Prominent Rankings & Awards

CSULB has been ranked ninth best public regional university in the west by *U.S. News & World Report: America’s Best Colleges 2018*.

*Kiplinger’s Personal Finance* magazine recognized CSULB as a “Best College Value” for providing excellent academics while keeping costs to a minimum.

CSULB has been named one of the nation’s top “Best in the West” public universities by The Princeton Review’s “2018 Best Colleges: Region by Region” for its commitment to high-quality education at an affordable cost. CSULB also ranks among the top universities in Princeton Review’s 2018 “Colleges That Pay You Back.”

*Washington Monthly* named CSULB a “Best-Bang-for-the-Buck” college based on the economic value students receive per dollar for the fifth consecutive year.

Forbes magazine recognizes CSULB in the top 15 “America’s Best Value Colleges” for 2017 based on tuition costs, school quality and post-graduate success.

CSULB ranks among the top universities in the west according to *U.S. News & World Report* for a freshman retention rate of 89%.

*U.S. News & World Report* ranked CSULB in the top ten colleges in the nation for receiving the most freshmen applications out of 1,200 schools evaluated.

CSULB was one of two universities recognized by the American Association of State Colleges and Universities for student success and college completion. CSULB was also among eight universities to receive the association’s Excellence and Innovation Award.

CSULB received a $4.45 million grant from the National Institutes of Health to fund five years of its Research Initiative for Scientific Enhancement (RISE) program, as well as a $22.7 million grant for Building Infrastructure Leading to Diversity (BUILD), a research training program for underrepresented undergraduate students.

DIVERSE & TALENTED STUDENT BODY

CSULB is a diverse university providing high-quality education—CSULB students come from 85 countries, 47 states and 52 California counties.

CSULB’s annual Pow Wow, an American Indian social celebration, is the largest spring event of its kind in Southern California. This event focuses on displaying the university’s strong American Indian presence.
CSULB ranks third nationally in awarding bachelor’s degrees to minority students in Diverse Issues in Higher Education’s annual list of “Top 100 Degree Producers” and 10th in campus ethnic diversity among undergraduate institutions in the west by U.S. News & World Report.

The U.S. Department of Education has awarded CSULB a five-year, $4.4 million grant to promote Latino student success in STEM disciplines. CSULB has also received a five-year, $2.8 million grant to support the Hispanic Opportunities for Graduate Access and Retention program.

CSULB’s Accessible Instructional Materials (AIM) Center provides instructional materials for faculty and staff in an accessible format to assist students with disabilities.

A CSULB College of Liberal Arts alum received the Rhodes Scholarship, the world’s most prestigious student international scholarship program.

CSULB ranks fifth in the nation in the CollegeNET 2017 Upward Social Mobility Index which measures how universities educate economically disadvantaged students at lower tuition.

GLOBAL IMPACT

As part of our commitment to sustainability, CSULB will have the largest solar power system out of all 23 CSU campuses by Fall 2017. CSULB is committed to reaching a goal of climate neutrality by 2030.

CSULB received the Overall Sustainable Design award for its Liberal Arts Buildings 2, 3, and 4 Renovation Project during the California Higher Education Sustainability Conference.

The Division of Student Affairs oversees many of the campus’ student support programs and services, including the passport processing service, which only a few California universities offer.

CSULB was one of nine universities in the U.S. and Latin America awarded an innovation grant for study abroad and exchange programs under the “100,000 Strong in the Americas” initiative.

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