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Under his leadership, UCI was recognized by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency with a 2014 Climate Leadership Award for Organizational Leadership for reducing greenhouse gas emissions and addressing climate change. The campus received California’s highest environmental award, the Governor’s Environmental and Economic Leadership Award, in 2008 and again in 2013; has earned numerous accolades for sustainability, including a 2009 EPA Environmental Leadership Achievement Award; and has been on Sierra magazine’s Top 10 list of greenest campuses for the past five years, coming in at No. 1 in 2014 and again in 2015. The campus currently has 13 LEED Platinum and eight LEED Gold buildings, among the most at any campus in the U.S.

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