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Open House for New Paul Merage School of Business Building Set for May 8
Public Invited as UCI’s School of Business Celebrates

Irvine, CA – (April 22, 2015) – The open house celebration for UC Irvine’s new five-story Paul Merage School of Business building is scheduled to take place Friday, May 8th from 2:00 to 6:30 p.m. at 4293 Pereira Drive on the UC Irvine campus.

The public is invited to hear remarks from special guests including Assemblyman Don Wagner, Chancellor Howard Gillman, business school namesake Paul Merage, and UC Irvine campus architect Rebekah Gladson. Dean Eric Spangenberg and former Dean Andrew J. Policano will lead a ribbon cutting ceremony, followed by self-guided tours and light refreshments.

“Officially opening this building marks a tremendous milestone in the history of our school and we are grateful to the support received for this project which accurately reflects the importance our supporters place on educational excellence in business. The new facility better enables us to strengthen our connections with business and community members, faculty and students while cementing our position at the forefront of innovation, collaboration, research and technology in Orange County,” said Merage School Dean Eric Spangenberg.

In step with UC Irvine’s Green Campus Initiative, the new business school building was designed and built to meet Platinum-level LEED (Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design) green building certification standards with special attention paid to water and energy efficiency, materials and resource management. The certification process is underway with the U.S. Green Building Council.

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“UC Irvine is a leader in sustainable site planning and high performance building. Our business school building is no exception. With strategic design and consideration of holistic sustainability practices, the School of Business is confident the new building will achieve Platinum-level certification,” said John Clarke, assistant dean and CIO for the Merage School.

The new, 78,000-square-foot Merage School building is now complete and serves as home to a beautiful high-tech 300-seat auditorium, several of the Merage School’s Centers of Excellence, a unique Charles Schwab® Trading and Technology Lab, and a 70-seat Lyman W. Porter Colloquia Room & Executive Terrace for pre- and post-function events. Other features include 70-seat and 90-seat case-study classrooms, a multi-purpose classroom and 20 small group study rooms. A 4,000 square foot “grand terrace” overlooking a new courtyard is also part of this project, as well as an abundance of indoor/outdoor dining space including two new restaurants—Au Bon Pain and Starbucks—along with many academic and administrative offices.

RSVP is requested to attend the Open House celebration. Please visit merage.uci.edu/RegisterEvent/BuildingOpenHouse to register. Parking information will be provided following your reservation.

About The Paul Merage School of Business at UC Irvine
The Paul Merage School of Business at UC Irvine offers four dynamic MBA programs – plus PhD, specialty masters and undergraduate business degrees – that graduate business leaders with the exceptional ability to help grow their organizations through strategic innovation, analytical decision-making, information technology and collaborative execution. While the Merage School is relatively young, it has quickly grown to consistently rank among the top five to 10 percent of all AACSB-accredited programs through exceptional student recruitment, world-class faculty, a strong alumni network and close relationships with both individual business executives and global corporations. Additional information is available at http://merage.uci.edu/

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