



Build Your Network (BYN) (June)

In partnership with Human Resources and Staff Assembly, new staff were invited to join the inaugural Build Your Network (BYN) program. BYN lasts for up to six months for new employees and connects experienced staff members known as ambassadors with new staff members in efforts to expand networking and learning opportunities. The program aligns with our New Employee Orientation (NEO) program. Monthly seminars are led by university experts and facilitated by the BYN ambassadors and include the following:

- Know Your Campus and Your Resources
- Tips and Tricks: How to Get Things Done
- UC Merced: Past, Present and Future
- Contribute to Campus Innovation and Growth
- Your Role in a Research University
- Connect to Campus and the Community

New Executive Board and Orientation (July)

Staff Assembly welcomed a new Executive Board, and hosted an orientation for previous members and new board members to network. Previous board members provided guidance and tips to new board members for their respective roles.

Staff Hiring Plan

Senior Leadership conducted a number of working groups that included faculty and Staff Assembly appointed representatives to assess and provide recommendations for the university's hiring needs over the next two years. The working groups provided these recommendations to Chancellor Leland and up to 44 new staff positions were identified. Next steps are for campus leadership to meet with the units that will be receiving these positions as the campus grows and changes with the 2020 Project.



Fall Staff Convocation (August)

Chancellor Leland and Staff Assembly hosted the third annual staff convocation in August to kick off the new academic year. The event was standing room only, and the Chancellor's state-of-the-campus message about growth and challenges was well received. Staff Assembly announced the winners of the Staff Excellence awards. Five stellar staff members were honored. Also Chancellor announced the winners of the Chancellor's Innovation Awards.

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