## UCI University of California, Irvine

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## UCI named a Gold Bicycle Friendly University by the League of American Bicyclists

**Irvine, Calif., Nov. 5, 2015** – Today, the League of American Bicyclists recognized the University of California, Irvine (UCI) with a Gold Bicycle Friendly University (BFU<sup>SM</sup>) award, joining more than 100 visionary colleges and universities from across the country.

"In its fourth year, we've seen the Bicycle Friendly University program reach an exciting level of growth and momentum, as more and more campuses support bicycling in new and innovative ways," said Amelia Neptune, the League's Bicycle Friendly University program manager. "...we applaud this round of BFUs for raising the standard of what a bicycle-friendly campus looks like."

Now one of only 12 Gold level universities, UCI's enhanced programs and infrastructure have solidified cycling as a transportation mode of choice. "This honor was achieved in great part by the enthusiastic support of our faculty, staff and students who make biking an integral part of the campus culture," said Ron Fleming, Director of UCI Transportation and Distribution Services. "As we continue our widespread efforts to ensure that all bicyclists have the necessary knowledge and skills to ride confidently, we are also dedicated to serving our community through the continued growth of unique programs and enhancement of campus infrastructure."

**About the League of American Bicyclists:** The League of American Bicyclists is leading the movement to create a Bicycle Friendly America for everyone. As leaders, their commitment is to listen and learn, define standards and share best practices to engage diverse communities and build a powerful, unified voice for change. For more information, visit <u>www.bikeleague.org/university</u>.

**About UCI Transportation and Distribution Services:** UCI Transportation and Distribution Services oversees all transportation planning, parking, and mail services at the University of California, Irvine. UCI Transportation has an environmental commitment to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from all

vehicles traveling on and around the UCI campus. This commitment to reduce costs and emissions is at the heart of every program and service offered to the UCI campus community. For more information, visit <u>www.parking.uci.edu</u>.

**About the University of California, Irvine:** Currently celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, UCI is the youngest member of the prestigious Association of American Universities. The campus has produced three Nobel laureates and is known for its academic achievement, premier research, innovation and anteater mascot. Led by Chancellor Howard Gillman, UCI has more than 30,000 students and offers 192 degree programs. It's located in one of the world's safest and most economically vibrant communities and is Orange County's second-largest employer, contributing \$4.8 billion annually to the local economy. For more on UCI, visit www.uci.edu.