilitate independent learning, critical thinking, integrative understanding and responsible action.

CAS contributes to a collaborative approach to learning in USC’s academic community. The staff at CAS works to meet individual student needs as they relate to learning enrichment. Services available include: tutoring and assistance in learning strategies and study skills. CAS offers weekly learning enrichment workshops in goal setting, time management, study skills and concentration and memory, writing skills, test-taking anxiety and note taking. Students can also schedule private workshops for small groups. Services are free to all USC students. A list of learning enrichment workshops is available in the *Schedule of Classes*.

CAS is located on the third floor of the Student Union Building, Room 301, (213) 740-0776. The center’s email address is study@usc.edu. The hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Ethnic Student Programs

USC is strongly committed to enhancing the quality of life for all students attending the university. Unusual efforts have been made to build on the cultural diversity present in our student body. These efforts are coordinated through departments within the Division of Student Affairs. This focus provides opportunities for cross-cultural experiences for all students and a chance to identify a broad range of support services to these specific ethnic minority groups.

El Centro Chicano

A department within Student Affairs, El Centro Chicano serves as a resource center for Chicano/Latino students. El Centro provides a variety of services — academic, social/cultural and outreach — to the community and serves as headquarters for approximately 15 Chicano/Latino student organizations.

Academic Support El Centro offers a variety of support services for students including workshops on study skills, graduate school and choosing a major.

Student Support Realizing that attending college may be a cultural clash for many Chicano/Latino students, El Centro assists students with the transition, in addition to providing cultural awareness to the university.

Community Outreach El Centro is also committed to serving the Chicano/Latino community in promoting higher education. Throughout the year, El Centro works with community schools and agencies on events and activities.

Programs and services offered include Faculty/Student Luncheon, Latino Floors, Latino Honor Society, La Posada, Latino Parent Association, Latino Orientation and the Chicano/Latino Graduation.

El Centro Chicano is located on the third floor of the United University Church (UUC). For more information, contact (213) 740-1480 or visit www.usc.edu/student-affairs/elcentro.

Asian Pacific American Student Services

The Asian Pacific American Student Services (APASS) department assists students in their cultural and personal development during their years at USC. The department links students to various opportunities both in and out of the university and to Asian Pacific American communities.

APASS’ mission is to enable students to complete their academic studies more successfully; to participate fully in university life through activities and programs; to develop leadership, communication and interpersonal skills; and to become knowledgeable about and involved with the Asian Pacific American community and identity.

APASS programs include leadership development, orientation, community resources and information, career and peer mentoring, cultural and educational programs, academic collaborations, and individual and collective advocacy.

APASS is located in the Student Union Building, Room 410, (213) 740-4999. For more information, email apass@usc.edu or visit www.usc.edu/apass.

Center for Black Cultural and Student Affairs

The mission of the Center for Black Cultural and Student Affairs (CBCSA) is to provide a wide range of support services, programs and activities aimed at the development of both undergraduate and graduate students.

CBCSA’s goal is to create an environment that encourages the intellectual, professional and cultural growth of African-American students entering and completing degree programs.

CBCSA meets its goal by targeting five major areas of focus: cultural and community development, leadership, professional development, retention and social enrichment. All CBCSA services and programs are initiated in accordance with the five targets.

CBCSA maintains various programs and services include: the *African-American Resource Handbook*, African American Honor Society, African-Centered Leadership Academy, Black Family Weekend, Black Graduation, Black History Month, Diversity Career Workshop Series, Historically Black College and University Exchange Program, Marcus Garvey Service Learning Project, pre-college and community outreach, Somerville Place and Welcome Week activities.

CBCSA is located in the Student Union Building, Room 415, (213) 740-8257. For more information, email cbcsa@usc.edu or visit www.usc.edu/cbcsa.

International Services

The Office of International Services (OIS), located in the Student Union Building, Room 300, assists more than 6,000 non-immigrant students, scholars, faculty and staff associated with USC in achieving their educational, professional and personal objectives. In addition, academic departments and research units receive assistance from OIS in completing the immigration formalities for hiring foreign nationals for both short-term and career appointments. OIS recognizes the many benefits of international educational exchange, and promotes these benefits both within the university and throughout the local community. On campus, OIS aims to provide opportunities for interaction among international and domestic students, scholars, faculty and staff through programs and activities with an international and intercultural focus.

These programs include:

International Student Orientation – a comprehensive program of information sessions and social opportunities offered in fall and spring semesters.

State of the World Seminars – held once each semester featuring panels of international students and faculty experts speaking on topics of current world political, social and economic interest.

World Documentary Series – video screenings of independent documentaries that focus on current world political, social and economic issues, followed by a short discussion.

International Diners' Club – monthly excursions to a wide variety of Los Angeles ethnic restaurants.

LA Today – several outings each semester to places in Los Angeles not included on the typical tourist path.

World Café – monthly coffee hours highlighting a particular country or region of the world and featuring regional refreshments.

English Language Program – English Language instruction, field trips and social activities for spouses, relatives and friends of the USC international community.

Thanksgiving Match-up – host families invite international students into their homes to celebrate Thanksgiving and help students learn more about American culture in general.

For more information about any of OIS' services or programs, refer to the Web site www.usc.edu/student-affairs/OIS.

Parking and Transportation

Parking

The university maintains more than 6,000 on-campus parking spaces and approximately 4,000 off-campus spaces. Specific information on available parking facilities, as well as parking permits, commute/rideshare information, and escort and tram services can be obtained in the Trojan Transportation Office, Childs Way Building. Transportation information can also be accessed at www.usc.edu/parking or by calling 213-740-3575.

Recreational Sports

Recreational Sports welcomes all members of the university community to participate in its extensive services and sports programs. The office provides students, faculty and staff with numerous opportunities for sports and recreational activities and seeks to educate individuals in the meaningful use of leisure time.

The staff direct more than 100 sporting programs that attract 9,500 students, staff and faculty participants and 800 club sport members. Intramurals sports offers a wide array of activities including: basketball, soccer, racquet sports and softball. Popular club sport teams include soccer, golf, ice hockey, hiking, dance and water skiing. Leisure classes and wellness programs such as aerobics, yoga, personal trainers, Masters Swim and massage therapy are also available.

Recreational Facilities

The University Park campus offers many recreational facility choices including: the Lyon University Center, McDonalds Swim Stadium, Cromwell Field, Loker Track Stadium, intramural field, Marks Tennis Stadium, a student tennis court complex and the Physical Education Building which houses an indoor swimming pool, basketball court and aerobic/dance studios.

The Lyon University Center, the largest recreational facility on campus, includes the McDonalds Swim Stadium, sauna and jacuzzi; fitness studio (aerobic programs); Klug Family fitness center (weight room); gymnasium space for basketball and volleyball, racquetball and squash courts; and a cardiovascular center equipped with stationary bicycles, stair climbers, elliptical machines, rowing machines, and cross training equipment. Locker rental and towel service are provided for a fee. Guests, alumni and emeriti faculty are welcome to the center and participate in its programs.

For information regarding student employment and volunteer opportunities, guest policies, conferences, recreational services, summer youth sports programs, personal trainers and facility reservations, call (213) 740-5127 or visit Recreational Sports Web site at www.usc.edu/recsports.

Residential Choices

USC provides attractive residence opportunities which complement its educational objectives. The university believes that the living experiences in residential colleges, residence halls and university apartments offer a desirable and important part of the total educational experience. University housing provides the setting for students, faculty and staff to come together and create an academic residential community. The goal is to combine a high degree of informal contact and a strong desire to explore the world of ideas in the development of an intellectually stimulating environment. USC recommends that students consider the advantages of these programs and live on campus in one of these facilities for at least a portion of the time in which they are enrolled. Fraternities and sororities also offer an opportunity for a residential experience to student members.

USC TrojanHousing

USC's academic residential community reflects a conscious attempt on the part of the university to bring students, faculty and staff together in a setting where friendships and intellectual life can flourish at many levels of contact. USC houses over 6,500 students in over 40 university-owned single and family student housing facilities. The residence hall style of living is available on a semester payment plan. The rooms are furnished and are designed to accommodate two students each. In residence halls, bathrooms are usually communal and dining services are in close proximity. The apartment style of living requires more independence. The apartment units are furnished, with most having standard kitchens, bathroom facilities and living areas. Units are designed to house two, three, four or five students per apartment, depending on the number and size of bedrooms. Furnished apartments for students with families are also available.

The goal of the university is to offer applicants housing in a variety of living alternatives. Freshmen who apply by the freshman housing application deadline are assured to receive university housing during their first year at USC. Freshmen who apply after the deadline will be housed as space permits, but everything possible is done to provide them with freshman housing. Once a student is in university housing, he or she may continue in housing by participating in the priority period assignment process each winter. Housing assignments are made during the priority period for the following year. Assignments are made based on a lottery process.

Housing assignments for incoming new students for the fall semester are made throughout the summer. Student assignments are made on a first-come, first-served basis and subject to space availability.

Housing Services Office

The TrojanHousing Office is responsible for processing the housing applications for students for the academic year and summer sessions. The TrojanHousing Office and each on-site Customer Service Center may issue housing contracts, assignments, reassignments and releases from contracts.

Applications for student housing for new students are mailed with the admissions acceptance letter. Questions may be directed to the TrojanHousing Office, Parking Structure X, (213) 740-2546 or (800) 872-4632; FAX: (213) 740-8488, housing@usc.edu.

Residential Education Office

Residential Education supervises the university programs and live-in staff in the housing system. Special interest housing and faculty-student programs, including residential

colleges, are coordinated by this office, located in the Student Union Building, Room 200, (213) 740-2080.

Special Interest Housing

USC established its first comprehensive residential college in 1987 and currently offers five such programs on campus. Undergraduate as well as faculty members live in Birnkrant Residential College. Being a part of the community of students, scholars and faculty at Birnkrant Residential College is available to freshman and returning residents.

North Residential College and New Residential College are especially attractive to students with an interest in communication arts and sciences, business, multicultural interaction and cinema. Students of all undergraduate class levels are eligible for residency.

The International Residential College at Parkside provides a venue where undergraduate and graduate students as well as live-in USC faculty and visiting professors come together to promote stimulating cultural and intellectual exchanges among individuals from many countries. This community includes both freshman and returning students. A supplemental application is required for residents of this facility.

Marks and Trojan Deans' Halls provide a rich intellectual environment for incoming freshman honors students.

Annenberg Multimedia Program, Hillview, Honors House, and Sierra bring together highly motivated students and interested faculty to increase faculty-student interaction.

The university offers special housing programs to stimulate intellectual and cultural development outside of the classroom. The Faculty/Staff Mentor program assigns non-resident faculty members to most housing units. The faculty members eat meals with the students and become involved with the life of the living unit.

Other programs bring together students with a special common interest. These include Substance Free Living Environment, SChalom (Jewish religion and culture) Housing, the Quiet Community Floor, Law Program (law students only), Occupational Therapy Program (majors only), and the Muslim, Latino, African-American, Business, Women in Science and Engineering, Rainbow (LGBT) and Cinema floors. Information on these special interest housing programs is available in "Living at USC" which students receive with their acceptance packet. Call Residential Education, (213) 740-2080, for further information.

Fraternities and Sororities

The majority of USC fraternities and sororities have houses on or near 28th Street, "The Row." The cost to members living in one of these houses is comparable to the cost of living in the residence halls. Those members not living in the fraternity or sorority houses pay a fee which provides them with most privileges other than rooms. Housing in most fraternities and sororities is limited; students who plan to participate in Rush (membership recruitment), which occurs after the start of classes, should make alternate arrangements to be assured of having housing. Joining a fraternity or sorority is not sufficient reason to be released from a university housing contract. Further information regarding housing and activities in fraternities or sororities may be obtained from the Fraternity and Sorority Leadership Development Office, Student Union Building, Room 200, (213) 740-2080.

Family Student Housing

Students with families wishing university housing should apply to the Housing Services Office, Parking Structure X, (213) 740-2546. Family housing located north of campus has furnished one-bedroom and a very limited number of two-bedroom apartments.

Child Care

Students with families can apply to enroll their children in the Anna Bing Arnold Child Care Center. The program operates in three sites located on the University Park and Health Sciences campuses. There are programs for infants, toddlers, pre-school and after school care. The focus is on personal and social growth, developing motor coordination and positive self-image and providing a good first school experience. Full- and part-time enrollment is available and a monthly fee is charged.

Student Athlete Academic Services

The SAAS program was established to provide student athletes with the academic support necessary for them to achieve their goal of a USC degree. By providing services through the Athletic Department such as general counseling, advisement and problem solving along with orientation, registration assistance, grade monitoring, study table and tutoring, SAAS helps student athletes fulfill the university's academic expectations for them and also helps each of them to achieve their own personal academic goals.

Student Judicial Affairs and Community Standards

Procedural and advisory matters, as well as the integrity of the student conduct system, are the responsibility of the Office of Student Judicial Affairs and Community Standards.

The Office of Student Judicial Affairs and Community Standards reviews student conduct and academic integrity matters. A complete description of the student conduct system is printed in *SCampus*, USC's student guidebook. Additional information can also be found on the Web site at www.usc.edu/student-affairs/SJACS.

Students with Disabilities

Disability Services and Programs (DSP) is dedicated to maintaining an environment that ensures all students with documented disabilities at USC equal access to its educational programs, activities and facilities. Accommodations are designed to level the playing field for students with disabilities, while maintaining the integrity and standards of each of our academic programs.

Accommodations are determined on a case-by-case basis, but some examples of typical accommodations include: assistance in providing note-takers, sign language interpreters, readers, scribes, advocacy with faculty, modified exam proctoring, assistance with architectural barriers, accessible seating at USC sporting events, alternative text formats, adaptive technology, referrals to community resources, support groups and other support services for individual needs that are unique to a student's disability.

The office is located in Student Union Building, Room 301, and is open Monday through Friday; 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., (213) 740-0776 (voice), (213) 740-6948 (TDD only) or email ability@usc.edu.

Student Health and Counseling Centers

The University Park Health Center (Student Health and Counseling Centers) is a full-service health center licensed by the state of California and staffed with dedicated, licensed professionals. Services include clinical care designed to meet most health care needs and referral services for professional medical care that the Student Health and Counseling Centers may not be able to provide. Supplemental health insurance will help cover the cost of health care which cannot be obtained at the Student Health and Counseling Centers. For more information, contact the center at (213) 740-5344 (WELL) or consult the center's Web site (www.usc.edu/uphc).

The University Park Health Center is located at 849 West 34th Street. During the fall and spring semesters, the center is open Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Wednesday from 9:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Saturday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. In addition to Sundays and holidays, the health center is closed on Saturdays and evenings (5 p.m. to 7 p.m.) during holiday weeks and university recess periods.

Eligibility for Services

All students taking six or more units during fall or spring semester pay the student health fee and are eligible for services. Students with less than six units and spouses of students may choose to pay the fee and receive services. Students enrolled in the supplemental health insurance plan are *required* to pay the student health fee. Most services are available at no additional charge. Moderate fees are charged for selected services such as laboratory tests, prescriptions, orthopedic appliances, copies of X-rays and medical records. Students may use the services of the University Park Health Center (UPHC) throughout the semester, as well as during breaks between academic sessions, as long as they are continuing students and are registered for the following semester.

During the summer months, students may use the services of the University Park Health Center if they are continuing students and pay the summer fee.

Note: Students enrolled in classes on the University Park campus will receive their health care service at the University Park Health Center. Students enrolled in classes on the Health Sciences campus will receive their health care service at the Eric Cohen Student Health Center on the Health Sciences campus.

Primary Care

For the treatment of most acute illnesses and injuries, a primary care appointment can be scheduled Monday through Friday. Students can call (213) 740-2778 (APPT) or come to the Health Center and make an appointment to see the practitioner of their choice.

Specialty Care

Dermatology, allergy, internal medicine, orthopedics, acupuncture, chiropractic and physical therapy appointments are made by a referral from a primary care practitioner only. Routine gynecology appointments may be made without a referral. A specialty appointment may be scheduled by calling (213) 740-2778 (APPT).

Urgent and Emergency Services

For students who have an illness or injury, which requires urgent medical attention, the University Park Health Center Acute Care Clinic is open during regular clinic hours. If a student's medical condition requires attention during the hours the University Park Health Center is closed, he or she may speak to a registered nurse by calling (213) 740-9355 and following the directions on the recorded message. In the event of a life-threatening medical emergency on or near the USC campus, call the Department of Public Safety at (213) 740-4321. For an off-campus emergency, contact emergency services by dialing 911.

Ancillary Services

A clinical laboratory and a radiology unit support the practitioners' services. Students must pay any charges incurred for diagnostic tests and occasionally may be referred to outside facilities. Short-term physical therapy services are provided at the University Park Health Center.

Prescriptions may be obtained, for a charge, at the University Park Pharmacy located in the Student Union Building.

Health Promotion and Prevention Services

Part of the mission of the Health Center is to promote health and prevent disease. By participating in the programs Health Promotion and Prevention Services offers, students can get involved in the maintenance of their health and work to create an environment to support a healthy lifestyle.

Alcohol and drug education programs are a multifaceted effort to provide educational programs, referral and information about alcohol and other drugs to the campus community. The focus is on informed choice, positive peer influence and early intervention. The Drug Education Course provides basic information to students experiencing trouble.

Health Promotion and Prevention Services (HPPS) offers a health resource room that provides students a place to work on a paper, speech, find personal health information, check out books and pamphlets, access online health Web sites, screen a video, take a computerized health risk assessment or pick up condoms. The resource room is located in Room 206 of the University Park Health Center.

Sexually transmitted diseases including HIV can be prevented. Outreach programs and workshops focus on stopping transmission. An anonymous HIV antibody test program with pre- and post-test counseling is available for a small fee.

The HPPS department is available to schedule a healthy lifestyle workshop presentation in residence halls, Greek houses or student organizations on a wide variety of topics such as low risk drinking, stress, choosing contraception, nutrition and HIV disease. For information on these services call (213) 740-4777 (HPPS) or visit the Health Promotion and Prevention Services' Web site at www.usc.edu/hpps.

Vaccinations

The USC University Park Health Center *strongly* recommends that all incoming freshmen receive the meningococcal meningitis vaccination before coming to campus, or as soon as possible after arrival.

Meningococcal meningitis is a serious illness that can lead to brain damage, disability and death. College freshmen, particularly those who live in residence halls, have a modestly increased risk of getting this disease. A vaccine is available that protects against four of the five most common strains and provides protection for three to five years. For more information on this disease, refer to www.usc.edu/uphc.

Counseling Services

Counseling services are available on the University Park campus at the Counseling Center located in the YWCA Building.

Services are provided to help enhance students' skills and attitudes in adapting to college life, creatively handling stresses and challenges, relating to new and different people and making their USC experience satisfying and productive. Eligible students may be seen in a group, as a couple or individually, and all personal information discussed in counseling is kept confidential.

The professional staff of the Counseling Center is an ethnically and educationally diverse group which includes psychologists, social workers and a staff psychiatrist. They are highly trained and experienced in helping students successfully cope with a variety of issues and concerns that are common during their college experience. Additionally, advanced graduate interns in clinical and counseling psychology and social work trainees provide a variety of services to students.

Further information is available by calling (213) 740-7711 or by visiting the Student Counseling Services' Web site at www.usc.edu/scs. For evening or weekend emergencies, contact the USC Department of Public Safety at (213) 740-4321.

Student Involvement

USC offers broad and diverse opportunities for student involvement and leadership development, ranging from formal and highly organized elective offices to very informal sharing of common interests and enthusiasms. For more information, visit the Web site at www.usc.edu/ca.

Student Senate

The Senate is the undergraduate campus-wide student government consisting of legislative, programming, judicial and executive branches, whose collective purpose is to provide comprehensive representation which fosters maximum student participation. It exists to represent the interests of the students to the administration on campus issues through an extensive programming and committee structure.

Opportunities for involvement and leadership can be found in several committees such as campus affairs, political affairs, minority affairs, and academic affairs to name a few. Offices are located in the Student Union Building, Room 106. Or visit the Web site at www.senate.usc.edu.

Program Board

Major student events and activities at USC are sponsored by the Program Board which represents a diverse group of student interests and organizations. The assemblies and programming committees are student-run groups that promote diversity and entertainment through progressive and innovative event programming. The student programming fee allows Program Board to plan a multitude of social, political and educational events for the USC community. These events include concerts, speakers, cultural events and various other activities.

Recreation Club Council

The Recreation Club Council (RCC) represents the leadership of all club teams recognized by Recreational Sports and the Office of Campus Activities. RCC provides organizational development, leadership opportunities, program coordination and administrative support.

Graduate and Professional Student Senate

The Graduate and Professional Student Senate (GPSS) is recognized as the official voice of the graduate student body. Representatives to the senate are elected by their peers according to academic departments and meet regularly to address the issues and concerns of the graduate student population. GPSS allocates graduate student programming fee monies to academic-based student organizations as well as to students traveling to present papers at professional conferences. GPSS appoints graduate and professional students to university committees, and maintains three funding boards to encourage cross-disciplinary programs, social and recreational activities and community service.

An executive committee oversees the daily operations of the senate and offers graduate students an opportunity to become involved in the university community outside their academic discipline. The GPSS office is located in the Student Union Building, Room 106. Graduate and professional students wishing to become involved should call (213) 740-5649 or visit www.usc.edu/gpss for more information.

Student Organizations

More than 600 clubs and organizations exist with new ones added each year. Participation affords new experiences, new friendships and the opportunity to pursue an interest to higher levels of understanding and accomplishment. These organizations address a wide range of political, academic, religious, social service and recreational interests. For more information, visit www.usc.edu/stuorgs.

Honor Societies

Most departments and schools have an academic organization oriented toward a specific discipline. Honor societies have a selective membership process which is usually based on one or more of the following requirements: area of study, grade point average, university involvement, leadership and community service. A comprehensive list of academic honor societies is included in *SCampus*.

Topping Student Center

Topping Student Center serves as the community center for USC. It provides meeting spaces, lounges, computers, phones and the campus information desk.

Topping Student Center staff provide information about upcoming events and assist with scheduling facilities for the university community. Peer Leadership Consultants are available at the center to advise student organizations, suggest program ideas and offer advice on ways to improve an organization's effectiveness. The consultants also provide information regarding funding sources and procedures, promotion techniques, event planning, university facilities, resources and leadership skills.

For more information about Topping Student Center, please visit www.usc.edu/student-affairs/campuscenter/topping.php or call (213) 740-5693.

Spectrum

USC Spectrum, a program of the Division of Student Affairs, presents an annual season of arts and lecture programs by nationally and internationally known attractions for the education and entertainment of the USC community and its neighbors in Los Angeles.

Spectrum also co-produces the annual College of Letters, Arts and Sciences Lecture Series and the President's Distinguished Artist and Lecture Series.

For more information about Spectrum, please visit www.usc.edu/student-affairs/spectrum or call (213) 740-2167.

Facilities

Student programs at USC are accommodated by a number of indoor and outdoor facilities including Bovard Auditorium, the Topping Student Center, academic classrooms, Hahn Plaza, Alumni Park, Founders Park, Associates Park, E.F. Hutton Park, McCarthy Quad, Norris and Bing theatres.

Immediately adjoining the campus is Exposition Park with its extensive complex of museums, gardens and athletic facilities. Each represents an important educational and recreational adjunct to the campus itself. The Los Angeles Coliseum is home to Trojan football, as is the Sports Arena to basketball. The grounds of Exposition Park are used by students for picnics, games and other informal events.

USC Volunteer Center (UVC)

The Volunteer Center organizes several community service projects, identifying volunteer opportunities for USC students, faculty and staff, and also houses an extensive database of over 100 entries of service agencies that provide volunteer opportunities to the USC family. Programs include CAST (Community Action Short-term Team), Friends and Neighbors Service Day, Alternative Spring Break, mentoring opportunities and more. Individuals wishing to volunteer may visit the UVC, located in Student Union Building 202, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. or call 740-7012.

Student Media Organizations

A number of on-campus media facilities are operated by students, allowing them to develop their journalistic talents and air their opinions while providing a service to the campus community.

Campus Newspaper

The *Daily Trojan* is the official student campus newspaper. Its coverage includes campus news, editorials, sports, features about campus activities and events, an entertainment section, and letters to the editor. Published Monday through Friday, the paper is distributed free in kiosks located in various parts of the campus and in the Student Publications Office, Student Union Building, Room 404, (213) 740-2707.

USC Yearbook

El Rodeo, USC's yearbook, highlights events of the year. It is usually purchased as part of the Spirit Activity Card (season ticket) and distributed in the late spring. The *El Rodeo* office is located in the Student Union Building, Room 405, (213) 740-5639.

Radio Station

KSCRadio is the official campus radio station broadcasting live at 1560 AM. KSCR is also available live via the Internet and can be accessed at <http://kscr.radio.com>. It is the student source for music, news, sports and information. Located on the first floor of Marks Hall, the station broadcasts seven days a week. Students may work in sales, engineering, public relations and programming. Call 740-KSCR (740-5727) for music requests and additional information.

Trojan Marching Band

At 250 members strong, the Trojan Marching Band is the largest student spirit group on campus and a highly visible ambassador representing USC in the local community, the nation and the world. The band's history dates back to 1881. Since that time, the band has developed into one of the most innovative marching bands in the country.

Nicknamed *The Spirit of Troy*, the band presents a new, energetic halftime show at every home football game and sends a portion of the band to each away football game – with the full band traveling annually to the Bay Area and biennially to South Bend, Indiana for the game against Notre Dame.

The Spirit of Troy is busy year-round supporting the USC athletic teams as well as appearing in movies, on television and at special events throughout the world. In 2003, the band was the first marching band from the United States to appear at the internationally-televised Chinese New Year Parade in Hong Kong. The band has also performed at Super Bowls, the World Cup and the Olympics.

The band is also frequently referred to as “Hollywood’s Band” because of its many appearances on the silver and small screen. *The Spirit of Troy* has appeared in such feature films as *Forrest Gump* and *The Naked Gun* and has performed at two Academy Awards telecasts and at the 2004 Grammy Awards.

The Trojan Marching Band is the only collegiate marching band to possess two platinum albums for its collaboration with the rock group Fleetwood Mac on the hit single “Tusk.” The band also recorded the single “Hit That” for the punk band The Offspring in 2003. *The Spirit of Troy* has traveled to five continents for such events as the 50th Anniversary of D-Day in Normandy and the World Expositions in Australia, Spain, Portugal and Japan. For more information about the Trojan Marching Band, please visit its Web site www.uscband.com.

Travel Service

STA Travel is USC’s designated student travel agency. STA is located in the University Village and provides a complete range of travel services to the entire USC community, particularly to the cost-conscious student consumer.

For family and friends visiting the campus for special events such as graduation, orientation and Trojan Family weekend, STA offers discounted airfare rates, discounted rental cars and special rates at nearby hotels.

STA is involved in developing a wide variety of travel products for students traveling, studying and/or working abroad. STA works closely with USC’s Overseas Study program and can coordinate travel arrangements for those planning to study abroad.

STA Travel is the world’s largest student travel agency, operating over 200 travel agencies on or near university campuses around the world. Visit STA Travel in the University Village (across from Burger King and near Gate #1) or call (213) 743-4782 (4STA). STA Travel is open Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.–6 p.m. and 9:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m. on Saturday. Further information is available at http://adminweb.usc.edu/travel/student_alumni.