



Campus Update, September 2015

June 2015-August 2015

New 'askUS' Portal Simplifies Access to Operations Services

On June 16, 2015, Berkeley Lab's Operations unit launched a pilot of its unified services portal. The Human Resources Division is currently serving as the pilot group. Users can search or browse various services, get more information about them, request services, and track their fulfillment. The askUS portal will continue to evolve over the next 18 months until all Operations services are represented in a single, easy to use interface. askUS is powered by Service Now, a case management tool.

'Lab Voices' to Enliven the Stage at Diversity Cultural Festival

On October 28, 2015, Berkeley Lab will host its 5th annual Diversity Cultural Festival. Organizers are seeking staff volunteers who are willing to share their story or career journey. In the spirit of a "poetry slam," staff members are encouraged to share their personal vignettes, which will provide a rich sampling of the different perspectives and experiences that flourish at the Lab.

Talk on Berkeley Lab's National & Homeland Security Program

On July 29th, John Valentine, Program Manager, gave brown bag talk about his role at Berkeley Lab. This talk was designed to share with Berkeley Lab staff a high-level overview of the various projects managed through the Berkeley Lab's National & Homeland Security Office, which coordinates high-impact, unclassified projects with US government security agencies.

July 20 Film Screening to Commemorate Americans with Disabilities Act

On July 20, 2015, the Diversity and Inclusion Council hosted a brown bag screening of "Music Within." The film depicts the true story of Richard Pimentel, who returns home from the Vietnam War after being severely hearing-impaired, and finds a new purpose to establish the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). This screening was in commemoration of the ADA's 25th anniversary.

WSEC's 2nd Parenting Glass on July 29th

The Women Scientists and Engineers Council (which is open to all staff members) hosted a parenting class on July 29, 2015. The topic was "How Can I Get My Child to Listen?" This initiative is aligned with the Family-Friendly Workplace campaign at Berkeley Lab.