



## UC Merced Campus Update March 2015

***Celebrating Service Awards*** – UC Merced held its inaugural Celebrating Service awards, an event to honor staff members for their benchmark years of service to the campus and/or the University of California.

Staff members who've achieved five, 10, 15 or 20-plus years with the UC or the Merced campus were honored at a breakfast held Nov. 18 in the California Room. Each honoree received a pin for his or her service to the UC and/or a crystal award inscribed with his or her name and the UC Merced seal. The awards were presented to recipients by senior leaders from their divisions or departments.

Service awards were previously part of the annual Staff Appreciation Picnic, but last year, campus leadership and Staff Assembly decided to make that part of the program its own event. There was 97 staff members honored at this event.

***New Assistant Vice Chancellor of Human Resources*** – UC Merced welcomed our new AVC Brian Powell in January 2015. Staff Assembly is looking forward to working with him on our many initiatives and projects.

***Project 2020*** - Three development teams were shortlisted as the result of a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) process that closed in October 2014. The teams will now enter the Request for Proposals (RFP) phase, which solicits detailed proposals for the design and development of academic, administrative, research, recreational, residential and student-services facilities sufficient to accommodate 10,000 students by the 2020-2021 academic year. Proposals are expected to be received in late 2015. Each of these three teams have been invited to campus to learn more about our campus culture, values and vision. Staff Assembly has been invited to share the staff perspective in a session with each of the teams. Our group is scheduled for an hour with each of the teams and we will have the opportunity to tell them about our unique campus from the staff perspective. These sessions will be held over the next couple of weeks.

***Winter Town Hall*** – Staff Assembly held their winter Town Hall meeting on January 14. There were over 70 staff and faculty in attendance along with many more listening in by webcast. The Chancellor answered many questions along with deferring many to her cabinet members. Our next Town Hall is scheduled for March 25<sup>th</sup>.

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