



Campus Update Summer 2017

UC president announces pick for UC Berkeley Chancellor

University of California President Janet Napolitano today (March 13) announced that she has selected Carol T. Christ, UC Berkeley's interim executive vice chancellor and provost and the former president of Smith College, as her choice to become the campus's next chancellor, the first woman to serve in the role. Christ, a Victorian literature scholar, came to UC Berkeley as an assistant professor in 1970 — at a time when only 3 percent of the faculty were women — and became chair of the English department in 1985. Three years later she was appointed dean of humanities, and in 1989, she became provost and dean of the College of Letters and Science. The UC Board of Regents voted to nominate Christ during a special session held concurrently with the regular board meeting at UC San Francisco's Mission Bay campus. It was approved by the regents, and Christ, 72, becomes UC Berkeley's 11th chancellor, effective July 1. The current chancellor, Nicholas B. Dirks, announced in August that he would step down to return to teaching and research once a successor is in place.

Berkeley Staff Assembly Excellence in Management Staff Awards

On Tuesday, April 25, the Berkeley Staff Assembly held its annual Excellence in Management Awards ceremony. The BSA Excellence in Management Committee seeks to improve the quality of life in the workplace by identifying and publicly recognizing outstanding managers and supervisors. The Excellence in Management award, now in its 29th year, provides an opportunity for career employees to acknowledge the exemplary contributions of their supervisors. This year's theme was "Art of Mindful Gardening", recognizing supervisor and manager staff who are supporting the efforts of their teams to live by the Berkeley Operating Principle "We include and excel, together," to foster professional development and inspire staff to excel. As an added special acknowledgement, Cheryl Olson and Jeanette Robinson presented the CUCSA Kevin McCauley Outstanding Staff Award to this year's recipient, Mark J. Brindle, for his exemplary contribution and acknowledgement of his work on behalf of staff with disabilities.

Staff Appreciation Week

UC Berkeley's Annual Staff Appreciation Week is scheduled to kick off on June 12 through June 16, 2017. This year's theme is "We Are Berkeley", and acknowledges staff's commitment and contribution to the university's public mission of teaching and research by serving as the backbone dedicated to the mission of the [#1 ranked teaching and research university](#). Scheduled events include Keynote Speaker, Chancellor Designate Carol Christ welcoming Vice Chancellor Na'ilah Nasir, who will share insights from her research and efforts leading equity & inclusion for UC Berkeley. On Wednesday, June 14, the Summerfest celebration continues with good food, fun, giveaways, and entertainment, and of course, the famous signature tee shirt. On Friday, June 16, "UC Walks" begins in Memorial Glade for staff to join UC leaders for walking, dancing, prizes and more giveaways. BSA and CUCSA delegates participated in the advisory planning group for Staff Appreciation Week 2017, and plans are now underway to develop a year-long staff appreciation program.

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