Innovation for the public good: A bedrock value and launchpad to the future

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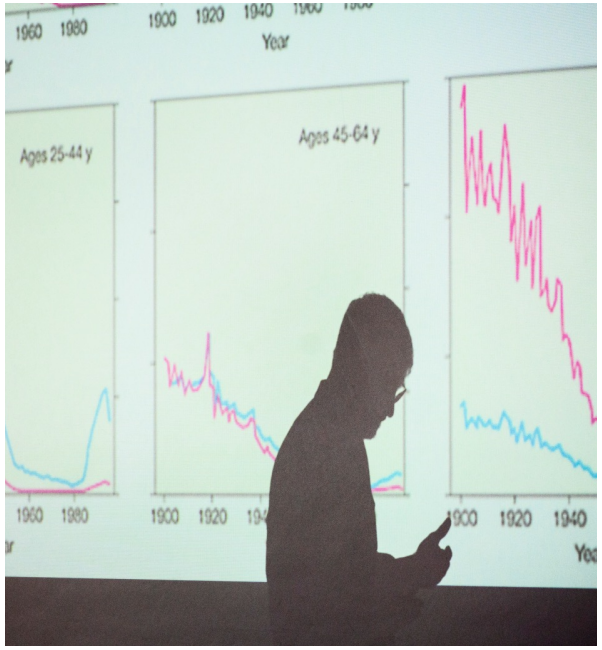
A year of challenges

A year of innovation and excellence

A year of excellence in education

- **4-year graduation rate** is highest ever
- **6-year graduation rate** is highest ever (and top 10 in the U.S.)
- Average time-to-degree of **3.84 calendar years** is shortest ever
- Conferred a record **12,407 degrees**
- **65%** of undergrads graduate with **NO student debt**

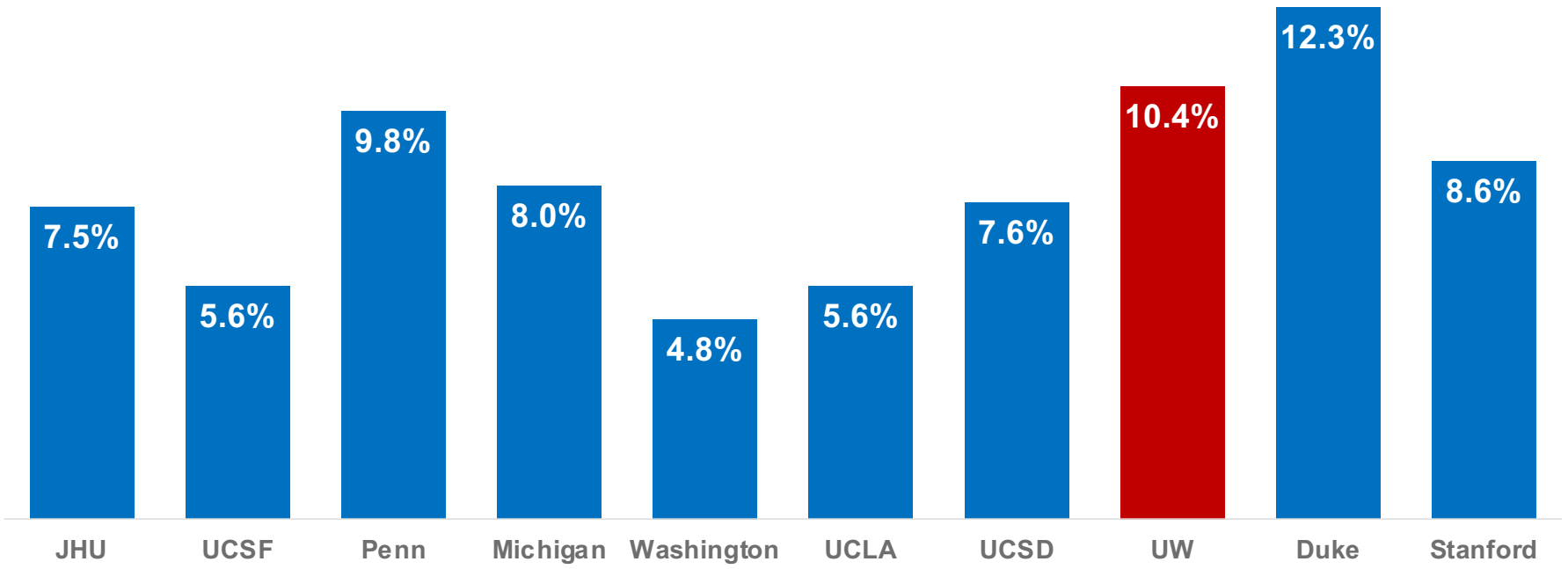
A year of excellence in research



Top 10 universities by research expenditures

1. Johns Hopkins University
2. University of California, San Francisco
3. University of Pennsylvania
4. University of Michigan
5. University of Washington, Seattle
6. University of California, Los Angeles
7. University of California, San Diego
8. **University of Wisconsin–Madison**
9. Duke University
10. Stanford University

Increase in total research expenditures for top 10



Driving innovation: Regional Tech Hub

Building for the future

Babcock Hall & Center
for Dairy Research

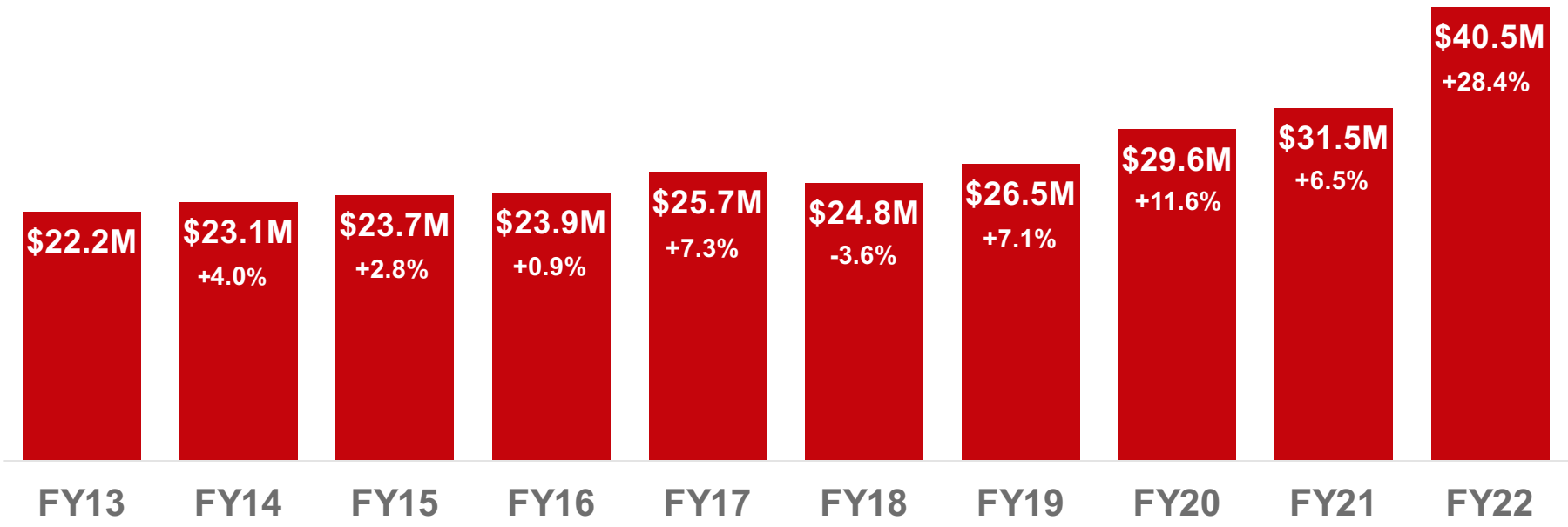
School of Veterinary Medicine

Building for the future

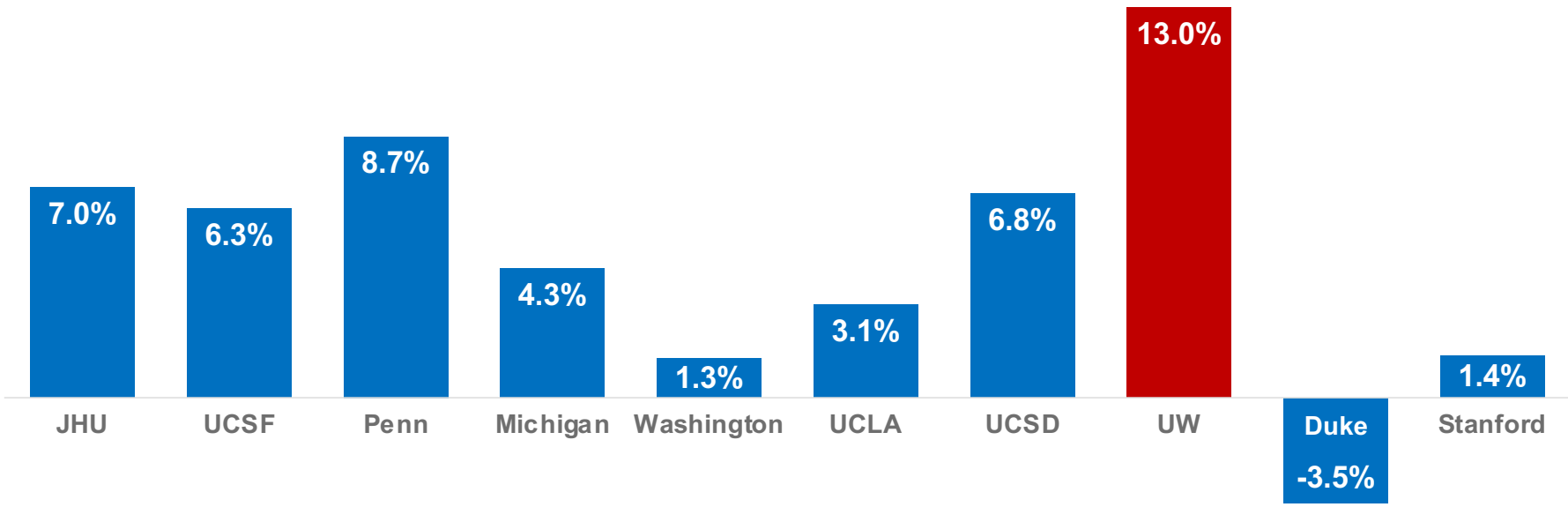
School of Computer, Data & Information Sciences

A new facility for Engineering

10-year growth in industry R&D expenditures



Average increase in industry R&D expenditures among top 10, 2018-2022



Excellence in outreach

Building future excellence

Putting together an outstanding new class

66,000 applications

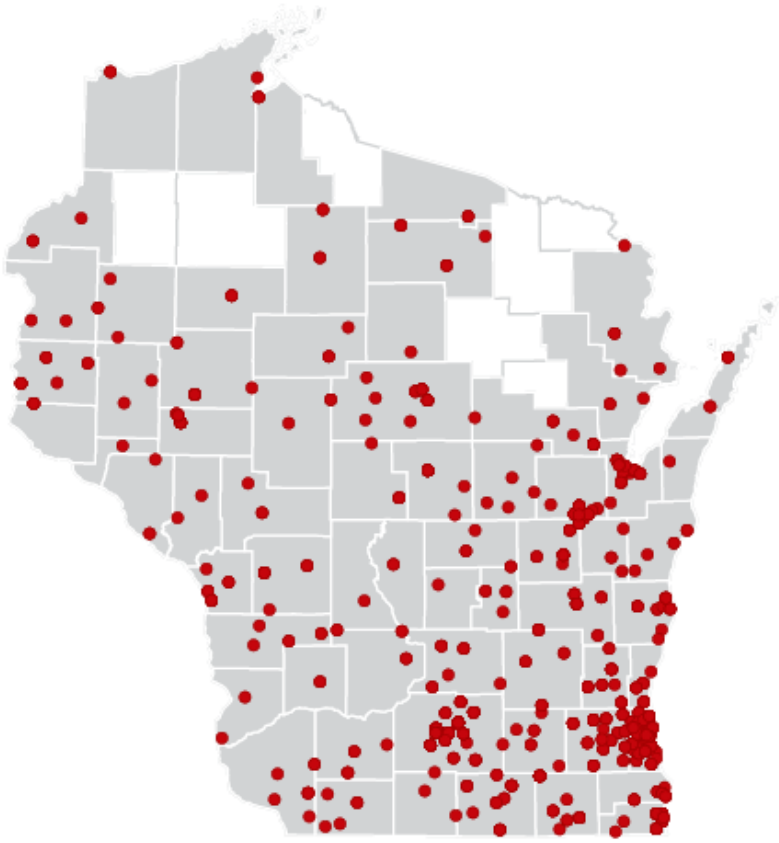
Another record-breaking year!

Innovating for the public good in access/affordability

Bucky's Pell Pathway

- High school or previous institution with at least one new Bucky's Pell Pathway recipient

County with at least one new Bucky's Pell Pathway recipient



Mattie Place

Wisconsin Tribal Educational Promise Program

Looking forward:
Innovating for the public good in education

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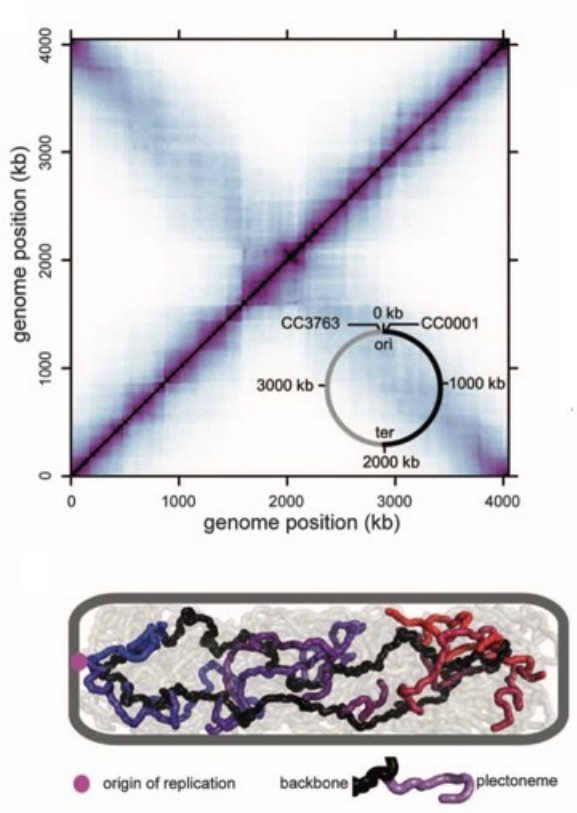
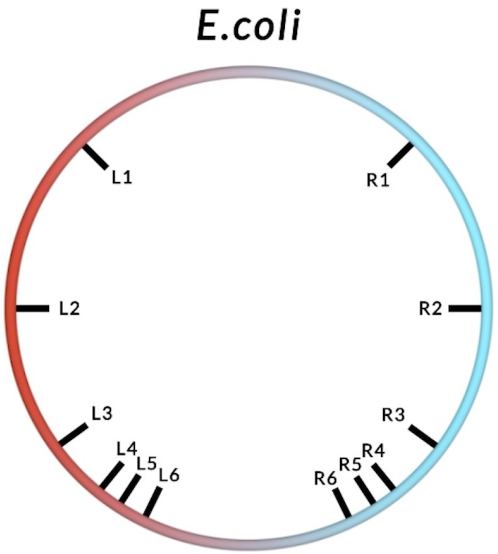
Small changes, big results





Looking forward: Innovating for the public good in research

- Nourishing entrepreneurship
- Advancing sustainability
- Catalyzing excellence to take on grand challenges

Looking forward: Nourishing entrepreneurship

Chris Kozina

Jon Eckhardt

Valarie King Bailey

Zach Ellis

Rock Mackie

Scott Resnick

Anne Smith

Looking forward:
Innovating for the public good in sustainability

Five goals for sustainability leadership

UW–Madison will:

- Establish itself as a premier destination for sustainability research by launching the **Sustainability Research Hub**
- Ensure **all students have sustainability touchpoints** during their UW–Madison experience by 2030
- Implement an actionable, research-backed climate action plan to achieve **100% renewable electricity by 2030** and **net-zero emissions by 2048** (UW–Madison bicentennial)
- Manage materials sustainably from procurement to reuse, achieving **Zero Waste by 2040**
- Involve the entire campus in sustainability efforts and earn a **STARS Gold rating by 2025**

Wisconsin RISE

Research, Innovation, and Scholarly Excellence

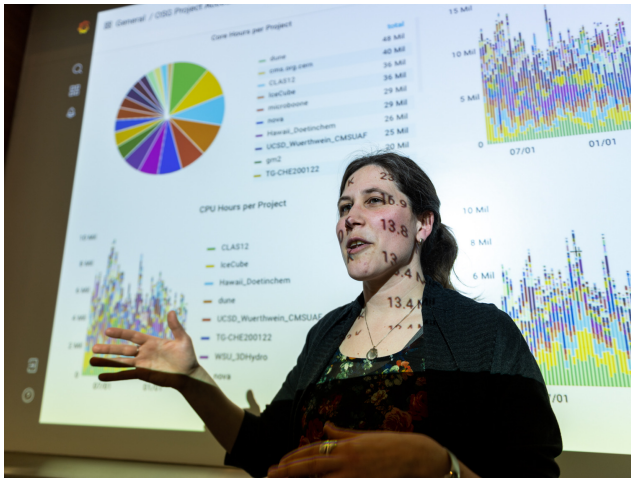
Artificial Intelligence

Pioneers in Artificial Intelligence

Miron Livny

Juan Caicedo

Artificial Intelligence Across Disciplines



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