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OSHER LIFELONG LEARNING INSTITUTE AT UC DAVIS

AWARDED \$1 MILLION ENDOWMENT

DAVIS, Calif.—The University of California, Davis has received a \$1 million endowment grant from the Bernard Osher Foundation to provide continued support for the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI)—the university's lifelong learning program serving local seniors. UC Davis is one of only 26 colleges and universities in the country to receive this prestigious foundation endowment.

Managed by UC Davis Extension in partnership with a volunteer board of directors, the member-driven OLLI program offers a diverse array of continuing education opportunities each quarter for our regional community.

"UC Davis Extension is proud to be the home of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute and to work with community volunteers in presenting educational classes and events for seasoned adult learners in Davis and the surrounding region," said UC Davis Extension Dean Dennis Pendleton. He said the endowment will help underwrite the operation of the program and enable Extension to keep membership costs and class fees low.

With the endowment, UC Davis joins a national network of Osher Lifelong Learning Institutes. "Beyond the financial support, the endowment serves to confirm an ongoing connection and working relationship with a national network of similar institutes in universities across the country," said Pendleton. "The Foundation and the national resource center at the heart of this network provide new and fresh program ideas and resources to help in solving problems and in expanding and enhancing the programs of OLLI of UC Davis."

Kicking off the fall quarter Sept. 15, OLLI's program line-up includes 30 courses in a variety of subjects including current events, politics and memoir writing, tours of the UC Davis Arboretum and film viewings at the Varsity Theater. Partnering with KVIE, OLLI will also

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present a special facilitator-guided discussion of World War II that complements Ken Burns' seven-part PBS series entitled, "The War."

"We will continue to improve our programs. We hope we will attract even more members allowing us to grow and expand," said Lois Partridge, OLLI board president.

UC Davis Extension has been a partner in providing educational programs specifically for seniors for nearly a decade. The first courses were offered in fall 1998 through a community initiated program then called Senior Learning Unlimited. Since then, the organization has grown to include more than 550 members and offers dozens of courses, lectures, film viewings and educational travel programs each quarter.

The Bernard Osher Foundation, headquartered in San Francisco, was founded in 1977 by Bernard Osher, a respected businessman and community leader. It seeks to improve quality of life through support for higher education and the arts. His philanthropy has helped countless organizations during the past 30 years, including 115 lifelong learning institutes from Maine to Hawaii.

For more information, to apply for membership or to enroll please call (530) 757-8777, (800) 752-0881 or visit www.extension.ucdavis.edu/olli.

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