



Helping Hands Program Update

The Living Our Values award program has been reinstated at UCI and Staff Assembly is now represented on the selection committee. The Living Our Values Awards honor members of the UC Irvine community whose embody the university's values of respect, intellectual curiosity, integrity, commitment, empathy, appreciation and fun. Any current UC Irvine student, staff member or faculty member may be nominated. Each person receiving an award will direct a \$1,000 contribution to the UC Irvine program of his or her choice. Honorees will also be invited to a special luncheon with the chancellor at Tierney University House.

UCI Staff Assembly Night On The Ice

162 staff, faculty, students, family and friends took part in the UCI night to watch the Anaheim Ducks take on the Minnesota Wild on January 28th. The Ducks created a link for UCI employees to purchase promotional rate tickets. UCI employees who purchased tickets from the site were also entered into a monthly drawing for Ducks apparel. Six staff members won ducks apparel and two staff from Medical Center won Zamboni rides during intermissions. A portion of the silent auction proceeds, equal to \$340.34, will be remitted to Staff Assembly. Funds received from the Anaheim ducks have been earmarked for Staff scholarships.

Career Enhancement Scholarship Update

UC Irvine career staff are eligible for the Career Enhancement Scholarship if they are continuing their education at an accredited college or university. The application window closed on January 31, 2014. We received a total of 18 applications down from fiscal year 12/13 when we had 23 applicants. As a result of the small applicant pool, we have made the application form available for download and will accept late applications through the close of business on February 14th. The first selection committee meeting will be held the week of February 24th.

Staff Assembly Involvement In Campus Search Committees

Discussion with Provost & Executive Vice Chancellor/Interim Chancellor Howard Gilman about staff inclusion on search committees has been received positively. Subsequent to the dialogue, Staff Assembly has been asked to nominate a member for two recent searches. Dahlia Aguirre, Staff Assembly Vice Chair, has been selected to represent staff assembly on the search advisory committee charged with recruiting candidates for the position of vice chancellor for health affairs and dean of the School of Medicine. Staff Assembly has also been asked to nominate a representative to serve on the search committee for the UC Irvine Chancellor.

Staff Assembly Presentations

In an effort to generate greater awareness out our Staff Assembly, we are carrying out informational presentations across the campus. To date we have presented to Campus Human Resources, the School of the Arts, Academic Senior Managers and the Chancellor's Advisory Council. Presentations provide growth opportunities for members and exposure.

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Filipino-American Club Sponsors Fund Drives to Aid Typhoon Victims

The Berkeley Lab Filipino-American Club sponsored donation drives and activities to help Super Typhoon Haiyan/Yolanda victims in the Philippines. Through the generosity of Berkeley Lab employees, the Club was able to donate nearly \$1,500 to UNICEF. The funds will support UNICEF's efforts to provide emergency water and sanitation, medical and nutrition supplies, and educational and recreational materials to some of the 6 million children affected by Typhoon Haiyan/Yolanda. UNICEF is working with partners to deliver measles and polio immunizations, as well as immunity-boosting Vitamin A supplements, to 30,000 children in typhoon-devastated areas.

Lab Blood Drives

The Philanthropy Club hosts the American Red Cross blood drive about every other month. During the year of 2013, blood drives at the Lab collected a total of 177 units of blood. Every unit can save up to three lives, which means employees helped save up to 531 lives. The American Red Cross has thanked the Lab for its continued dedication and support.

Employee Recognition Program Nominations

Nominations were accepted for the Director's Awards for Exceptional Achievement and The Berkeley Lab Prize-Lifetime Achievement Awards. These awards have been established by Director Paul Alivisatos to recognize teams and individuals for significant accomplishments advancing the Lab's mission and strategic goals. Any Lab employee may submit a nomination. Honorees will be acknowledged at a Lab awards ceremony and reception.

New Employees Interview Series

In an effort to go beyond the CVs of some of the Materials Sciences Division's most interesting personalities, Alice Muller will host live conversations with MSD researchers. She will talk with guests about their personal history, research, inspiration, mentors, motivations, and more. Her first guests will be Delia Milliron and Anna Llordes, who have helped develop smart window technology. The event is open to all employees.

MyFamily Website

The "MyFamily at LBNL" web portal provides a centralized location for parents and others to find information on services related to children, youth, elders, pets, and self-care. A new rotating feature has been added called "Family Profiles," that highlights employees and their family (pets, kids, partners, grandparents, dependents, etc.) as part of this section.

Lab Program Provides Back-Up Dependent Care

Berkeley Lab's Back-Up Care Advantage Program provides employees temporary child and adult/elder care for up to 15 days per calendar year at subsidized fee rate. Back-up care is helpful when:

- Your child is mildly ill and needs care at home
- You are returning to work and need care for your parent while you transition back to a normal schedule
- Your primary care provider is unavailable

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