Public Health Ph.D. student Chia Thao is using her donor-supported Graduate Fellowship to explore minority health disparities and promote the well-being of Hmong farmers in the Central Valley.

Professor Victor Muñoz made a key discovery that could allow scientists to engineer adaptive proteins.

“Beyond the Brink: California’s Watershed” featuring UC Merced researchers will premiere on KVIE.

A thin layer of compost is applied to grasslands in the Altamont Hills. This practice of carbon farming has been identified by the state as a pillar of its approach to fighting climate change.
**Sustainability — To Our Core**

Our faculty research on environmental impacts, including soil erosion, water use, Valley Fever, biodiversity, renewable energy, human evolution and even political violence, is world renowned.

**Research Units Include:**
- UC Advanced Solar Technologies Institute
- Sierra Nevada Research Institute
- National Parks Institute

We operate the Wawona Field Station in Yosemite National Park, and our campus is surrounded by the UC Merced Vernal Pools and Grassland Reserve — our own living laboratory.

On our 830+ acres, UC Merced has demonstrated a commitment to the environment from the ground up — from sustainably designed and operated LEED-certified buildings to a sustainable campus vehicle fleet and purchasing practices.

**Social Mobility — Our Mission and Passion**

We are leading the way in California and the nation for helping young people build better lives for themselves and their families through higher education.

**Student Success — From Enrollment to Career**

**Summer Bridge Program** brings first-generation students onto campus during the summer before first-year classes to provide acculturation and study skills to prepare them for college life.

**Competitive Edge Summer Bridge** ensures graduate students are better equipped to complete their degrees and go on to successful careers, by helping them navigate life in a new city and at a new level of academic intensity.

The Calvin E. Bright Success Center provides opportunities and co-curricular experiences that aid students in enhancing their knowledge of university resources, academic and personal growth and development, and advocacy and access, through learning support, transition programs and individual interventions.

Our Living-Learning Communities help students to find their micro-communities, sharing study and social lives with like-minded peers organized around fields of study, such as natural sciences, or areas of passionate concern, such as social justice.

**Undergraduate Research**

- #1 U.S. News & World Report for Undergraduate Research
- #1 UC System
- #11% of Undergraduates involved in Research and Creative Projects
- 77% of Undergraduates work on Research

**Leaders in STEM**

- 46% Female Undergraduate Students are in a STEM-Related Major
- 52% Hispanic & African-American Students in STEM Majors

**Alumni Pave the Way**

- 27 Average Age of Alumni
- #27 Alumni Giving Rate
- #1 in the UC System for % of Undergraduates Going on to Earn Master’s Degrees

**U.S. News & World Report**

- #1 Student Outcomes
- #1 Outperforming Predicted Graduation Rates
- #7 Social Mobility