Keck School ranking improves in U.S. News & World Report

The Keck School of Medicine of USC improved its ranking by three places in the 2014 U.S. News & World Report National University rankings for Medicine andpizza. The Keck School now ranks 31st in a four-way tie with Brown University, Oregon Health and Science University, and the University of Rochester. The rankings appeared in the May 2013 issue of U.S. News & World Report. “It attributes important news in the rankings to the strengths of our faculty, staff and students, who make the Keck School one of the best medical schools in the country,” said Keck School Dean Carmen A. Puliafito, MD, MBA. “This national recognition is a testament to our commitment to excellence in research and education.”

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New building signals progress

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The Keck School of Medicine of USC opened the new Norris Clinical Building on the clinical outpatient building on the USC Health Sciences Campus April 18. The new building, which is part of the school’s $2.2 billion Keck Medicine Initiative of the Campaign for USC, is home to the USC Norris Comprehensive Cancer Center. The new building will be augmented by additional philanthropic support.

The Norris Clinical Building is the most sophisticated medical infrastructure in the Los Angeles area and one of the nation’s top five cancer centers. The building includes a comprehensive range of clinical services, research capabilities and patient care facilities.

Whelan said the house was built with “intelligent” design, including sophisticated neuroimaging methods and data management, and includes a team of researchers and patients.

prompt: With Professors Thom and Thompson on our faculty, the Keck School is poised to become a leader in the field of brain mapping and neurocognition.

Dean’s Photo Gallery

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In the story headlined “USC Steals Two Star Brain Researchers from UCLA,” Nikias added, “We always cooperate with UCLA whether it’s athletics or for students or faculty. But I’m sure this will be noticed because it is an across-town race.”

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World-famous neuroscientists recruited to USC

DeAN’S RepoRT

Los Angeles, CA — DeAN CArMeN A. PULIAFITo, MD, MBA, Minister of Health of the Russian Federation, Sahakian, and Dr. Brian Pollock, MD, who teaches for child health and professor and chairman of the Department of Pediatrics, were among a trip of a Keck School delegation to Russia. The trip also included on-site and in-person visits for academic affairs at Children’s Hospital Los Angeles.

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The Keck Medicine Initiative — $438 million and growing!

At press time, the Keck Medicine Initiative included gifts and pledge totals exceeding $438 million available to further support for a wide range of important priorities at the Keck School of Medicine of USC and the Keck Medical Center of USC.

Tremendous resources.

The recruit is among the experts that USC has to make President-CHRIAN (Brain Research through Advancing Innovative Neurotechnologies) initiative comprehensively research effort aimed at better understanding brain function and disorders such as Alzheimer’s disease, schizophrenia, autism, epilepsy and depression.

At USC, Toga is Professor of ophthalmology, radiology, and the behavioral sciences, radiology, and engineering, and serves as the inaugural director of the USC Institute for Neuroanatomical Imaging and Informatics. Thompson is Professor of Radiology, ophthalmology, and the behavioral sciences, radiology, and engineering, and serves as an associate dean for the USC Institute of Neuroanatomical Imaging and Informatics.

The project is expected by its components of the institutional neuroscience and radiology departments to facilitate interaction among teams, inform therapy, an ambulatory surgery center and a woman’s cancer program.

EXCITMENT AND OPPORTUNITIES

Making the USC Trojan “victory” sign are four soft-drink Baja Rita Days at the USC Norris Comprehensive Cancer Center, a collaboration between teams from Trojan mascot, Traveler, and his rider at a June 9 welcome reception at Puliafito’s home.

Toga is a principal investigator of the Human Connectome Project, a five-year endeavor to link brain connectivity to human behavior and communication. New research is examining how different parts of the brain speak to each other, what the principles of communication and how these systems change with disease."

Groundbreaking heralds growth of USC medical enterprise

In 2000, Ross served as director of a health foundation that focuses on the health needs of underserved Californians. Prior to his appointment in 2000, Ross served as director of the Philadelphia City Planning Commission and commissioner of the Philadelphia Department of Planning.

Robert J. Ross, MD, received the inaugural Dean’s Humanitarian Award at the Keck School of Medicine of USC’s commencement exercises on May 13, who also addresses the commencement address, is president and CEO of the California Endowment, a health foundation that focuses on the health needs of underserved Californians. Prior to his appointment in 2000, Ross served as director of the Philadelphia City Planning Commission and commissioner of the Philadelphia Department of Planning.

Toga said. “What is now coming to the forefront is the principle of communication and how do these systems change with disease.”

DEAN’S HUMANITARIAN AWARD

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"The trouble is that by the time that ideas have gained traction and are translated into practice, the individuals who came up with them may have moved on to other projects," he said. "We would like to think that appetites for these programs will continue to grow and we will be able to act on them as they come up with new ideas and new applications.""
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At press time, the Keck Medicine Initiative included gifts and pledge pledges totaling $438 million to our campus of our $2.4 billion toward its $6 billion goal. This is $438 million to accelerate the pace of discovery, enabling the leading-edge discoveries and translate those discoveries into improved health for patients. Researchers at the Keck School of Medicine of USC make bold contributions to improve the health of our patients and the world. The Keck School of Medicine of USC and the Keck Medical Center of USC are working toward improved health for patients, enabling the leading-edge discoveries and translate those discoveries into improved health for patients.

At USC, Toga will be President Professor of ophthalmology, neurology, psychiatry, and behavioral sciences, radiology, engineering, and serve as the inaugural director of the USC Institute for Neuroanatomical and Information. Thompson will be professor of ophthalmology, neurology, psychiatry, and behavioral sciences, radiology, and engineering, and serve as an associate dean for Health Sciences.

Dean Puliafito welcomes your comments at deanksom@usc.edu

...a health foundation that focuses on the health of California's underserved communities. The foundation now has a world-class facility to help us provide world-class care to all of our patients, allowing us to reach Kenneth Norris’ goal of ‘making cancer a disease of the past.’ The foundation will enable medical professionals who are skilled at facilitating interaction among teams, evidence-based, an ambitious project speaks to our commitment to outstanding medicine.”

He also noted that the new USC Institute for Neuroanatomical and Informational has already been involved in several cutting-edge research efforts. For example, the institute is collaborating with the Brain Research through Advancing Innovative Neurotechnologies (BRAIN) initiative to develop new methods for mapping and imaging to reveal secrets of the brain function and disorders such as Alzheimer’s disease, depression, schizophrenia, anxiety, epilepsy, and Parkinson’s disease.

Along with the BRAIN Project, the USC Institute for Neuroanatomical and Informational is also involved in the Human Connectome Project, a five-year endeavor to link brain connectivity to human behavior.

URBAN HEALTH: REGENERATIVE MEDICINE

It is estimated that there are 100 million people with chronic diseases in the United States alone. The foundation is committed to developing new treatments and therapies for these diseases, with a focus on regenerative medicine.

Salaries and Benefits

The foundation is committed to providing competitive salaries and benefits to its employees, including health insurance, retirement plans, and professional development opportunities. It also offers a supportive and collaborative work environment.

About the Foundation

The California Endowment is a public, non-profit organization that focuses on improving the health of California’s underserved communities. The foundation was established in 1996 and has invested more than $1 billion in health initiatives.

Sponsorship Opportunities

Sponsorship opportunities are available for the USC Norris Comprehensive Cancer Center. For information, please contact John Baker at john.baker@usc.edu or 213-825-1170.

The foundation provides a range of sponsorship opportunities, including corporate sponsorships, individual sponsorships, and event sponsorships. These opportunities offer companies and individuals the opportunity to support the USC Norris Comprehensive Cancer Center and help improve the lives of cancer patients.

For more information, please visit the USC Norris Comprehensive Cancer Center’s website or contact them directly for more details on sponsorship opportunities.

The foundation is committed to supporting research and development in the field of regenerative medicine, with a focus on developing new treatments and therapies for chronic diseases.

The foundation is also committed to improving health outcomes for underserved communities in California through policy advocacy and community engagement.

The new USC Institute will create many potential opportunities for collaboration with the foundation, including new research initiatives and academic programs. The foundation is excited to work with the USC Institute and support its mission.

Groundbreaking heralds growth of USC medical enterprise

The California Endowment was founded in 1996 as an affiliate of the Los Angeles Foundation. It is a public, non-profit organization that focuses on improving the health of California’s underserved communities. The foundation is committed to providing health care to all residents of California, with a focus on addressing the health needs of vulnerable populations.

To learn more about the foundation, please visit its website or contact them directly for more information on their mission and initiatives.
Keck Medicine Initiative — $438 million and growing!

At press time, the Keck Medicine Initiative included gifts and pledges totaling $438 million—that’s our community of $2 billion and growing! This generosity is helping accelerate the pace of discovery, enabling the exciting and enriching education of medical students, supporting transformational faculty recruitment, and enhancing the patient experience across the University wide. The Campaign for USC has raised more than $2.4 billion toward its $6 billion goal.

Some recent gifts to Keck Medicine include:

- A $1 million gift to establish the Women’s Cancer Research Fund Imaging Center at the USC Norris Comprehensive Cancer Center.
- Underlying grants totaling $1.1 million to support graduate medical education and the Adolescent and Young Adult cancer program at the Keck School of Medicine.
- A $100 million gift from the Arison Foundation to support a multi-institutional approach to create cancer treatment solutions.
- A $40 million gift to the Patient Experience Department at the Keck Medical Center at USC from Scott Bosen and Gail Morosini to help improve the patient experience at health care at USC.

“Teaching our goals will only be possible with major health advancements, opportunities, cutting-edge discoveries and those who have patients’ associations, donor and associate vice president for Health Sciences at USC.

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Keck School ranking improves in *U.S. News & World Report* rankings appeared in the May 2013 issue of *U.S. News & World Report*. “I attribute this important move up in the rankings to the critical work that allows us to actually see the physical structure and circuitry of the mind, behavior and consciousness,” said Thompson. “With Professors Toga and Thompson on our faculty, the Keck School is poised to become a leader in the field of brain mapping and neuroimaging.”