Founded: 1960
Classification: Public, co-educational
Degrees Granted: Bachelor’s, Master’s
Enrollment: 12,851
Academic Programs: 45 undergraduate majors, 24 graduate majors, 5 colleges

Setting: Park-like campus on 346 acres in South Bay of Los Angeles County
Alumni: 75,000 worldwide
Athletics: 11 intercollegiate sports teams in NCAA Division II
Athletics Nickname: Toros

Administration:
Dr. Mildred García, President

President’s Cabinet:
Dr. Ronald E. Vogel, Provost/Vice President, Academic Affairs
Ms. Mary Ann Rodriguez, Vice President, Administration & Finance
Dr. Susan Borrego, Vice President, Enrollment Management & Student Affairs
Mr. Gregory Saks, Vice President, University Advancement
Despite widespread economic challenges and serious reductions in state funding, this was a good year for California State University, Dominguez Hills in many regards. As I reflect on the many events and academic accomplishments that have taken place on campus, I am aware that they would not be possible without our extraordinary faculty and staff and our growing partnerships in the community.

Like other institutions across the country, CSU Dominguez Hills is facing tremendous challenges due to the nation’s financial crisis. However, while we look at ways to deal with cuts to our funding, we continue to focus on our mission and the role the university plays in solving problems in our region.

The South Bay relies on us to provide an educated workforce and leadership that will bring about economic growth. In addition, the need for health care professionals, business leaders and educators is not going to go away, and we provide those trained graduates who will meet the needs of the region. We will continue to serve as many students as possible and help them to become the professionals and leaders for the region and state.

The 2008-09 President’s Annual Report highlights how every department on campus has demonstrated outstanding achievements and an unrivaled commitment to making a difference in the lives of our students and in the community. Private support of CSU Dominguez Hills is on the rise due to a higher level of confidence in our institution. The generosity of our supporters continues to strengthen our campus at a time when the need has never been so critical.

CSU Dominguez Hills has made great progress this year, and it is important that we stay mission-focused as we deal with budget challenges in the coming year. Now is the time to continue investing in the future and doing what we do best — serving the students who will shape our world.

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Student Achievements

At CSU Dominguez Hills, we prepare students to succeed inside the classroom, and beyond. Students who graduate from CSUDH get hired by the best employers in the South Bay, including a number of Fortune 500s, and get accepted by the country’s finest graduate programs. Here are highlights of outstanding student achievements this year:

- Seven students from Southeast Asia are attending CSU Dominguez Hills through the Fulbright Program.
- CSU Dominguez Hills Senior Mark Lohmann, a physics and math major, won second place for the Best Research by an Undergraduate at the 2008 meeting of the California Section of the American Physical Society held on campus.
- Students of the Department of Africana Studies attended the 33rd Annual National Council for Black Studies conference hosted by Georgia State University in Atlanta, Georgia.
- The Theatre Department’s production of the The Heiress was selected for the National Black Theatre Festival this August; many of the top professional and collegiate theatre companies around the country showcased their work in North Carolina.
- Eleven students from the Minority Biomedical Research Support (MBRS) - Research Initiative for Scientific Enhancement (RISE) program attended the annual conference of the Society for Advancement of Chicanos and Native Americans in Science (SACNAS) in Kansas City, Missouri.
- CSU Dominguez Hills Model United Nations class won top honors at the Western Collegiate Model United Nations 2009 meeting in Santa Barbara; our students won three of five Best Delegates awards: Nicole Evans, Andrew Reynoso and Diana Vasquez for their roles in the World Health Organization, Food and Agriculture Organization and International Court of Justice.
- Samuel Joey Alleyne, M.P.A. student and associate production manager and dance instructor for Positive Images of Self Expression (PISE), collaborated with Dr. Gayle Ball Parker, director of University Outreach, to bring a production of High School Drama, a show created by PISE and sponsored by the City of Carson Fine Arts & Historical Commission, to local high school students in the University Theatre.
- History major Clara Weston placed second for her presentation about L.A. street vendors in the history category at the CSU Student Research Competition.

Athletics

- The men’s soccer team won the NCAA Division II National Championship against Dowling College (3-0).
- CSU Dominguez Hills softball team gave head coach Jim Maier his 300th win.
- Dr. John L. Johnson, men’s golf coach and founder of CSUDH Athletics, celebrated 40 years on campus.
- Men’s soccer head coach Joe Flanagan was named Division II Coach of the Year by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America.
- Twenty-seven student-athletes were named to Academic All America.
Building Community

More than a recognized institution of higher learning, California State University, Dominguez Hills is an integral part of our community’s social and economic fabric. While preparing tomorrow’s leaders, we continue to partner with individuals, businesses, government agencies and organizations to identify, address and resolve the challenges we face as a community, a region, and a vital contributor to our state and our nation.

CSU Dominguez Hills makes a serious commitment to community involvement, focusing our efforts on six core areas integral to the continued success of the South Bay: education, arts and culture, business, youth, health and wellness, and civic action.

Responding directly to the needs of the community, its businesses and industries, we have developed academic programs in nursing, business management, technology and education — all critical to our region’s growth.

CSU Dominguez Hills is playing a proactive role in building community partnerships to help our region and citizens prosper. Here are highlights of some of this year’s activities:

- Governor Schwarzenegger visited the campus in October to hold a press conference announcing a partnership to power CSUs with solar energy.
- Black History Month was celebrated throughout February and included the Third Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Symposium, titled, “Obama and the Legacy of King: Dream Deferred or Dream Realized.”
- Tongan Samoan Summit was hosted on campus, with the goal of enhancing relations between the two communities.

Point of Pride: Top Rankings

*CSU Dominguez Hills was ranked among the top 100 universities in the country to confer graduate and undergraduate degrees on students of color by “Diverse: Issues in Higher Education.”*
CSU Dominguez Hills and the California Academy of Math and Science (CAMS) have developed the CSUDH Science Opportunity Program, a unique partnership that will provide 10th-12th graders at CAMS with an opportunity to earn up to 50 units of college credit toward their bachelor’s degree in the sciences by the time they graduate from high school, allowing them to earn their bachelor’s degree in three years. The program will also provide priority registration, advising, and scholarships to students who choose to pursue their bachelor’s degree at CSU Dominguez Hills. Support for the program was provided by Schools Federal Credit Union and Northrop Grumman.

Faculty in the School of Education collaborated in the development of the New Millennium Secondary School, a charter school emphasizing technology-enhanced learning; the school opened this past fall with 150+ ninth graders at the South Bay Pavilion Mall.

CSU Dominguez Hills hosted a U.S. Presidential Inauguration viewing party at the University Theatre in January.

A Redondo Beach Town and Gown community gathering held in Club 1910 on campus was attended by the mayor of Redondo Beach, the Superintendent of Education, the President of the Chamber of Commerce, and the Assistant City Manager.

Media placements in regional newspapers, television and radio increased by 8% over the prior year.

World-renowned artist Synthia Saint James gave a talk about her art on campus, followed by a reception in her honor.

The CSU Dominguez Hills Alumni Association was reorganized and is now a non-dues based association — membership is FREE for all alumni. The Alumni Association offers services, benefits and networking opportunities to alumni and provides opportunities for alumni to promote and support the university. A dedicated group of alumni volunteers serve on the CSU Dominguez Hills Alumni Advisory Council. The council works with the President and her designees on issues such as advocacy, alumni giving and programming.

The Clothesline Project, a grassroots effort that calls attention to violence against women, was held on campus and sponsored by Toro Productions; students designed T-shirts to honor victims of abuse that were displayed on clotheslines from March 3-5 in the Palm Courtyard at the Loker Student Union.

L.A. Times featured L.A.’s Prom Closet, a non-profit organization that invited 100 young women from around LA County to CSU Dominguez Hills to choose their prom dress from donated formal dresses; a conference room was transformed into a giant fitting room overflowing with dresses and accessories.

California Dollars for Scholars Walkathon was held on campus, supporting the non-profit organization’s fund raising for scholarships.

Alumna Paula Moore, executive director of the Friends of Cabrillo Marine Aquarium, hosted a reception at her home; approximately 100 alumni, community friends, and civic leaders from the Palos Verdes community attended to learn more about CSU Dominguez Hills.
Enrollment Management

California State University, Dominguez Hills makes a significant impact on the South Bay through the personal contributions of current students and alumni. CSU Dominguez Hills students largely come from the metropolitan Los Angeles area and remain in the region after graduation, using their increased skills and knowledge to the benefit of the South Bay and California.

Throughout the year, we focused on providing quality customer service, streamlining the admissions process for students and developing marketing strategies and materials. This helped us to reach our enrollment targets and to improve the percentage of prepared students who were admitted.

This year’s highlights in the area of enrollment management include:

- In Spring 2009, our enrollment target of 9520 FTES (full-time equivalent students) was met for the first time since 2002.
- CSU Dominguez Hills has been working closely with community colleges from the Los Angeles Community College District, Compton and Long Beach. This Spring we signed a partnership agreement with Long Beach City College to help more students reach their education and career goals.
- CSUDH made several strategic communication changes to improve the effectiveness of its recruitment activities and to enhance the university’s profile. Sophisticated print communications were developed and new student services websites were launched.

Point of Pride: Marketing Communications

CSU Dominguez Hills is increasing its profile with strategic recruitment communications that include direct mail pieces, an outdoor advertising campaign and local newspaper advertising.
The campus began its strategic planning process and heard from over 800 students, staff, faculty and members of the surrounding community. They told us about our strengths, weaknesses and what they want from their university. Through this process, we have developed our Mission, Vision and Core Values and we will now begin to circulate those out to the campus community so that departments and units can look at how they are applicable to their area of campus operation.

Interdepartmental teams across several divisions worked cohesively to continue implementing and rolling out the campus PeopleSoft system.

The Day at Dominguez event was held on campus in November with over 2,500 guests attending — designed to allow students, families, educators and the community the opportunity to visit our campus and become more familiar with academic and student life programs.

The campus participated in the fourth annual Super Sunday event, part of the CSU’s African American Initiative; President Mildred García spoke at the New Philadelphia Baptist Church, accompanied by Outreach staff, to bring awareness to students, parents and families about the importance of early preparation for college.

CSU Dominguez Hills began participating in the statewide Troops to College initiative, which is an academic outreach and enrollment plan to help California’s veterans attend colleges and universities.

The campus began participating in the Voluntary System of Accountability (VSA) and launched the VSA “College Portrait” website, a national initiative for 4-year public colleges and universities, designed to help institutions demonstrate accountability to the public and to provide understandable and easily accessible educational outcomes and information.

The university hosted the second annual CSU Super Saturday College Fair in Fall 2008, providing workshops for parents and students on how to prepare for college and educational tools and resources. We partnered with other CSU campuses, community organizations and churches to reach traditionally underrepresented communities.
Financial Stability

As an important educational institution and central resource for the South Bay community, CSU Dominguez Hills is proving that it is worthy of investment by community members and there are significant opportunities for partnerships that will help our region.

Contributions to CSU Dominguez Hills also help improve the local economy by providing a better educated and prepared workforce. Investing in tomorrow’s leaders, teachers, entrepreneurs, nurses and professionals is an investment in the future of our region and state.

CSU Dominguez Hills gratefully recognizes those individuals, businesses and organizations who generously contributed to our programs during the 2008-09 fiscal year.

Following are highlights of this year’s contributions:

- A $225,000 donation was received to create the Winston Hewitt Memorial Endowed Scholarship; Hewitt was a long-time faculty member who received the very first Lyle E. Gibson Dominguez Hills Distinguished Teacher Award and retired in the 1990s.

- CSU Dominguez Hills worked in partnership with the West Basin Municipal Water District to secure more than $106,000 worth of water efficient toilets, shower heads and light fixtures for our residence halls that will result in substantial water and energy savings.

- CSU Dominguez Hills received a $50,000 grant from Verizon that will support Summer Outreach and Bridge Programs.

Point of Pride: Sustainability Award

The City of Carson recognized CSU Dominguez Hills at the annual Carson Business Awards event for its community partnerships that have resulted in significant water and power savings.
CSU Dominguez Hills received a grant for $50,000 from the L.A. County Board of Supervisors as an endowed scholarship in honor of outgoing L.A. County Supervisor Yvonne Braithwaite-Burke.

Matthew G. Mutchler, associate professor, Department of Sociology, received an award for $270,000 over two years from NIH, to study HIV, substance abuse and sexual behavior among African American and Latino young men.

The School of Education was awarded a $6,426,000 grant from the Department of Education under the school leadership program.

The university received $200,000 through an Omnibus Bill debated in Congress — an earmark to support the Entrepreneur and Small Business Institute in the College of Business Administration and Public Policy.

Nels Dennis Pearson, a 2008 CSU Dominguez Hills graduate, provided a $10,000 gift to fund a Colloquium Series for the Department of Physics.

Mohsen Beheshti, professor of computer science, received a $20,500 grant from Mt. San Antonio College for research titled “Regional Information Systems Security Center.”

BP awarded CSU Dominguez Hills $50,000 to create the BP Scholarship. The check was presented at the College of Business Administration and Public Policy’s annual awards luncheon.

The National Science Foundation has awarded three grants that total more than $1 million to CSU Dominguez Hills:

- $750,000 from the NSF Robert Noyce Scholarship Program to provide, over a five-year period, over $10,000 in scholarships to juniors and seniors majoring in math or the sciences.
- $193,262 from the NSF Paleoclimate Program to develop a record of monsoon rainfall variability of the past 2,000 years.
- $57,168 from the NSF Major Instrumentation Program to provide computer science research facilities on campus.

During FY 08-09, total gifts to the university increased by 21% and the number of donors increased by 37%.

### GIFT COMMITMENTS 2008-09

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During the 2008-09 fiscal year, philanthropic commitments were the second highest in campus history. These gifts enable the university to equip labs, improve facilities, provide scholarships for students, and develop programs to increase interest in science and mathematics.
University Life

While providing a critical academic resource to the region, CSU Dominguez Hills also provides our community with enriching cultural resources. Through our world-class University Art Gallery, University Theatre, film festivals, music competitions and guest lecturer series, the campus connects the community and students to internationally acclaimed artists, performers, writers and thinkers who bring a world of new ideas to our campus and community.

- Fourth Annual Student Research Day was held on campus, with the largest participation of student/faculty research, scholarship and creative activity to date; hosted by Office of Graduate Studies.
- Students and alumni volunteered their time and talents to create “A Day at the Beach” and “Bridge of Life” paintings for the Watts Mural Project at the Watts Health Center.
- CSU Dominguez Hills Job and Internship Fair brought 58 employers from corporations, nonprofit organizations, and city, county, state and federal agencies to campus; over 2,000 students attended.
- Who’s Who among Students in American Universities and Colleges Awards Ceremony was held, with the largest attendance in its history; honored students proudly participated with their families.

Point of Pride: Minority Male Success

CSU Dominguez Hills has launched an African American and Latino Male Success Initiative (AALMS) that serves as a think tank and clearinghouse for resources that support the successful education of young men of color.
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- ANIMO Latino Male Conference, an all day event that included mentorship, motivational speakers, empowerment, and information on achieving a successful education, was held on campus.
- The University Art Gallery hosted the exhibit Teapots: Object to Subject, which featured a collection of 50 of the finest entries from the Survey of Contemporary American Teapots; the Gallery also hosted works of art by two prominent Los Angeles ceramic artists at an exhibit titled Forth and Back: The Migration of Influence in the Work of Phyllis Green and Karen Koblitz.
- The Labor and Social Justice Fair was hosted on April 30, 2009 on campus in recognition of May Day; workshops covered the Employee Free Choice Act, careers in labor and other topics.
- Toro’s Day Pancake Breakfast event was held on campus; administrators and staff cooked and served pancakes to students welcoming them back to the spring semester.
- In honor of International Women’s Month, the Women’s Center and Women’s Studies Program at CSU Dominguez Hills co-hosted a film series during March 2009.
- Renowned playwright, poet, author and journalist Luis Alfaro spoke to students at the invitation of faculty members in the English and modern languages departments; Alfaro is the author of Electricidad, which played at the University Theatre in October.
- The Department of History, the History Club, the Center for Service Learning, Internships, & Civic Engagement and Toro Productions sponsored an exhibit of Citizenship and Migration: A Bi-National Collection of Immigrant Stories.
- Pizza & Philosophy: Food for Thought, a social event for philosophy majors and minors and students who are interested in pursuing a degree in philosophy, was held on campus.
- Participation in the 2009 Honors Convocation increased by 35% and the number of graduates attending Commencement 2009 grew by 20%. President and CEO for the L.A. Dodgers Jamie McCourt was the graduate commencement speaker and U.S. Secretary of Labor Hilda L. Solis gave the keynote address at the undergraduate commencement ceremony.
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**Academic Excellence and Innovation**

Known for academic excellence and innovation, CSU Dominguez Hills prepares students for the challenges of an ever-changing world. The highest standards of quality in teaching, research, scholarship and service broaden students’ minds and encourage engaged participation in a global society.

- Department of Modern Languages hosted the *International Symposium of Hispanic Literature: The Role of the Writer in the Hispanic World*; scholars and participants from around the world attended the symposium.
- *Consejo de Federaciones Mexicanas en Norteamérica (COFEM) Higher Education Summit* was held to raise awareness about postsecondary opportunities.
- CSU Dominguez Hills and Southwestern Law School have partnered on two new programs for undergraduate and graduate students pursuing careers in law: a joint J.D./M.A. program, and a 3+3 program through which students can earn their B.A. and J.D. degrees in six years.
- The California Faculty Association, CSU Dominguez Hills Chapter, hosted Dr. Gary Rhoades, the general secretary of the American Association of University Professors, who presented an excellent and timely talk, *The Necessity of Shared Governance for the Future of Higher Education*.
- Our Orthotics and Prosthetics Program (O&P) has been selected by the Naval Medical Center in San Diego to provide O&P services to returning soldiers from Iraq and Afghanistan.

**Point of Pride: MBA Program**

*CSU Dominguez Hills College of Business Administration and Public Policy launched an online MBA degree with a concentration in Human Resources in 2008.*
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Faculty and Staff Achievements

The faculty at CSU Dominguez Hills is well-known for their exemplary teaching skills as well as their significant contributions to research. University staff and administrators provide the vital leadership and support to fulfill the CSUDH mission. The faculty and staff together have made CSU Dominguez Hills a leader in high-quality, student-focused higher education for the South Bay community.

Following are examples of the outstanding achievements made this year by faculty and staff:

- Four of our faculty members attended the Teaching Entrepreneurship Conference at Syracuse University and our faculty won two awards for teaching cases in entrepreneurship.
- Hansonia Caldwell, emerita professor of music and scholar in the music of the African Diaspora, provided the clues needed to solve a mystery on an episode of PBS's History Detectives.
- Thomas Landefeld, professor of biology, gave career development seminars at several Historically Black Colleges and Universities in February, sponsored by the Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology (FASEB) Minority Access to Research Careers (MARC) program.
- Kenneth Ganezer, professor of physics, was appointed to the National Institutes of Health’s (NIH) study on Biomedicine and Surgical Sciences; Ganezer has also helped to secure NIH funding for the Minority Biomedical Research Support (MBRS) and Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) programs.
- Nancy Erbe, associate professor of Negotiation, Conflict Resolution and Peace Building (NCRP) and Fulbright scholar, spoke at Shaping Faculty Roles in Times of Change: Leadership for Student Learning, the annual conference of the American Association of Colleges and Universities in San Diego.
- The University Bookstore held a reception in September 2008 to unveil a special section of books authored or edited by faculty at CSU Dominguez Hills.
- Dr. Munashe Furusa, professor of Africana Studies and chair of the Academic Senate, received the 2008 Carson Black Chamber of Commerce Education Award.
- The 2009 Faculty Awards Reception honored 39 faculty members this year for their significant accomplishments as well as celebrated milestone anniversaries; faculty members chosen for significant accomplishments include:
  - Dr. Peter Desberg, professor, Graduate Education: Presidential Outstanding Professor Award
  - Dr. Jon Hauss, associate professor, English: Lyle E. Gibson Dominguez Hills Distinguished Teacher Award
  - Dr. Mohammad Eyadat, assistant professor, Computer Information Systems: Excellence in Service Award
  - Dr. Larry Rosen, professor, Psychology: Excellence in Research, Scholarship and Creative Activity Award
Campus Resources and Services

Reducing Energy Consumption

California State University, Dominguez Hills and other state institutions are major consumers of energy and natural resources. The university has a responsibility to be a wise steward of scarce resources by reducing the use of non-renewable resources, increasing energy efficiency, and as part of the large CSU system, promoting continued economic and ecological viability in California. Efforts this year include:

- All showerheads on campus are being replaced with low-flow versions; California Water Service Company (Cal Water) donated 150 showerheads and a grant from Cal Water will replace all urinals with low-flow models.

- The Rideshare Program benefits faculty, staff and students who commute to campus and offers a ridematching service, guaranteed ride home, preferential parking and commuter rewards; this year, the campus partnered with Metro to provide students with discounted bus passes.

Technology Accessibility

- CSU Accessible Technology Initiative (ATI) Program continued in its third year, making technology accessible to the disabled; accessible web templates are replacing all inaccessible pages across the campus website.

Point of Pride: Men’s Soccer

Congratulations to our 2008 NCAA Division II Men’s Soccer Champions, and to head coach Joe Flanagan, who was named Division II Coach of the Year by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America.