

UCSD ranks seventh nationally in annual survey

August 20, 1999

Media Contact: Pat JaCoby (858) 534-7404 or pjacoby@ucsd.edu

The University of California, San Diego ranked as the seventh best public university in the nation in the annual America's Best Colleges survey issued today by U.S. News and World Report.

The guide rated 1,400 schools, designating the nation's top 50 national universities, and 50 best public national universities.

Of the top 50 public universities, at seventh place UCSD outranked much older institutions such as the University of Washington, University of Illinois (Urbana-Champaign), University of Wisconsin (Madison), Purdue and Georgia Tech.

Among the nation's top national universities, both public and private, UCSD ranked 32nd. As defined by U.S. News, "National universities offer a full range of undergraduate majors, as well as master's and doctoral degrees. Many strongly emphasize research."

U.S. News bases its national rankings on academic reputation, graduation and retention rates, faculty resources, student selectivity, financial resources, alumni giving, and graduation rates. The formula for this year's ranking was changed from previous years to give full credit for a school's high SAT scores, low faculty-to-student ratio, and high per-pupil educational spending. According to US News, "The result is a boost in the rankings of a number of universities, including some with strong science and engineering programs, such as Caltech." The California Institute of Technology ranked first in the National Universities category.

The rankings are available on the U.S. News Web site (www.usnews.com); the U.S. News magazine will be available on newsstands Aug. 23.

(August 20, 1999)