



Berkeley Staff Assembly

Campus Update
June 2015

BSA Chancellor's Chat Event

On April 17, Chancellor Nicholas Dirks met with staff for the Berkeley Staff Assembly's annual Chancellor's Chat. Many staff members attended the event in person at the Energy Biosciences Building, while others tuned in to the video stream online. During the 75-minute event, the Chancellor and staff tackled a broad range of issues (topics were solicited from staff in advance) spanning staff communications, compensation, Operational Excellence, ongoing budget woes, and updates on new growth pillars. Chancellor Dirks' opening comments directly addressed many of these agenda items, and in the second part of the program, the Chancellor sought feedback and further questions from the audience. To view the event in its entirety, visit <http://bsa.berkeley.edu/upcoming-events>.

Excellence in Management Awards

On May 14, 2016 39 managers nominated by their supervisees were honored at the 27th annual Excellence in Management Awards at the Clark Kerr Campus. This year's theme was "Architect of Empowerment," recognizing supervisors who are addressing the needs of their units and individual employees in one or more of the following ways: soliciting new ideas and encouraging innovation; fostering professional development; and inspiring staff to excel. The presenters read quotations from each awardee's staff as they were honored with an awards certificate. Light refreshments were served.

BSA Mentorship Alumni Group Forming

As an offshoot of the successful BSA Mentorship Program, a number of former mentees from the program are gathering to form a Mentorship Alumni Group. The group aim to assist new staff on campus by sharing their collective knowledge and skills. They meet once a month over the lunch hour to network, gather resources to pass on, or listen to panel speakers. They put out a call to BSA members asking: "How can we help make campus a better place for all of us to work?" and "How can we help each other through the changes occurring?" in hopes of tapping the collective wisdom on campus to make a difference.

Next Opportunity at Work (NOW) Conference Announced

Chancellor Dirks announced that he is sponsoring the 3rd annual Next Opportunity at Work Staff Career Development Conference (NOW Conference), which will take place in Memorial Stadium on Friday, July 10, 2015. The all-day NOW Conference will include inspiring keynote speakers and small-scale breakout sessions that will provide you with resources and tools for, among other things, career planning, professional development and, strategic social networking. Details are at <http://diversity.berkeley.edu/2015NOW>.

Staff Appreciation Week

Assistant Vice Chancellor for HR Jeannine Raymond announced Staff Appreciation Week (June 8 – 12): five days of events and activities to recognize and celebrate staff contributions focusing on the theme 'Legacy of Excellence':
Monday 6/8: Keynote Speaker Prof. Dana Carney from the Haas School of Business will speak on "The Power of Ordinary, Everyday Nonverbal Behaviors." Tuesday 6/9: Staff Stroll - walk with colleagues and take that campus tour you've never quite gotten around to. Also, we focus on 'Ways to Say Thank You', starting with a special video message from the Chancellor. Wednesday 6/10: Summerfest! It's back - recognizing and celebrating the accomplishments of our exceptional staff with food and entertainment. Thursday 6/11: Staff Spotlight - Learn more about your fellow Berkeley staff members as we shine a light on how their talents and hobbies have come to influence their everyday work on campus. Friday 6/12: Cal Walks at Work Day - Get out and strut your stuff in a fun and music-filled half hour walk around campus!
All week long, we are also featuring special offers for staff, on coffee, meals, RecSports and more.

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