

Campus Update

A Cord of Confidence

Each spring, UC San Diego hosts a series of receptions to welcome a special group of incoming students—Chancellor’s Associates Scholars. Most of these students are the first in their families to embark upon a university education. Many come from underserved areas of San Diego and Imperial counties. All of them are motivated to achieve their goals and dreams. To welcome these new UC San Diego students, Chancellor Pradeep K. Khosla has a tradition—he gives them an honor cord, which most UC San Diego students will only receive upon graduation. The meaning is significant.

“These cords represent the confidence we have in you,” Khosla told the incoming students at one of the recent receptions, “and our pledge to help you throughout your academic career.” Chancellor Khosla launched the Chancellor’s Associates Scholarship Program in 2013 to improve the pathway for qualified local students to achieve a UC San Diego education. When combined with other financial aid, the Chancellor’s Associates Scholarship Program provides eligible students with essentially a full scholarship. http://ucsdnews.ucsd.edu/feature/a_cord_of_confidence

MAP

UCSD is offering its inaugural Mentor Assistance Program (MAP) for high school students seeking mentor guidance in a wide array of interests to support their research. We hope to engage a diverse group of talented high school students from around the San Diego County to participate in this mentoring opportunity. The goal is to give them the ability to enhance their knowledge and understanding of their particular research interest. The UCSD MAP program facilitates a connection between interested students and prospective mentors by providing the opportunity for communication with staff and faculty in interested fields. <http://blink.ucsd.edu/files/homepage/MAP-mentor-flyer.pdf>

Triton 5K

In the early morning hours of Saturday, June 6, more than 3,000 members of the UC San Diego community will gather in support of student scholarships by participating in the 19th annual Triton 5K and Festival. Over the years, the 5K has raised more than \$3.9 million in scholarships benefiting more than 1,000 deserving students. The Triton 5K is sanctioned by USA Track and Field (USATF) and will feature wave starts with participants grouped according to pace, ensuring ample space for everyone to complete the race at their own comfort level. Additionally, the course is stroller and pet-friendly.

New Vice Chancellor and CHRO Search

- The newest member of our Vice Chancellor Cabinet is Becky Petitt, Vice Chancellor of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion. She will serve as the lead senior executive responsible for providing a holistic and integrated vision on all major equity, diversity and inclusion efforts. Petitt brings to UC San Diego 24 years of progressive leadership experience in diversity work across the

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university community, most recently at Texas A&M University as Associate Vice President Diversity.

http://ucsdnews.ucsd.edu/feature/becky_petitt_named_uc_san_diegos_vice_chancellor_for_equity_diversity

- The CHRO Search is entering into the final phases. The search committee interviewed several well qualified candidates and the final candidates will meet with the Chancellor this week and next. The candidates will also meet will members of our staff affiliation groups, human resources, and others. We expect a decision to be made by the end of June.