

**UCOP Campus Update
June 2016**

Staff Engagement Survey Results

Thera Kalmijn, Executive Director UCOP Operations, has drafted the UCOP Employee Engagement Working Plan, along with a workgroup that includes the Chair of Staff Assembly. UCOP has recently hired Joanna Trammell, UCOP Operations Program Manager for Culture and Engagement, who will be the point person for the workgroup moving forward.

Take our Daughters and Sons to Work Day (TODSTWD)

OP's Staff Assembly successfully co-sponsored, along with the Office of the COO, its second annual TODSTWD event on April 28th, with over 80 kids participating!

Divided into 10 groups, the kids were escorted by energetic staff volunteers to a series of activities designed specifically for their age, which ranged from 5 to 17. Created and delivered by over 50 staff members from 13 different departments, these entertaining and informative sessions dealt with topics ranging from healthy eating to negotiation skills to computer coding to anatomy. Several "Kid Ambassadors" co-facilitated select sessions with poise and humor. (Cited from UCOP Link: [http://link.ucop.edu/2016/05/09/skeletons-smashers-and-blowers-the-kids-come-back-to-ucop/.](http://link.ucop.edu/2016/05/09/skeletons-smashers-and-blowers-the-kids-come-back-to-ucop/))

Flavors of Oakland

OP Staff Assembly, APISA and Oakland Partnership are jointly sponsoring a presentation from the author and photographer of the cookbook "The Flavors of Oakland: Celebrating Oakland One Dish At A Time." Chef Elazar Sontag and Anya Ku — a UC Berkeley student majoring in Political Science — will present their discoveries of diversity from interviewing dozens of home cooks from different cultures throughout Oakland.

In their book, Sontag and Ku use biographies, recipes and photographs to capture the essence of each "flavor" of Oakland. Their larger project aims to use food as a means to bring people together and break down barriers between the many cultures represented in Oakland. (Cited from UCOP Link: [http://link.ucop.edu/2016/02/29/brown-bag-on-march-1-flavors-of-oakland/.](http://link.ucop.edu/2016/02/29/brown-bag-on-march-1-flavors-of-oakland/))

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