



Campus Update December 2011

Berkeley Lab Back-up Care Program

In addition to the Family Care Services with Sittercity offered by the University, the Berkeley Lab's partnership with Bright Horizons will continue to be another option of in-home providers for child, adult and elder back-up care needs. The Lab is subsidizing some of the cost of this service to help reduce the amount employees pay. The Bright Horizons back-up care can be used up to 15 days per calendar year. Services are provided when regular caregiver is unavailable, a child/adult/elder is mildly ill, school closures, transition between old/new caregiver arrangements, travel or changes in work location, and transition following maternity leave. The employees that are eligible to participate for this program are career, term, or Postdoctoral Fellows employees, as well as Research Support Professional Unit (RX) and the Technical Unit (TX) for union-represented employees.

LBNL Staff Assembly in the Works!

LBNL CUCSA delegates met with Chief Human Resource Officer (CHRO) to discuss the feasibility of forming a Staff Assembly and the CHRO is very supportive of having a Staff Assembly at LBNL. While there are logistics (meeting with Director of Employee Relations, a By-Laws write-up, marketing effort with Public Affairs department and LBNL CUCSA alumni) to be followed up for the setup of Staff Assembly, the initial goal of the Staff Assembly is to provide a discussion forum for topics of Staff interest at all the on-site and off-site locations across the laboratory. Topics may include but not limited to staff benefits or a program and activity Staff would like to see implemented.

Staff Volunteers for Lab's 2011 Open House

Thousands attend Lab Open House. Staff played a major role to host exhibit tables, entertain the visitors, answer questions, give talks and led tours. Lab Director Alivisatos delivered a message to Staff, "I appreciate all the time and effort that went into this successful event. This is yet another example of how dedicated employees are here at Berkeley Lab."

SHARES Annual Giving Drive

For the 14th year, Berkeley Lab is sponsoring its charitable giving campaign called SHARES (Science for Health, Assistance, Resources, Education, and Services). Staff can contribute to their favorite charity via online, check or payroll deduction.

Hula, Belly Dancing, Drumming, German Music Highlight Culture Fest on Oct. 26

The Lab's Diversity and Inclusion Council hosted a cultural festival on Wednesday, Oct. 26 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on the cafeteria lawn. The event included an interactive African drum circle, singing of traditional German songs, hula and Tahitian dance, a demonstration by the Lab's Filipino Martial Arts club, and a belly dancing performance. The cafeteria vendor Epicurean catered the event.

Lab Runaround October 21

The Lab's 34th annual Runaround occurred on Friday, Oct 21 where staff biked and ran around the property to celebrate health and fitness. 1500 participants received a souvenir t-shirt and race winners received awards.

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