

Vice Chancellor Retirement

February 28, 2019

Dear Colleagues,

February has brought our campus community many occasions to celebrate: African American History Month, Lunar New Year, Writers Week, Valentine's Day, Presidents' Day, and many more opportunities to learn. Here are a few of the highlights from this month and beyond:

Tidying Up For R' Career Closet:

Scotty insisted I embrace the [KonMari Method](#) of "Tidying Up" that is sweeping the nation. We got a head start on spring cleaning for a good cause – the [R' Career Closet](#), which offers free, professional clothing to students – a great way to donate your gently-used office attire that no longer "sparks joy" for you. Watch my donation determination process [here](#) (and yes, that is my actual closet in the video.) For more information about how to make a donation, please visit their [web site](#).

Chancellor's Distinguished Lecturer:

Let your voice be heard – who would you like to nominate for an upcoming [Chancellor's Distinguished Lecture?](#) Your feedback helps us to plan for future events that will be of maximum benefit for the campus and community. Our goal is to animate the academic space at UCR with timely issues from a variety of disciplines, at least twice per academic year. Nominations can be submitted [via the online form](#) for consideration in Fall 2019 and beyond. The next review of nominations will take place in late March, so plan to submit your nominations before Spring Break. Please direct questions about this process to elizabeth.thrush@ucr.edu.

Engaging Events & Women's History Month:

March is Women's History (or Her-story) Month, an annual declared month that highlights the contributions of women to events in history and contemporary society. UCR is very fortunate that several outstanding women will be facilitating dialogues at UCR:

- **March:** Look out for numerous female-focused events on campus, including [Feminist Friday](#) and the [Women's Leadership Conference](#). Check the UCR [events calendar](#) for more.
- **Beginning April 3:** [UC Riverside Science Lecture Series 2019](#) including Chair of Nematology Dr. Isgouhi Kaloshian and Dean and chemist Dr. Kathryn Uhrich.
- **April 9:** UCR's 50th Hays Press-Enterprise Lecture will feature [Maria Hinojosa](#), the anchor and executive producer of [Latino USA](#), a Peabody Award-winning show aired on NPR. For 30 years, Hinojosa has informed radio and television

audiences with hundreds of stories from every corner of the country. Learn more [here](#).

- **April 23:** [Tarana Burke](#), the social activist and community organizer who founded the "[Me Too Movement](#)" [will be speaking on campus. Save the date, more information to follow.](#)

Addressing the Doctor Shortage:

We are grateful to local leaders, including State Senator Richard Roth (District 31), Assemblymember Jose Medina (District 61), and Assemblymember Sabrina Cervantes (District 60) for authoring and championing [Senate Bill 56](#), requesting \$80 million for the construction of a new University of California, Riverside School of Medicine facility, and \$25 million for ongoing operational support for the expansion of the School of Medicine. This additional funding is aimed at doubling the current enrollment of medical students at the school from 250 to 500 and improving health outcomes and care in the Inland Empire. Read more in an op-ed recently published in the [Press-Enterprise](#).

Mike Pazzani Retirement Reception:

Please join me as we bid aloha to Vice Chancellor for Research and Economic Development (RED), Dr. Michael Pazzani, who has recently been appointed to the Defense Science Board, a Department of Defense advisory committee. We will thank Mike for his six years of service at UCR and honor his new role as Professor Emeritus, with a tiki-themed luau on March 18, from 3:30 to 5:30 at the UCR Alumni and Visitor Center. Please RSVP for the event [here](#). Read more about Mike's new appointment [here](#).

In closing, I want to acknowledge that the work you do here makes a tangible difference in the lives of so many people every year.

Fiat Lux,



Kim A. Wilcox
Chancellor