



Santa Cruz Update
March 2014

CAMPUS WIDE

New Appointments

Dr. Scott Brandt, Professor in Computer Sciences appointed Vice Chancellor for Research.

<http://news.ucsc.edu/2014/01/brandt-vcr.html>

Lori Castro, Senior Manager of Employment & Operations has been named Interim Assistant Vice Chancellor for Staff Human Resources.

Campus Initiatives/Events

MLK Convocation speaker promotes dreams, values, and education.

Freeman A. Hrabowski, III, president of the University of Maryland, Baltimore County, recounted his experiences as a child civil rights marcher in Birmingham, Ala.

<http://news.ucsc.edu/2014/02/mlk-2014.html>

Safety Escort Program

UC Santa Cruz Police Department is implementing a nighttime Safety Escort Program for the Winter and Spring 2014 quarters. This pilot program has been made possible by the generosity of donors who have made contributions to the UCSC Parent Fund. Implementation of this service is intended to enhance campus community safety. The program is open to students, staff, faculty and visitors.

Lab Safety & Compliance

UCSC's department of Environmental Health & Safety facilitated the implementation of the new Lab Safety & Compliance Policy that went into effect October 31st 2013. As part of the "Be Smart about Safety" program EH&S hosted an event in January 2014 to distribute safety equipment to faculty, researchers and students.

<http://news.ucsc.edu/2014/02/lab-coats.html>

Health Benefits for current employees

In recognition of the variety of changes made to medical plans this year, UC employees now have the opportunity to change to a different medical plan until March 31, 2014. Perhaps you defaulted into a plan that you didn't choose or selected a plan during open enrollment that is not the one you want for 2014. The option to change plans is only available for medical plan coverage.

http://shr.ucsc.edu/benefits/ben_news/oe_2014.html

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Winter 2013 United Way Campaign

This year UC Santa Cruz raised \$41,093. While down from previous years this was mostly due to retirements. The UCSC community continues to support the work of United Way which creates opportunities for a better life for everyone in our county.

Second Harvest

This year the campus raised the equivalent of 130,000 meals.

Staff and Faculty Blood Drive

The Staff Advisory Board is sponsoring a Blood Centers of the Pacific Blood Drive for Staff and Faculty on Tuesday, March 4th, 2014 at the Stevenson Event Center. This year we are fortunate to team up with a new entity the Blood Centers of the Pacific. To find out more about the Blood Centers of the Pacific please go to their website: <http://www.bloodcenters.org/>

SAB Winter Chancellor's Forum for staff

This year we are hosting the forum on March 26th.

SAB Staff Appreciation Picnic

This year the picnic is scheduled for May 20th. We are partnering with UC Santa Cruz Wellness and will be holding the UC Walks event in conjunction with the picnic. We are looking forward to a fun filled day combining exercising with good food and great conversations.