



### **LBNL Staff Association is Named and Formed!**

Sponsor Chief Human Resource Officer (CHRO) together with past LBNL CUCSA alumni and current LBNL CUCSA delegate founded a new community called the LBNL Staff Association to champion staff's interest. (See attached LBNL Staff Association Chart.) Several programs offered by LBNL Staff Association are brand new while other programs are integrated through partnership with current committees and other employee associations. Currently, there are four main programs available for Staff's participation and they are Staff Forum, Social Activity, Networking, and CUCSA.

- Staff Forum – the goal is to provide Staff to gain knowledge about Lab projects such as the Lab Second Campus and Next Generation Light Source and explore issues affecting workplace quality of life.
- Social Activity – LBNL Staff Association is teaming up with the Employee Activities Association to organize events such as annual staff picnic, holiday party, ice-cream social (scoop ice-cream by the Lab Director or Deputy Director) for staff appreciation and morale boosting.
- Networking – this unique opportunity is to enhance communication and information sharing between UC and LBNL Staff via UC Staff visiting the Lab and LBNL Staff visiting UC Campuses
- CUCSA – current CUCSA delegate will provide updates on various matters of interest to staff such as Post Employment Benefits, Educational Fee Waivers for Dependents, lessons learned from Operational Excellence, and ideas for recruitment and retention.

### **Staff Invited to Participate in 'Active for Life' Program**

We're extremely pleased to bring the "Active For Life" program back for our Lab employees. Active for Life is an eight-week program that encourages employees to be more physically active by setting activity goals and forming teams for motivation and support. Participants earn a point for each minute of daily activity, which is added to their total point goal. Berkeley Lab is participating in this fun-filled competition along with five other DOE national labs. In addition, this program is in partnership with the American Cancer Society! An information meeting was held on Monday, April 9, in Perseverance Hall at the Lab.

### **Cal Japanese Taiko Drumming Group Performed at Lab**

The Lab's Diversity and Inclusion Council hosted a visit by Cal Raijin Taiko, a UC Berkeley student group that performed Japanese drumming. Taiko is a dramatic art form that traces its roots to ancient Japan, when drums were used for military exercises, village time-keeping, religious ceremonies, and celebrations. This 1,000-year-old tradition has been modernized with the use of ensembles that use multiple drums and rhythms to create athletic and dynamic performances. Cal Raijin brought their drums to the Lab's cafeteria stage on Wednesday, April 18, performed original compositions and shared information on the history, evolution, and cultural significance of Taiko.

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