

Campus Update June 2012

TGFS (Thank Goodness For Staff)

On May 9th, 2012 Staff Assembly held the 32nd annual TGFS on Hutchinson Field. The event was well attended, weather was great and the food was very well received. Chancellor Katehi, Provost Hexter and Staff Advisor Penny Herbert were the guest speakers. This year we had a wide variety of vendor booths with lots of take a ways for the staff. We also provided photo booths for staff to take pictures with each other.

Staff Scholarship and Citations for Excellence

The UC Davis Staff Scholarship and the Citations for Excellence Program will be accepting applications up until June 15th.

Chancellor Emeritus Larry Vanderhoef Bench Dedication

Staff Assembly honored Chancellor Emeritus Larry Vanderhoef for his contribution to the staff at UC Davis. Vanderhoef started a Scholarship Fund that will benefit the staff of UC Davis. During the dedication Vanderhoef stated that during crucial moments it is the staff that is important in helping the campus “survive” and keeping it afloat. For Vanderhoef the staff has always been special because his, “first obligation has always been the university and continues to be the university and the things that continues to make the university great is the staff.

Chancellor Quarterly Meetings

Staff Assembly has been meeting quarterly with the Chancellor. We discussed the unintended consequences of budget cuts, and the loss of the Staff Work Life coordinator. We also discussed the need to improve the Merit process. These meetings have proven to be very informative and have opened the lines of communication with the Chancellor.

Sacramento Visit

Campus leaders including the Chancellor, Chair of the Academic Senate, Chair of Staff Assembly, Staff Advisor to the Regents Penny Herbert, Chair of UCD Undergraduate and Graduate students as well as the Assistant Vice Chancellor for governmental relations spent the day in Sacramento on May 24th. We met with various legislators bringing the message that UC is an investment in California. It was a very strong message with students being able to discuss their difficulty with rising tuition. We then emphasized that investing in UC was one way to help California recover. We gave each legislator or chief of staff documentation on the UC economic impact and asked that they remember this when making budget decisions.

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