



Susan and Henry Samueli College of Health Sciences
Quotes supporting gift and vision

“One of the root causes of our country’s healthcare challenges is our failure to focus on prevention and well-being. We need to do better at preventing diseases rather than just treating them. UC Irvine is making much-needed investments in this area, and I congratulate them on this very generous donation.”

– *Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-Calif.)*

“We know from our research that more than one-third of American adults use some form of complementary health approach. The role of complementary health approaches in promoting positive health behaviors is an exciting area of investigation, particularly when so many are faced with chronic conditions impacted by lifestyle. I remain committed to supporting rigorous research to explore scientific questions about complementary health practices to better understand how they impact overall health.”

– *Josephine P. Briggs, M.D., director of the National Center for Complementary and Integrative Health at the National Institutes of Health.*

“When it comes to curing disease or repairing injury, our current medical system can make miracles seem almost routine. But battling chronic illness, or simply pursuing wellness, itself, requires a different strategy to create lifelong health and wellbeing. Doctors, nurses, pharmacists, and other health professionals can play a central role in helping to foster health and well-being. That requires a transformation in how health care is delivered. UCI’s new focus on integrative health will train the professionals and advance the knowledge base that we need to support a future that values promoting health as much as it values reducing disease.”

– *Don Berwick, MD, President Emeritus, Institute for Healthcare Improvement, Former Administrator of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services*

“Public health is all about protecting health and preventing illness and injury. This significant investment will strengthen our understanding of prevention and our approach to assuring the health of the whole person and whole community. It represents an extraordinary commitment toward improving health and wellness for all.”

– *Georges C. Benjamin, MD, MACP, FACEP(E), FNAPA, Hon FRSPH, Hon FFPH
Executive Director, American Public Health Association*

“We are thrilled that UCI is bringing together traditional medicine with complementary and alternative ways to treat and prevent illness. This innovative approach supports total health, which should benefit women in Orange County and beyond.”

– *Allyson Sonenshine, director, Orange County Women’s Health Project*