
About USC

USC Today

Located near the heart of Los Angeles, the University of Southern California is one of the top private research universities in the United States, attracting students from around the globe and operating an integrated academic medical center that serves more than a million patients each year.

Since its establishment in 1880, USC has conferred degrees on more than a quarter-million students — leaders who have helped Southern California emerge as an international trend-setter in public policy, economic and business affairs, urban planning and engineering, scientific research, health care, communications and the arts.

Today, USC and its graduates carry forward this heritage of leadership — developing innovative opportunities for learning, exploring new fields of scholarship and 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 — and at USC, teaching takes place in the classroom, studio, laboratory, seminar room and on the playing field, as well as where students live. USC is committed to promoting lifelong learning and to the principle that education 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, USC 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.

The University of Southern California is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges, 985 Atlantic Ave., Suite 100, Alameda, CA 94501, (510) 748-9001. Students may review USC's accreditation documents by contacting Robin Romans, associate provost for undergraduate programs.

Throughout its history, USC has performed a wide variety of roles in service to its constituencies — contributing to the welfare of its own students, faculty, staff and alumni, as well as to Southern California, the nation and the world. In particular, the university's hospitals, affiliated hospitals and partnerships

with business and nonprofit organizations help make USC's expertise available to the community at large.

Academic Programs

The University of Southern California upholds 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 more than 150 undergraduate majors, and, as of fall 2009, graduate students were enrolled in more than 340 master's, certificate, doctoral and professional degree programs. Hand in hand with this wide array of majors, USC has developed some 150 different academic and professional minors — the broadest selection of any U.S. university — to encourage students to study subjects across widely separated fields. Students may select from a variety of degree combinations under the direction of the College of Letters, Arts and Sciences, the Graduate School and the university's 17 professional schools.

The heart of the university's liberal education program is the USC College of Letters, Arts and Sciences. The largest of USC's academic divisions — in terms of both student enrollment and faculty — the college serves some 6,250 undergraduates and 1,650 graduate students, and offers nearly 60 undergraduate majors, 80 undergraduate minors, 25 doctoral degree programs and 20 master's programs. 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's full-time faculty numbers more than 3,200. In addition, more than 4,400 volunteer faculty members are affiliated with the Keck School of Medicine of USC, and more than 430 volunteer faculty are affiliated with the USC School of Pharmacy. Research, teaching, patient care and community service are supported by a staff of nearly 10,800.

USC's faculty includes Nobel laureate George A. Olah (1994), National Humanities Medal winner Kevin Starr (2006), National Medal of Arts winner Morten Lauridsen (2007), National Medal of Science winner Andrew Viterbi (2007), Turing Prize recipient Leonard Adleman (2003) and University Professor Michael Waterman, co-developer of

the Smith-Waterman Algorithm (the cornerstone of computational genomics). 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 Department of Homeland Security, the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation, the John Simon Guggenheim Foundation and the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences. Also on the faculty are members of the National Academy of Sciences (13), National Academy of Engineering (32), Institute of Medicine (14) and American Academy of Arts and Sciences (24).

Students

Diversity is a hallmark of the USC student community. USC students come from all 50 states, seven territories and 150 countries. There are 35,000 students enrolled at the university, including some 17,000 undergraduates and 18,000 graduate and professional students. In fall 2009, nearly 52 percent of new freshmen were from California. Over 43 percent of the university's total enrollment is composed of American minorities; a further 10.6 percent are international students. For eight consecutive years, USC has been at the top of American universities in terms of international enrollment. Among undergraduates, approximately 50 percent are men and 50 percent are women.

The middle 50 percent SAT range of the 2009 enrolled freshman class was 1930–2150. The average unweighted GPA was 3.70; weighted was 4.05. In fall 2009, there were 232 National Merit Scholars.

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

Research Support

USC is one of a small number of premier research institutions upon which the United States depends for a steady stream of new knowledge, art and technology. The university has more than \$520 million in annual research expenditures. The most recent Top American Research Universities report ranks USC 10th among private universities and 17th among all U.S. universities in federal research support.

Libraries

The USC Libraries develop collections and services that support and encourage the academic endeavors of faculty, students and staff; build a community of critical consumers of information; and help develop engaged world citizens. With more than 4 million volumes, 3 million photographs, 6 million microforms and subscriptions to more than 50,000 serials and 33,000 electronic journals, the USC Libraries actively support the discovery, creation and preservation of knowledge.

The largest of USC's libraries is the Edward L. Doheny Jr. Memorial Library, which contains the research collections for most of the humanities and social sciences. Doheny Memorial Library also houses the Cinematic Arts Library, the Music Library, the East Asian Library and Special Collections.

The USC Libraries include a number of specialized libraries that serve the unique research needs of the USC community. Three libraries also are devoted to 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 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. Leavey provides faculty and students with tools to accomplish research using both traditional and electronic resources. Within Leavey, librarians and staff provide 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, and Latin American and Korean studies, among others. 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 libraries and updated hours is available online at www.usc.edu/libraries.

USC's electronic resources, available online at www.usc.edu/libraries, include a collection of databases, electronic books, 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 USC Libraries are also engaged in numerous digital initiatives, such as the USC Digital Library. To access these resources and learn about additional services, visit www.usc.edu/libraries.

USC Libraries' Ask-a-Librarian service provides 24-hour-a-day professional reference assistance to students, faculty and staff. Patrons receive expert answers in person, via phone, email and online chat sessions. Ask-a-Librarian is located online at www.usc.edu/libraries/services/ask_a_librarian.

Computing Resources

Before activating their USC computing account, students must be registered for classes or have paid their tuition deposit and certified that they will be attending USC. Students must also agree to observe the university's computing policies, which are available at www.usc.edu/its/policies. Students should go to www.usc.edu/firstlogin to activate their USC computing account.

Peer-to-Peer File Sharing

Information Technology Services (ITS) provides a variety of resources to help students understand how peer-to-peer (P2P) file sharing programs function and the risks involved in using them. P2P file sharing is a complicated technology, and there are significant differences in the ways that P2P programs operate. For more information, see www.usc.edu/its/copyright.

USC's Wireless Network

Most common areas at USC are configured for wireless technology. For more information, see www.usc.edu/its/wireless. ITS recommends that students use USC's Virtual Private Network (VPN) software to protect their personal information when using the wireless network. For more information, see www.usc.edu/its/vpn.

ResNet

All the rooms in USC residence halls are connected to ResNet, USC's high-speed residential computer network. For more information, see www.usc.edu/its/resnet.

Email

USC students are eligible for special Gmail accounts that provide more than 7 gigabytes of online storage and allow them to use their @usc.edu email address. These accounts, which are called Google Apps at USC accounts, also provide access to Google's online word processing and spreadsheet programs, sharable calendars and more.

Once students have completed the first login process, they can visit www.usc.edu/its/google for more information, or go directly to getgoogle.usc.edu to set up their Gmail account.

Antivirus and Other Software

For free antivirus, firewall and other software, visit software.usc.edu. (A USC login is required.) A range of software is available for use in USC's computing centers. See www.usc.edu/its/software for more information. For tips on secure computing, go to www.usc.edu/its/security.

Blackboard

The Blackboard Web site (blackboard.usc.edu) is the online portal used by USC professors to provide students with digital copies of syllabi, handouts and other resources. Blackboard allows students to upload assignments, take quizzes and track their progress in their classes.

Computing Documentation, Network Alerts and ITS Announcements

In addition to documentation on connecting to the USC network and using supported software programs, the ITS Web site provides information about network performance issues and announcements about scheduled maintenance. Visit www.usc.edu/its.

USC Computing Centers

USC's computing centers offer technology-enhanced collaboration spaces, computers, wireless networking and printing services for USC students, faculty and staff. For more information, visit www.usc.edu/its/pcc.

Getting Help

Research and computing assistance is available 24 hours a day during the academic year (except Saturday midnight-Sunday 9 a.m.) in the Leavey Library Information Commons, located on the lower level.

Hospitals and Patient Care

The schools of medicine, pharmacy and dentistry, together with the divisions of biokinesiology and physical therapy and of 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 USC University Hospital, the USC Norris Comprehensive Cancer Center and Hospital, Healthcare Consultation Centers I and II and the Doheny Eye Institute. The 411-bed University Hospital is an ultra-modern facility offering many specialized services and procedures that are beyond the scope of most community hospitals.

The Keck School of Medicine of USC also provides medical staffing for the adjacent Los Angeles County+USC Medical Center, which is one of the largest teaching hospitals in the country and the largest single provider of health care in Los Angeles County. Owned and operated by Los Angeles County, the medical center treats more than 28 percent of the region's trauma victims. In addition, it operates one of only three burn centers in the county, a Level I trauma center and one of the few Level III neo-natal intensive care units in Southern California. At LAC+USC, Keck School faculty care for patients and train more than 900 medical residents and fellows.

The Doctors of USC is the private medical practice in which more than 500 physicians who are faculty members of the Keck School of Medicine provide care in a wide range of medical specialties from the most complex diagnoses and treatments to primary care for the entire family. Besides seeing patients on the Health Sciences campus, faculty doctors have private practice offices at The Doctors of USC Downtown, Childrens Hospital Los Angeles, and other locations throughout Los Angeles and Southern California.

The USC School of Pharmacy operates pharmacies in the Gwynn Wilson Student Union on the University Park campus and the Medical Plaza Pharmacy (in Healthcare Consultation Center I building) on the Health Sciences campus. These pharmacies provide full pharmacy services including disease screenings, immunizations, medication therapy management, medication compounding and an international travel clinic. School of Pharmacy faculty, residents and students also provide pharmacy services and patient consultations at the USC University Hospital, USC Norris Comprehensive Cancer Center, the LAC+USC Medical Center and other hospitals, clinics, skilled nursing facilities, home health care agencies and pharmacies throughout Southern California.

Faculty, students and residents of the Ostrow School of Dentistry of USC practice at the Norris Dental Science Center on the University Park campus (UPC) and faculty see patients at the USC Oral Health Center located in University Village adjacent to UPC and other locations throughout Southern California.

Biokinesiology and physical therapy faculty see patients at the USC Physical Therapy Associates clinics in University Village, at USC University Hospital and clinical offices in the Health Research Associates building adjacent to the Health Sciences campus.

The USC Occupational Therapy Faculty Practice sees patients at USC University Hospital and in the Clinical Sciences Center on the Health Sciences campus. The faculty also offers a number of lifestyle redesign programs at both the University Park and Health Science campuses.

Community Relations

USC has been a university in the city and of the city for more than 125 years. Having grown, and grown up, with Los Angeles, USC places a high value on being a good neighbor and on programs that have a positive and visible impact on the neighborhoods adjacent to both the University Park and Health Sciences campuses.

Toward this end, USC President Steven B. Sample in 1992 articulated five university-community initiatives aimed at strengthening the neighborhoods around USC's campuses, deepening USC's ties to these diverse communities and fostering positive relations between USC and the people who are most directly affected by USC's presence there. Implemented in partnership with community agencies, leaders and public officials, the initiatives: (1) provide special educational, cultural and developmental opportunities for children who live in the immediate neighborhoods; (2) work with neighbors, city and county officials, and the Los Angeles Police Department to provide safer streets in the areas surrounding the two campuses; (3) encourage more entrepreneurs, and especially minority entrepreneurs, to establish businesses in the immediate vicinity of the campuses; (4) encourage more USC employees to own and occupy housing in the immediate vicinity of the campuses; and (5) strive to employ at USC more persons who live in the immediate neighborhoods.

Today, academic and administrative units across the university are involved with some 340 community service programs that are making a real difference in the lives of USC's neighbors. Through the USC Family of Schools, for example, the university partners with 15 local schools, improving the classroom experience for more than 17,000 K-12 students. Since 1997, the Neighborhood Academic Initiative has offered a college-preparation program that now serves nearly 500 middle- and high-school students each year; of the 533 scholars who have completed the program, more than 180 are now attending or have graduated from USC with full financial assistance. Kid Watch, launched in 1996, brings together the university, the Los Angeles Police Department, the Los Angeles School Police Department and more than 950 community volunteers to watch over more than 8,500 students as they walk to and from school. The FUENTE initiative provides poison prevention and education to

first-grade students and their parents through the USC School of Pharmacy. Since its inception in 1996, the USC Homeownership program has helped nearly 150 university employees purchase homes in the neighborhoods surrounding the University Park and Health Sciences campuses. And the USC Local Vendor program and Small Business Development Office help create economic opportunities for neighborhood residents as well as small and minority-owned businesses.

Additionally, since 1994, faculty and staff have lent their support to the university-community initiatives by making voluntary contributions to the annual USC Good Neighbors Campaign. As of 2009, the campaign has raised more than \$11 million, of which \$9 million has benefited 365 university-community partnership projects.

For more information about these community service programs and USC's neighborhoods, visit USC's community Web site (www.usc.edu/community).

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 USC Thornton School of Music is the most active producer of live music performances in the city, presenting more than 500 concerts annually. The USC School of Theatre produces a full schedule of performances as well, the USC Fisher Museum of Art regularly offers exhibitions ranging from contemporary works to antiquities, and the USC School of Cinematic Arts presents a wide variety of film screenings and other events, many of which are open to the public. In addition, USC's storied Doheny Memorial Library hosts lectures, readings, conferences, concerts and special exhibits. For up-to-date information about cultural events at USC, call the University Ticket Office at (213) 740-7111 or visit the online arts and events calendar (www.usc.edu/calendar).

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: 22 women's team titles and 89 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, 388 Trojan athletes have participated in the Olympic games, accumulating a total of 122 gold, 76 silver and 60 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

With more than 300,000 members worldwide, the USC Alumni Association's mission is to support the overall advancement of USC. In support of this mission, the USC Alumni Association strives to engage all alumni for life, build a culture of philanthropy among the Trojan Family and be a representative voice for all alumni.

With more than 100 affiliated alumni clubs, alumnae support groups and multicultural alumni associations, the USC Alumni Association distributes more than \$1 million each year in scholarships to USC students, annually hosts more than 250 events and programs around the world, and provides benefits and services to all USC alumni.

Every summer in July and August, alumni clubs around the world host SCend Offs, a USC tradition, welcoming new students and connecting current students, families and friends to the Trojan Family. The student outreach program, Society 53, offers programs and events that link students to USC's vast alumni network. The USC Alumni Association also offers SCions, students who are descendents or siblings of USC alumni, scholarships as well as volunteer opportunities. To learn more about the USC Alumni Association and its student programs, visit alumni.usc.edu/students or call (213) 740-2300.

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 226 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 159 buildings and residence halls totaling approximately 8.2 million gross square feet, including the newly opened USC School of Cinematic Arts complex as well as the Ronald Tutor Campus Center slated to open in fall 2010. Some 70 additional university buildings are located off campus, in the immediate vicinity.

Health Sciences Campus

Located three miles northeast of 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 61-acre Health Sciences campus is home to the region's first and oldest medical and pharmacy schools, as well as to highly respected programs in biokinesiology and physical therapy and in occupational science and occupational therapy. Medical care is provided by the Doctors of USC at two fully owned hospitals — the state-of-the-art USC University Hospital and USC Norris Cancer Hospital — as well as at the Doheny Eye Institute and the adjacent Los Angeles County+USC Medical Center, the primary

teaching hospital for the Keck School of Medicine for more than a century. The acclaimed Childrens Hospital Los Angeles, staffed by Keck School faculty, is often referred to as USC's third campus. Health sciences faculty, residents and students also provide services at affiliated hospitals and health-care providers throughout Southern California, and at the USC University Park campus, a collaborative partner in numerous health sciences-related programs.

Other Locations

USC's other teaching facilities include the Orange County Center, State Capital Center and Wrigley Marine Science Center on Catalina Island.

Orange County Center (949) 437-0000, 2300 Michelson, Irvine, CA 92612, Business, Education, Pharmacy and Social Work.

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

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

In addition, the USC Washington, D.C., Center, located in the nation's capital, houses the Office of Federal Relations, which serves as the liaison between the university and the federal government, and the Washington, D.C., Office of Research Advancement, which strengthens ties between the university's investigators and federal as well as philanthropic research sponsors.

USC Washington, D.C., Center (202) 824-5860, 701 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Suite 540, Washington D.C., 20004

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, led by

members of the Southern California Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, found an enthusiastic reception among the more far-sighted residents, who were eager to advance their community.

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 the future university's Board of Trustees and took up the challenge of securing a donation of property for the fledgling enterprise.

In 1879, three civic 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 308 lots located in an area designated as “West Los Angeles,” near the intersection of today’s Vermont Avenue and Exposition Boulevard. A portion of the land was to be reserved for the actual campus, while 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 assuredness about the future.

In a similar vote of confidence, not to mention a display of audacity, the Board of Trustees named the nascent institution, rather grandiosely, the University of Southern California.

The Era of the Founders (1880-1921)

On September 4, 1880 — 99 years to the day after the founding of *El Pueblo de Nuestra Señora la Reina de los Angeles* — nearly a tenth of the city’s population braved the late summer heat and dust to witness the laying of the cornerstone for the university’s first building. Just days after the construction was completed, on October 6, 1880, USC opened its doors to welcome 53 students.

Marion McKinley Bovard became USC’s first president, under an initial agreement that put him in charge of the internal organization of the university as well as its educational program for a period of five years. Bovard presided over seven boom years prior to 1887 and then over an extended period of fiscal uncertainty and near collapse, until his untimely death in December 1891.

The man who took on the task of leading the university through the impending financial crisis was Joseph P. Widney, brother of Robert Maclay Widney and the first dean of USC’s medical school (founded in 1885). Widney served as president for three years, accepting no salary and paying most of his own expenses. In 1895, he stepped down from his post to resume his medical practice.

During the presidency of George W. White, USC continued to progress both financially and educationally. Although White returned to the Methodist ministry in 1899, the momentum built during his administration sustained the university throughout a four-year interregnum during which the Board of Trustees sought a suitable replacement.

George Finley Bovard, younger brother of USC’s first president, took the helm of the young university in 1903. Dedicated to keeping up with the demands of Southern California’s rapidly expanding population — which grew from 11,000 in 1880 to 319,000 in 1910 — USC began to evolve from a small, struggling institution into one of the principal seats of learning on the Pacific Coast.

While elsewhere in the country, the Carnegies, Cornells, Rockefellers, Vanderbilts and Stanfords had been heavily endowing universities during the late 19th century, USC forged ahead largely on the energies of its faculty, deans, presidents and trustees. Likewise, as challenging as the years of World War I proved to be, they demonstrated — as did the financial panic of the 1890s — that USC was vulnerable to economic cycles but nevertheless resilient in difficult times.

During the era of the founders, the forerunners to today’s schools or departments of architecture, business, dentistry, education, engineering, fine arts, journalism, law, marine biology, music, pharmacy, philosophy, religion and sociology were added to the university.

USC marked another high point when *Los Angeles Times* sportswriter Owen R. Bird dubbed the university’s spirited athletic teams the “Trojans” in 1912.

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 become a large non-denominational institution. Additionally, the university implemented a number of pioneering academic initiatives.

Von KleinSmid created an extension division at USC in 1922, offering classes in locations ranging from Glendale to San Diego. In 1924, he founded the first school of international relations in the United States; in 1929, the nation’s second school of public administration was established at USC. Also in 1929, USC initiated the country’s first college-level program in cinematography. The first Ph.D. degree conferred in Southern California was awarded at USC in 1923.

Whereas the first priority of von KleinSmid’s administration was to expand professional training programs, the Great Depression arrived at decade’s end, and, once again, USC was forced to retrench. Non-essential courses were eliminated, and USC debuted the “University of the Air,” an educational

outreach program broadcast on radio. Thanks to donors, von KleinSmid was able to proceed with an ambitious plan of capital expansion that added several major buildings to the campus, including Edward L. Doheny Jr. Memorial Library.

During World War II, military units took over several university buildings and the curriculum was reconfigured to include a wartime emphasis on aerospace science, geography, international relations, languages, photography and the like.

After the war, USC faced yet another challenge as the G.I. Bill brought former servicemen to campus for study. Enrollment soared from 8,500 in 1945 to more than 24,000 in 1947. Von KleinSmid, now 70 years old, announced that he would step down and become chancellor of the university for life.

The Era of Maturity (1946-1980)

As support for higher education increased during the post-war years, USC entered a new, modern era that brought 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, set in motion an aggressive program of land acquisition and augmented the library collection by two-thirds.

In 1958, Norman H. Topping succeeded Fagg as president of USC, embarking on one of the most dynamic periods in the university’s history. Topping established a comprehensive planning commission that produced, in May 1961, the “Master Plan for Enterprise and Excellence in Education.” This courageous and forward-looking academic blueprint set a goal of raising \$106,675,000 in new funds. Although Topping predicted that it might take 20 years to accomplish this goal, it was reached and surpassed in little more than five. All told, the campaign doubled USC’s endowment and added 30 new buildings to the university’s two campuses.

The crowning achievement of the Topping years was USC’s election to the Association of American Universities, an organization today made up 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 passed to John R. Hubbard, who charted his priority as bringing USC to even higher levels of academic distinction. Toward this end, Hubbard launched the “Toward Century II” campaign, an overwhelmingly successful fund-raising effort that brought in more than \$309 million.

Although American higher education in the 1970s was characterized by lowered enrollments and a drop-off in funding, USC rose to new heights during this time. 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 more than 11,000 in 1979; and the mean grade point average for admitted freshmen rose to 3.4 on a 4.0 scale.

The Hubbard administration also brought a renewed dedication to USC’s urban community. As an outward sign of this commitment, the university’s Joint Educational Project was founded in 1972.

Great Expectations (1980-1991)

James H. Zumberge was inaugurated as USC’s ninth president 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 focused on strengthening undergraduate education; expanding key doctoral, research, professional and health sciences programs; and forging stronger community connections. The Zumberge years also saw USC’s highly successful participation in the 1984 Olympics.

In addition, Zumberge launched “The Campaign for USC,” which at the time was the biggest fund-raising program in the university’s history. When it concluded in June 1990, the campaign had raised \$641.6 million, contributing over \$188 million to USC’s endowment and boosting annual support of university programs to unprecedented levels.

USC made major strides in funding for research during the Zumberge years as well. Sponsored research 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, General William Lyon University Center, the Cinematic Arts Complex, Pertusati University Bookstore and Kaprielian Hall, as well as major additions to the architecture and fine arts library and the law school building. Plans for a new teaching library also got under way.

USC’s Health Sciences campus, too, underwent dramatic transformations during the Zumberge decade, nearly doubling 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. Additionally, construction was nearing completion on Richard K. Eamer Medical Plaza, a cooperative project of the university and National Medical Enterprises that included the 284-bed USC University Hospital and USC Healthcare Consultation Center I.

Redefining the Research University (1991-2010)

Steven B. Sample, the 10th president of the University of Southern California, inaugurated his tenure by calling upon USC to strengthen undergraduate education, develop the Health Sciences campus into an international center of excellence, aggressively recruit a larger number of the very best doctoral and post-doctoral students, expand USC’s tradition of public service, and improve programs and services while conserving resources. Above all, however, he cautioned USC to avoid complacency and to fiercely maintain its focus on improving in every measure.

Despite a first year fraught with earthquakes, riots and fiscal difficulties, Sample personally drafted USC’s Role and Mission Statement and set in motion a strategic planning process that identified four initiatives — undergraduate education, interdisciplinary research and education, programs building upon the resources of Southern California and Los Angeles, and internationalization — for guiding USC to new heights throughout the 1990s.

Under Sample’s leadership, the university developed a distinctive core curriculum as well as a broad array of academic and professional minors that have made “breadth with depth” the hallmark of undergraduate education at USC. Thanks to these and other enhancements — including expanded opportunities for undergraduates to participate in interdisciplinary research — USC has become regarded nationally as a pacesetter in undergraduate education and has enrolled some of the most academically talented freshman classes in the country.

Challenging USC to redouble its time-honored tradition of service to community, Sample sharpened the university’s focus on improving schools and promoting safe streets in the neighborhoods immediately surrounding its two campuses. Among the flagship programs developed to meet these goals are the USC Good Neighbors Campaign, which channels faculty and staff giving into support of USC-community partnerships, and the Family of Schools, an alliance between the university and local schools that provides educational, cultural and development opportunities for neighborhood schoolchildren. This approach to community service became a national mark of distinction when the editors of *Time* magazine and the *Princeton Review* named USC “College of the Year 2000” in recognition of its ambitious social-outreach programs.

Sample also has steered USC to new fund-raising heights. Under the banner of “Building on Excellence,” the university mounted a \$2.85 billion fund-raising drive that concluded in 2002 as the most successful campaign in the history of American higher education. At the time, USC was the only university to have received four nine-figure gifts — \$120 million from the Annenberg Foundation to create the USC Annenberg Center for Communication; \$113 million (later increased to \$163 million) from Alfred Mann to establish the Mann Institute for Biomedical Engineering; \$110 million from the W. M. Keck Foundation for the Keck School of Medicine of USC; and a second gift from the Annenberg Foundation of \$100 million. In 2006, USC received a fifth nine-figure gift: \$175 million from the Lucasfilm Foundation to endow the USC School of Cinematic Arts and construct a new building for the school.

Among the major campus facilities opened during the Sample administration are the Thomas and Dorothy Leavey Library, Jane Hoffman Popovich and J. Kristoffer Popovich Hall, the International Residential College at Parkside, Zilkha Neurogenetic Institute, Ronald Tutor Hall, Ray R. Irani Hall, USC Healthcare Consultation Center II, the Galen Center, the Arts and Humanities Residential College at Parkside, and the new USC School of Cinematic Arts complex. Additionally, fulfilling a long-held Trojan dream, the Ronald Tutor Campus Center is set to open in fall 2010.

Sample also has overseen a dramatic gain in USC's academic prowess. In 1994, George Olah, director of the USC Loker Hydrocarbon Research Institute, won the Nobel Prize in chemistry, and the faculty now includes 53 members of the three national academies recognized by the AAU. USC has become world-renowned in the fields of communication, multimedia technologies and the life sciences as well as in cross-disciplinary teaching and research. Likewise, sponsored research by USC investigators nearly doubled in the 1990s. Today, USC brings in nearly \$464 million a year in contract and grant funds and has solidified its status as one of the leading research universities in the United States.

Pressing upward toward increasingly lofty goals, Sample spearheaded the development of a second strategic plan that was adopted by the Board of Trustees in 2004. This plan outlines a vision for the future in which USC reinvents the research university of the 21st century, and becomes "one of the most influential and productive universities in the world."

President Sample's distinguished career spans academic administration as well as teaching, research and its practical application. A graduate of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Sample was on the faculty at Purdue University, held administrative posts with the Illinois Board of Higher Education and at the University of Nebraska, and served as president of the University at Buffalo, the State University of New York, before joining USC. He has published numerous articles in the fields of science, engineering and higher education, and he invented a digital electronic control system that has been installed behind the touch panels in more than 300 million microwave ovens and other home appliances around the world. Sample was elected to the National Academy of Engineering in 1998 and to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences in 2003. The recipient of numerous awards for his service and leadership, he also holds eight honorary degrees.

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. Since 1996, Sample and University Professor Warren Bennis have co-taught the course "The Art and Adventure of Leadership." Largely growing out of his experience in teaching this course, Sample wrote a best-selling book, *The Contrarian's Guide to Leadership*, which was named one of six "must-reads" for leaders by *Harvard Management Update* of the Harvard Business School and has been translated into five languages. He has also chaired a number of statewide and national groups examining the state of elementary, secondary and higher education.

After 19 years of taking USC farther faster than any other university in the country, Sample will step down from the presidency of USC effective August 2, 2010. He will take a yearlong sabbatical before resuming his teaching and research work as a tenured member of the faculty of the USC Viterbi School of Engineering.

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 that are an extension of the academic experience. Consistent with this charge, the division has adopted the following statement that informs and guides its policies and actions regarding the USC community.

Principles of Community

The University of Southern California's Division of Student Affairs bears a central responsibility for providing students services and resources that will assist in all aspects of their development. We further seek to foster a scholarly community in which an individual's participation in academic dialogue will be considered on its merits — and not denigrated or disregarded based on personal characteristics or group identity. Consistent

with this charge, the division has adopted the following statement of guiding principles:

USC is a multicultural community of scholars from diverse racial, ethnic and class backgrounds, national origins, religious and political beliefs, physical abilities and sexual orientations. This diversity enriches all of our activities and everyday interactions, and we strive to learn from each other in an atmosphere of positive engagement and mutual respect. As a scholarly community, we aspire to create an environment in which racism, sexism, ageism, xenophobia and homophobia do not go unchallenged.

All who work, live, study and teach in the USC community are here by choice. As part of that choice, we share a commitment to these principles as an integral part of USC's 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, sexual orientation or any other characteristics which may be specified by federal, state or local law. The University of Southern California complies 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. Students who wish to file a complaint or have an inquiry regarding these issues may contact the Equity and Diversity Office, Figueroa Building, Room 202, (213) 740-5086. The university's Title IX coordinator is the Director of the Office of Equity and Diversity. Students who wish to inquire about these issues may also 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 (CPPC) provides information and advising to help students explore career options including internships, full-time employment and networking opportunities. The CPPC offers assistance in resume writing, interviewing techniques and sponsors such programs as the Career Fair, Internship Week, Career Fest, numerous “diversity in the workplace” events, the Global Fellows and Dream Dollars programs and the Trojan Network. In addition, the center offers comprehensive career assessments. The CPPC 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 p.m. For more information, call (213) 740-9111 or visit careers.usc.edu.

Job Opportunities

Through connectSC, the Career Planning and Placement Center lists internships and job postings for USC students and alumni. The listings include part- and full-time positions, on- and off-campus opportunities, as well as Work Study positions. Students can also use connectSC to participate in on-campus recruiting. Students interested in obtaining a job or internship should access the online job listing service, available 24 hours a day, by visiting the CPPC Web site and registering for connectSC at 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 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Cultural Centers

USC is strongly committed to enhancing the quality of life for all students attending the university. Multifaceted resources and support are available to build on the cultural diversity present in our student body. These efforts are coordinated through the cultural centers within the Division of Student Affairs. Their focus provides opportunities for cross-cultural learning experiences for all students and a broad range of support services and educational programs for students of color. The cultural centers provide academic and personal support and identity and leadership development programs to support our diverse students.

El Centro Chicano

A department within Student Affairs, El Centro Chicano (El Centro) serves as a resource center for all Latina/o and USC students. Founded in 1972, the center fosters a community of critically thinking, socially conscious Chicana/o and Latina/o leaders, providing personal, social and academic support through graduation and beyond. El Centro Chicano also provides social and cultural programming, student advocacy, assistance for Latina/o student groups, transitional/beyond USC programming and community outreach that fosters and promotes the academic and personal success of Latina/o students. In addition, they strive to educate the campus about Latina/o issues and the ethnic diversity represented within the community (i.e., Central and South America, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Mexico and Puerto Rico) by serving as a resource to the entire USC family.

Through the *Latino Resource Handbook*, handed out to all new Latina/o students, and the weekly *El Centro E-newsletter*, they inform students about information such as scholarship opportunities, internships, cultural events and student organizations that will help improve their university experience (please see Web site). El Centro serves as headquarters for approximately 20 Chicano/Latino student organizations as well as the Latino Parent Association. All students, including commuter, transfer and graduate students, are welcome to use the student lounge, kitchenette and study room.

Programs and services offered include the Unity Through Community: Black and Latino New Student Symposium, Latino Floors (special interest housing program for first-year students), Class Reunions (academic and personal support program), Project ReMix: Exploring the Mixed Race Generation, Black and Latino Overnight Experience, Latino Honor Society, La Posada: Celebrating Latin American Holiday Traditions and Giving Back, Latino Parent Association and the Chicano/Latino Graduate Celebration. Programs and services consider gender, class,

religion/spirituality, bi/monolingual, continuing generations, sexual orientation, disabilities and biracial/ethnic identities.

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

Asian Pacific American Student Services

The Asian Pacific American Student Services (APASS) department is a multifaceted unit focused on the education, engagement and empowerment of students.

APASS has a two-fold mission: facilitating Asian Pacific American participation, dialogue, community-building and empowerment, while at the same time serving as a source of cross-cultural educational programming for the entire campus.

APASS programs include orientation, leadership development, service-learning and community immersion, career and peer mentoring, cross-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 create an afro-centric, holistic learning environment for academic, social and professional development, as well as to provide civic engagement opportunities for all members of the USC community.

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 Division of Student Affairs’ five strategic initiatives.

CBCSA, the Black Student Assembly and almost 40 black student organizations partner to offer a variety of informative academic and personal development programs, social activities and cultural events. These programs and events promote academic excellence and encourage unity among students, staff, faculty and the surrounding USC community. CBCSA provides many opportunities for students to become leaders both on and off campus. It continues to make a difference by exploring the diverse spectrum of our cultural community and encouraging students to do the same.

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 7,000 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:

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.

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.

English Language Program – English language instruction, field trips and social activities for spouses and scholars 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.

International Graduation Reception – a reception and awards ceremony for all graduating international students.

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

Parking and Transportation

Parking

USC Transportation is committed to creating the best USC experience for all students, faculty, staff and campus guests. USC Transportation maintains more than 7,600 on-campus parking spaces and approximately 1,300 off-campus spaces at the University Park campus. In addition, there are approximately 1,600 parking spaces available at the Health Sciences campus. USC Transportation also offers numerous alternate rideshare programs such as vanpool, carpool and carpool matching through Zimride, Zipcar rentals around campus, mass transit subsidies, and various off-campus tram stops to help cut transportation expenses for commuters. For intercampus transportation, USC Transportation offers free tram shuttles and free Campus Cruiser services after hours and on weekends.

For more information, contact: USC Transportation Office, 620 W. 35th Street (PSX), www.usc.edu/parking, UPC phone number: (213) 740-3575, HSC phone number: (323) 442-1201, Toll-free: (888) SC4-TRAN.

Recreational Sports

Recreational Sports (a.k.a. Rec Sports) welcomes the university community to participate in its extensive services and sports programs. The office provides students, faculty, staff and guests with numerous opportunities for sports and recreational activities. Rec Sports educates individuals in the meaningful use of leisure time through its various programs and services.

Recreational Facilities

The University Park campus offers 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; group exercise fitness studio; the newly renovated second-floor fitness area and the Robinson Exercise Room, Klug Family fitness center (weight room); gymnasium space for basketball and volleyball, racquetball and squash courts; climbing wall; and a cardiovascular center equipped with new audiovisual equipment. The equipment includes stationary bicycles, stair climbers, elliptical machines, rowing machines, and cross training equipment. There is no fee for currently registered students. However, before they can use the facility, all students must complete a general recreational facility

waiver available online at www.usc.edu/recsports. A summer student membership is available.

Programs

The staff directs more than 100 sporting programs that attract 9,800 students, staff and faculty participants and 900 club sport members. Intramural Sports offers a wide array of activities including flag football, basketball, soccer, volleyball, racquet sports and softball. More than 56 club sports are hosted by the department, including teams such as badminton, lacrosse, soccer, golf, ice hockey, hiking, dance, ultimate Frisbee, crew, surfing and water skiing.

Services

Fitness classes and wellness programs such as aerobics, pilates, yoga, martial arts, personal trainers, health and wellness sessions, Masters Swim and massage therapy are available. Locker rental and towel service are provided for a fee. Guests, alumni and emeriti faculty are welcome to become members of the center and participate in its programs. The Pro Shop in the Lyon Center provides limited equipment rental and sales of sports items. Outdoor Adventure Rental (OAR) is a new service that provides outdoor equipment such as tents, lanterns and sleeping bags for a rental fee.

For information regarding student employment and volunteer opportunities, guest policies, conferences, recreational services, summer youth sports programs and facility reservations, call (213) 740-5127 or visit the 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.

USC Housing

The goal of the university is to offer applicants housing in a variety of living alternatives. USC houses over 6,500 students in over 45 university-owned housing facilities. Freshmen live primarily on campus in residence halls and suites. Upperclassmen and graduates reside in apartment buildings on or near campus. 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. Three large suite-style buildings bring five to eight students together in double and single occupancy rooms around shared facilities, such as bathrooms and, in some cases, small common areas. 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. A limited number of furnished apartments for students with families is also available.

First-year students who apply by the freshman housing application deadline are assured of receiving university housing during their first two years at USC. Freshmen who apply after the deadline will be housed as space permits, but everything possible is done to provide them with university housing.

Once a student is in university housing, he or she may continue in housing by participating in the USC Housing Renewal (UHR) process each winter. Incoming fall 2010 freshmen who participate in the renewal process are guaranteed housing for their sophomore year. After that, student housing assignments will be based on a lottery process.

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

Housing Services Office

USC Housing Services is responsible for processing the housing applications for students for the academic year and summer sessions. The Housing Services Office makes assignments, issues housing contracts and handles reassignments.

New students may apply for housing once they have been admitted to the university and are urged to take advantage of the simple and convenient online application available at housing.usc.edu. Those who wish to submit a paper application will find a form on the Web site that can be printed out, completed and mailed in. Applicants may request roommates on their applications; those using the online application system may take advantage of a roommate matching feature, which

sorts potential roommates based on living preferences and offers them the chance to exchange email prior to formally requesting each other.

Questions may be directed to USC Housing, Parking Structure X, (213) 740-2546 or (800) 872-4632; Fax (213) 740-8488, email housing@usc.edu. Or visit the housing Web site at housing.usc.edu.

Residential Education

Residential Education supervises the university programs and live-in staff in the USC housing system. Special interest housing and faculty-student programs, including residential colleges, are coordinated by this office.

Residential Colleges

USC established its first comprehensive residential college in 1987 and currently offers five such programs on campus. 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 business, multicultural interaction and cinema. Like Birnkrant Residential College, New and North Residential College are available to freshmen and returning students.

The International Residential College at Parkside provides a venue where undergraduate students and live-in USC faculty and visiting professors come together to promote stimulating cultural and intellectual exchanges among individuals from many countries.

The Arts and Humanities Residential College at Parkside, which opened in fall 2007, connects students to the cultural offerings of USC and Los Angeles.

Special Interest Housing

Other residential faculty programs include Deans' Hall, Annenberg House, Honors House, Hillview, Founders and Sierra apartments, which bring together highly motivated students and interested faculty to increase faculty-student interaction.

Other programs bring together students with a special common interest. These include the Wellness Floor, Schalom (Jewish religion and culture) Housing, Quiet Community Floor, Great Outdoor Floors, Civic Engagement, Law Program (law students only), Occupational Therapy Program (majors only), Chemistry (first year Ph.D. students only), and the Muslim, Latino, African-American, Business, Women in Science and Engineering, Rainbow (LGBT), Trojan Academy honors program, Music, Arts and Architecture, and Cinema floors. USC's latest

program is the leadership floor in Trojan Hall, which opens fall 2010. Information on these special interest housing programs is available in the *Living at USC* brochure which students receive with their acceptance packet, and the housing Web site. Call Residential Education at (213) 740-2080 for details about these programs.

A supplemental application is required for acceptance into many of these programs. Supplemental applications are available online at housing.usc.edu/HousingOptions/SpecialInterest.aspx.

Contact

Residential Education is located in the Student Union, Suite 200. Call (213) 740-2080 or visit the Web site at www.usc.edu/student-affairs/ResEd.

Fraternities and Sororities

Fraternities and sororities also offer a residential experience for student members. 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) should not plan on immediate occupancy in the house. Please note: 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, www.usc.edu/student-affairs/greeklife.

Family Housing

Students with families who would like university housing should apply to the Housing Services Office, Parking Structure X, (213) 740-2546. Family housing is located north of campus and 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, 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

At USC every effort is made to help students achieve and maintain good physical, mental and social health. The University Park Health Center (UPHC) offers direct medical care and psychological counseling, as well as prevention programs to assist students in assuming responsibility for their personal well-being. For more information, contact the center at (213) 740-8742 (UPHC) or consult the center's Web site (www.usc.edu/uphc).

University Park Health Center Medical Services 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 4:30 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday (urgent care only) 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The health center is closed Monday – Thursday in the evenings (5 p.m. to 7 p.m.) during university recess periods. Please note that hours of operation are subject to change. All changes will be posted one week in advance. You may also call (213) 740-8742 (UPHC) for current hours.

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 USC student 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 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 services 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 recorded instructions. In the event of a life-threatening medical emergency on or near the USC campus, call the USC 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 digital radiology unit support the practitioners' services. Students must pay any charges incurred for diagnostic tests and occasionally may be referred to outside facilities.

Prescriptions may be filled, for a charge, at the campus pharmacy located in the Student Union Building on the University Park campus.

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 (HPPS) 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 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 the transmission. An anonymous HIV antibody testing 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.

Immunizations

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. Presently, there are two vaccines available in the U.S. that provide protection against four of the five most common strains. For more information on this disease, refer to www.usc.edu/luphc.

Student Counseling Services

Counseling services are available on the University Park campus at the Student 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 staff psychiatrists. 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, please call (213) 740-7711 and follow the recorded directions for after-hour assistance.

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.

Undergraduate Student Government

The campus-wide Undergraduate Student Government consists of legislative, programming, judicial and executive branches, whose collective purpose is to provide comprehensive representation that 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, community affairs, minority affairs and academic affairs, to name a few. Offices are located in the Ronald Tutor Campus Center, room 224. Or visit the Web site at usc.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. Offices are located in the Ronald Tutor Campus Center, room 224. Or visit the Web site at uscprogramboard.com.

Recreation Club Council

The Recreation Club Council (RCC) is a collective organization of more than 50 club teams recognized by Recreational Sports and the Office of Campus Activities. The RCC provides organizational development, leadership opportunities, program coordination and administrative support by offering sport opportunities not necessarily met through existing academic, recreational, intramural or varsity programming. Club lists and RCC information is available online at www.usc.edu/recsports.

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. 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 700 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 that 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*.

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/spectrum or call (213) 740-2167.

Facilities

Student programs at USC are accommodated by a number of indoor and outdoor facilities including Bovard Auditorium, GroundZero Performance Café, 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, identifies volunteer opportunities for USC students, faculty and staff, and 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 Days, Alternative Break programs during winter and spring breaks, mentoring opportunities and more. Individuals wishing to volunteer may visit the USC Volunteer Center, Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. or call 740-7012. For more information, please visit www.usc.edu/volunteer or email volctr@usc.edu.

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. Students may pre-order copies of *El Rodeo* during the fall semester by visiting www.uscelrodeo.com. The yearbook is distributed in the late spring. The *El Rodeo* office is located in the Student Union Building, Room 405, (213) 740-2707.

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 kscr.org. 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 300 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 more than 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, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., and Wednesday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Further information is available at www.statravel.com.