



## UC Merced Campus Update Summer 2017

### **Chancellor Hosts All Staff Meeting**

Several hundred UC Merced staff members kicked off the 2017 spring semester with a briefing from Chancellor Dorothy Leland, who provided updates on several key initiatives, topics and upcoming programs during the campus' second Annual Staff Meeting.

### **Staff Selected for Systemwide Women's Initiative for Professional Development**

The Chancellor's Advisory Committee on the Status of Women (CACSW) recently announced the UC Merced cohort selected to participate in the University of California Women's Initiative for Professional Development. The initiative is an experiential program supported in part by the UC Office of the President and designed for mid-career women who demonstrate the potential to advance their careers at UC. The 2017 staff participants from UC Merced were Yesenia Curiel, Amy Moffat and Fatima Paul.

### **Wellness at UC Merced**

The Wellness Committee met regularly during the spring to discuss developing a new staff wellness program. Several committee members held wellness and walk-and-talk events where staff members were invited to take a stroll together and share their wellness ideas. In addition, the committee plans to distribute a survey to gather ideas about wellness activities, programs and resources that promote physical, financial, emotional and social wellness.

### **Staff Supports United Way campaign**

The 2017 UC Merced United Way campaign was a big success thanks to the campus community's generosity and the tireless planning efforts of many participants and organizers. Employees who support the United Way by participating through payroll deductions increased by 4.6 percent. The campus's 2017 United Way campaign also marked the first time it was organized as a Staff Assembly committee with executive board members serving as campaign co-chairs.

### **New Employee Orientation/Build Your Network**

Human Resources collaborated with UC Merced Staff Assembly and the Office of Campus Climate to develop an outcome-based orientation program that will position new hires for success. The program is designed to engage employees via participatory and experiential learning exercises delivered in three phases. The first revamped New Employee Orientation occurred June 2, and the first Build Your Network program — an optional six-month onboarding program led by campus ambassadors that offers social, cultural and professional guidance to newcomers — is scheduled for June 16.

### **Staff Appreciation Week 2017**

Staff Appreciation Week was one for the record books. With nearly 450 employees at the May 16 kickoff breakfast and more than 600 at the May 19 picnic, this year's events drew participation from a significant portion of staff. Record attendance wasn't the only surprise of the week. During the Staff Picnic, Chancellor Dorothy Leland was caught off guard by the honor of receiving the Council of UC Staff Assemblies (CUCSA) 2017 Outstanding Senior Leadership Award. CUCSA Chair Rejeana Mathis of UCLA and Chair-Elect Lina Layiktezh of UC Davis presented the award along with UC Merced Staff Assembly President Pam Taylor and Vice President David Ellington, Leland's nominators.

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