



Campus Update, March 2015

December 2015 - February 2015

Michael Witherell Announced as New Lab Director

On January 21, 2016, UC Regents announced that Dr. Mike Witherell was appointed as the new Berkeley Lab Director. He will start his new position at Berkeley Lab effective March 1, 2016. Witherell is currently the Vice Chancellor for Research at UC Santa Barbara. Witherell has previous National Laboratory experience and is the former director of Fermi National Lab. On January 29, 2016, Witherell held his first Town Hall meeting at Berkeley Lab employees.

Berkeley Lab Marks Black History Month – Profiles of Employees

Berkeley Lab's Diversity & Inclusion Office has been profiling the diversity of employees of the Lab by sharing stories of its diverse employees on specific months that recognize and celebrate diverse groups. For Black History Month, three employee profiles were shared. The profiles not only show the diversity in the individuals and their backgrounds, but also the diversity in the type of work they do – be it science, scientific support or business operations. These articles have been well received by Lab employees as they are fun to read as we learn about our colleagues.

WSEC and D&I Council Hosts Fourth Parenting Class

On January 26, 2016, the Women Scientists and Engineering Council (WSEC) and Diversity & Inclusion (D&I) Council co-hosted its fourth parenting class, from a six class series, "How to Set Limits That Stick." These classes are open to all Lab employees including their spouses and partners at no cost.

Berkeley Lab 2016 Employee Survey

Berkeley Lab launched an employee survey on January 19, 2016 and employees have until February 5, 2016 to respond. The survey was designed to assess where employees feel positively about working at Berkeley Lab and where they do not. This survey was first initiated in 2010, and it is expected that the feedback received will help Laboratory and division senior leaders identify specific actions and priorities to help make Berkeley Lab an even better place to work. The survey was distributed to all Career, Term, Faculty and Postdoctoral employees. The Lab achieved a 71% response rate. Results will be provided in March.



New Pedestrian Safety Poster – All Eyes on Safety Contest

In December, employees were encouraged to submit photos as part of the All Eyes on Safety contest. This contest was hosted by Berkeley Lab’s Deputy Director, Horst Simon as part of the EH&S division’s drive to improve safety culture by engaging employees. Fourteen employees submitted their entries and the winner was a Staff Scientist who took a photo of jaywalking turkey footprints. Employees are encouraged to think of safety not only at work, but also at home. In addition to the photo contest, Berkeley Lab shared safety tips on holiday fire safety reminding employees of holiday hazards including tree light, candles and other hazards that may be associated with holiday festivities.

