

Dear Colleagues,

The Riverside community is full of light this time of year, as we collectively celebrate diversity, community, and hope for a brighter future. As our attention turns to the year ahead, here are just a few highlights from this past year:

Shedding Light On 2018: Year In Review

2018 was a banner year at UCR:

- We hired two Nobel Laureates, and 11 of our faculty have been recognized as Highly Cited Researchers.
- We received \$159.3M in research grants and contracts – a marker of our overall research excellence.
- We enrolled 23,365 students, an 11 percent increase in five years, another indication of the university's growing stature.
- [Watch the year-end video](#) to learn about more remarkable accomplishments.

Looking Ahead To The Next Distinguished Lecture

I am pleased to announce that [Eduardo Bonilla-Silva](#), the James B. Duke Professor of Sociology at Duke University, will speak January 18, 2019 in the University Theater at 11:00 am. The lecture is free of charge and open to the public. Just in time for Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Bonilla-Silva will share his thought-provoking body of work surrounding systemic racism in the United States.

Nominations for future lecturer suggestions are always welcome and can be submitted by individuals or by a department or other academic unit [via the online form](#). Please direct questions about this process to elizabeth.thrush@ucr.edu.

Gifts That Keep On Giving

At the end of each year, R'Pantry traditionally receives an increase in support from our campus community by way of food and financial donations. "Team Fresh" will pick up food donations through December 21st before Winter Break officially begins. Fill out the [google document](#) to let the team know you are participating. Additionally, if you'd like to make a year-end financial donation to support the university, please visit GiveNow.UCR.edu.

Town Hall

The first Chancellor's Town Hall Meeting of the academic year was held on December 6. Thank you all for your thoughtful questions and participation. The video and [presentation](#) are available [online](#).

Rankings Commentary

Did you hear that six U.S. Senators share UCR's view on the *U.S. News and World Report* rankings system? [Take a look at their letter to the publication.](#)

Thank you for all that you do to make our university a special place to learn and work. As we move into the "Season of Lights," I wish you and your loved ones joy.

Sincerely,



[Kim A. Wilcox](#)

Chancellor