



## UCLA Newsroom: Happy 100th Birthday UCLA. Here's How it All Started

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The University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA) turns 100 years old on May 23<sup>rd</sup>. UCLA came into existence after World War I. Following the prosperity of the 1920s, the economic downturn of the depression led UCLA to move its campus from Vermont Avenue in Los Angeles to a new place on the map, Westwood.

To find a suitable campus home, UCLA turned to a committee of Los Angeles civic leaders led by O'Melveny namesake, attorney Henry W. O'Melveny. The committee settled on Westwood, a new community that would lay in the direction of Los Angeles' inevitable westward expansion.

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