



UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, RIVERSIDE - STAFF ASSEMBLY

Campus Update **September 1, 2004**

Staff Assembly News:

- ❑ The UCR Staff Assembly has partnered with several departments on campus to launch the Next Step Program. The Next Step Program is a career development program that provides classroom training, professional development and mentoring opportunities to UCR Staff. The program will provide participating staff members with the skills needed to apply for entry-level office positions. The program includes career-counseling, classroom training in computer and office skills, resume writing and interviewing skills and mentoring. An orientation for the first 11 participating staff members was held in August. Please visit the Staff Assembly web site for additional information – <http://www.staffassembly.ucr.edu/nextstep/index.html>.
- ❑ A group of faculty, staff, students and administrators at UCR has drafted the document “Principles of Community,” which is intended to promote a welcome and inclusive climate for the campus community. Chancellor France A. Córdova has circulated the document via the web to the campus community for review and suggestions. A second document, “A Framework for Diversity,” has is also being circulated for comment. Prepared by Dr. Yolanda Moses, then-Special Assistant to the Chancellor for Excellence and Diversity and now Vice Provost for Conflict Resolution, this document builds on the campus vision to make UCR a premier research university that values and promotes diversity and excellence at all levels. Both documents can be accessed at <http://www.chancellor.ucr.edu/documents/diversity.html>.
- ❑ The UCR Staff Assembly will kick off the academic year with its traditional ice cream social on Wednesday, Sept. 19 during the noon hour. The free event, to be held at three locations simultaneously to accommodate as many staff members as possible, is a chance for staff to catch up on each other’s summer vacation adventures and meet informally and chat with campus administrative leaders.





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Graduate Research Awards Recipients Named

Five University of California, Riverside graduate students were honored at the second annual Graduate Research Awards and Colloquium.

More information at: <http://www.newsroom.ucr.edu/cgi-bin/display.cgi?id=821>

UC Riverside Experts on Aspects of the California Performance Review

The University of California, Riverside has experts in various aspects touched on by the California Performance Review, the wide-ranging review of the efficient organization and service provision of California State government. More information at:

<http://www.newsroom.ucr.edu/cgi-bin/display.cgi?id=871>.

Public Lecture Part of International Meeting at UC Riverside

Boris Kayser, a distinguished scientist at the Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory, gave a free public lecture about the abundant but elusive, and critically important subatomic particle, the neutrino. More information at: <http://www.newsroom.ucr.edu/cgi-bin/display.cgi?id=870>.

UC Riverside Earns \$1.5 Million National Science Foundation Grant to Examine How Engineered Crop Genes Stray

The National Science Foundation has awarded UC Riverside a \$1.5 million grant to research the unintended spread of engineered plant genes, an issue at the heart of the controversy over genetically modified foods. More information at: <http://www.newsroom.ucr.edu/cgi-bin/display.cgi?id=869>.

Back to School: Heavy Packs Endanger Kids' Health, UCR Study Shows

A joint study by UC Riverside researchers and the Inland Empire Spine Center has found that parents would be wise to pay attention to their child's backpack, as a significant percentage of local middle school students suffer lasting pain related to the weight on their backs. More information at: <http://www.newsroom.ucr.edu/cgi-bin/display.cgi?id=868>.

Faculty Additions to UC Riverside's Graduate School of Education

Three new faculty members are scheduled to arrive at the Graduate School of Education at the University of California, Riverside this fall, bringing expertise in school organization and management, educational policy and special education. More information at: <http://www.newsroom.ucr.edu/cgi-bin/display.cgi?id=867>.

