

## Chancellor's Update - October 2018

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Dear Colleagues,

The beginning of the academic year is always energizing, and this one is no exception. This fall, we welcome many new faculty members, staff members, and students to UCR. These new colleagues join a community of scholars like few others; dedicated to the highest academic standards, but just as importantly, dedicated to our collective success. At UCR, one person's achievements are celebrated by all.

### **Hearty Highlander Welcome**

Sixty-four new Senate faculty joined UC Riverside this year. Among them are Patricia Cardoso, a member of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, two Nobel Laureates ([Barry Barish](#) and UCR alumnus [Richard Schrock](#)), and numerous talented young teacher-scholars who are beginning their academic careers. [Chancellor's 2018 Welcome Video](#).

### **Task Forces**

We have an array of staff, faculty, students, and community members working on specific issues and initiatives, including the Free Speech Work Group, the California Gender Recognition Act Task Force, and the Staff Engagement Task Force. Any staff who'd like to hear more about the Staff Engagement Task Force are welcome to attend a forum on October 15 from 12-1 p.m. in HUB 355 (light refreshments provided).

### **Chancellor's Distinguished Lecture**

I am honored to announce that UCR Chancellor Emerita France A. Córdova, a STEM pioneer and the Director of the National Science Foundation, will deliver the next [Chancellor's Distinguished Lecture](#). Her lecture takes place on November 7, in HUB 302 at 11 a.m. Nominations are also currently being accepted for 2019 Chancellor's Distinguished Lecture speakers. The deadline for submission is October 15.

### **Fall Freshen Up**

The campus deep cleaning project continues, and the change is dramatic. Many thanks to all of the team members participating in this project. [Here is an example of the Entomology building's before and after results.](#)

### **Emeriti Faculty Survey**

The Council of UC Emeriti Associations (CUCEA) is presently conducting its triennial survey of UC emeriti. All emeriti are encouraged to take part in the project as it provides an inventory of the work that UC retirees contribute to the mission of the University. See [here](#) for the most recent survey results and report. For more information, email [douglas.mitchell@ucr.edu](mailto:douglas.mitchell@ucr.edu).

In closing, thank you for all that you do to make our community a great place to learn and work.

Sincerely,

[Kim A. Wilcox](#)

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