



## **Campus Update June 2012**

### **Staff Appreciation Week 2012**

Organizing efforts are finalizing for the 2012 Staff Appreciation Week, which will take place from June 11-15. This year's celebration will feature a week packed with activities and will culminate in an All-Staff Picnic sponsored by the Chancellor in the Carol Tomlinson-Keasey quad. The slogan for this year is "Summer Camp" and activities will include a staff breakfast, clothing drive and fundraiser, ice cream social, games tournament and campus tours along with other fundraising events. Staff can "purchase" the ability to wear jeans for the week with all proceeds from this and other fundraising going toward the scholarship fund for children of UC Merced employees.

### **Staff Citation of Excellence Awards**

The Staff Citation of Excellence Awards recipients have been selected. Five \$500 awards and crystal cubes will be presented at the annual staff picnic to the selected PSS staff members with one year of UC Merced service. There were 21 nominees submitted this year, a lower than average submission rate of previous years submissions of approximately 40.

### **Online Elections**

The online executive board member elections are currently underway. All positions are running uncontested excluding the vice president position. Online voting is now open until 5:00 PM on Wednesday, May 30. After online voting has closed, paper ballots can be cast during the General Meeting on Thursday, May 31, where each candidate will be provided with a brief moment to speak.

### **Opt-In to Communications**

After the successful amendment of our [bylaws](#), ALL staff are automatically eligible members of Staff Assembly at UC Merced. Staff Assembly no longer charge dues for membership. An OPT-IN system for staff who choose to receive information and updates from Staff Assembly has been created. All 2011-12 Staff Assembly members were automatically "opted in" for communications. Anyone is able to "opt out" in the future should they choose to do so by using the same link. There are 286 staff who opt-in to communications.

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