

April 30, 2019

Dear Colleagues,

Spring is in full swing, and our campus is full of life! Here are a few recent and upcoming highlights:

Thursday Nights Live:

[Thursday Nights Live](#) has returned for another spring season, offering UC Riverside staff and faculty a weekly opportunity to unwind with refreshments and entertainment after work. Every Thursday evening, from April 18 to May 30, the campus community can enjoy live music, food, and beverages in the center lower court area of HUB plaza. Each event runs from 5:00 to 7:15 p.m. Special thanks to the [Office of the Provost](#) for coordinating these [enjoyable evenings](#).

Better Together:

This May, we'll celebrate our culture of philanthropy and the contributions of our faculty and staff in "Together," a month-long fundraising drive to rally support for UCR. Each year, university employees demonstrate a remarkable dedication to our students, our mission, and the community by making gifts that impact the future of their department, school, or favorite area on campus. This year, a UCR staff member has pledged a \$5,000 challenge gift! The five funds with the most faculty and staff donors in the month of May will receive an additional \$1,000. May is your chance to team up with your colleagues to support what matters most to you and increase your impact at UCR! Join your fellow faculty and staff by donating any amount to the fund of your choice, visit [here](#) to give.

Me Too Movement:

Tarana Burke, social justice advocate and founder of the "Me Too" Movement will be at the University Lecture Hall 1000 on Friday, May 10 for "Me Too.' A Conversation with Tarana Burke." Presented as part of Sexual Assault Awareness Month, the conversation will focus on empowerment and healing for sexual assault survivors, as well as the collective work needed to be done to end sexual violence. No tickets required; doors open at 7 p.m. Thank you to all the co-sponsors. Learn more [here](#).

Cool Campus Challenge:

I hope you all had a wonderful Earth Day knowing that the University of California is on its way to becoming the first university system to wipe out its carbon footprint by 2025, as part of President Napolitano's Carbon Neutrality Initiative. Special thanks to the [Office of Sustainability](#) for all their work to move UCR closer to becoming carbon free. I really enjoyed participating in the Cool Campus Challenge events – [especially the smoothie cycle!](#)

Science Lectures Online:

Thanks to all of our esteemed 2019 first-generation science lecturers! The events were free and open to the public, and available to view online [here](#).

- **April 3:** "Gravitational Waves: From Einstein to a New Science" - Barry C. Barish, Nobel Laureate and Distinguished Professor of Physics
- **April 10:** "Between Battles: From Civil War to Combatting Plant Disease" - Isgouhi Kaloshian, Professor of Nematology and Chair, Department of Nematology
- **April 17:** "It's About I: Invention, Innovation, and Inspiration" - Kathryn Uhrich, Professor of Chemistry and Dean, UC Riverside College of Natural & Agricultural Sciences
- **April 24:** "Metathesis: A Change-Your-Partner Dance of Carbon-Carbon Bonds" - Richard Schrock, Nobel Laureate, UCR Alumnus, and Distinguished Professor, George K. Helmkamp Founder's Chair of Chemistry

Spring Town Hall:

The first Chancellor's Town Hall of the calendar year was held on April 11. Thank you all for your thoughtful input regarding UCR in 2054, our centennial year. The video and presentation are available online [here](#). Also stay tuned for more information about strategic planning on this website. Read more about the event [here](#).

50th Hays Press-Enterprise Lecture:

I'd like to extend my sincerest thanks to the 50th Hays Press-Enterprise Lecturer [Maria Hinojosa](#) for her thought-provoking discussion of "Latinos in the Media," our dialogue moderator CHASS Dean Milagros Peña, and all who attended the event on April 9. This conversation was important, ongoing, and extremely inspiring to our campus community. Photos from the event and additional information can be seen [here](#).

Staff Assembly:

Congratulations to all the staff members recently recognized by Staff Assembly. You can learn more about opportunities for staff recognition [here](#). The next Staff Assembly General Meeting will take place on May 22 from 12-1 p.m. in HUB 302.

Thank you and best wishes for a fruitful spring quarter,



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