

Chancellor's Update - March 2019

March 25, 2019

Dear Colleagues,

As we enjoy these light-filled days of Spring, here are a few highlights of happenings on campus and beyond:

Highlanders on “The Hill”:

Sincere thanks to the elected officials, staff, faculty, alumni and supporters of UCR who conducted an advocacy day in Sacramento on March 6, to promote increased funding for the UC budget and for the School of Medicine. Take a look at photos from our Living The Promise event the night before [here](#), and if you’re interested in advocating on behalf of UCR, learn more by visiting the UCR Alumni Association Advocacy Committee website [here](#).

Additionally, thanks to those who assisted in organizing a productive trip to the nation’s capital this month. We met with several members of the media, the White House Office of Science & Technology Policy, APLU’s North American Zone of Knowledge, the Smithsonian’s National Museum of American History, and the National Academy of Sciences. Photos from the trip can be seen [here](#).

Givaudan Citrus Variety Collection Gift Dedication:

On March 14, [Givaudan](#), a global leader in the fragrance and flavor industry donated a \$3.5 million gift in support of UCR’s Citrus Variety Collection. The collaboration will help protect our exceptional citrus diversity collections from the threat of citrus greening disease, also known as Huanglongbing, or HLB, as well as add to their existing endowment for continued research. We are extremely grateful for Givaudan’s support; read more about their generosity and the recent naming event [here](#).

Aloha & Mahalo Vice Chancellor Michael Pazzani:

Congratulations to retiring Vice Chancellor for Research & Economic Development (RED) Michael Pazzani, who just last week received the UC Presidential Citation for his many years of service within the University of California system, seven of those years spent at UC Riverside. Thanks to all who joined the retirement reception for Vice Chancellor Pazzani on March 18. We are happy that Michael will remain on campus conducting work from the MRB building as a Professor Emeritus. See photos from the event [here](#).

18th Annual César E. Chávez 5K Run/Walk:

Join [Chicano Student Programs](#) on Saturday, April 6, from 7:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. for the 18th Annual Chávez 5K Run/Walk. The race on the UC Riverside campus was

initiated in 2002 to further his message of service, “The end of all education should surely be service to others.” To register, or for more information click [here](#), to view a video about the run/walk click [here](#).

50th Hays Press-Enterprise Lecture:

As we celebrate the legacy of César E. Chávez this week, we also prepare to welcome a remarkable member of the media, Maria Hinojosa. She has spent her 30-year career informing millions of listeners and viewers about the changing cultural and political landscape in the United States and abroad, especially surrounding the Latino diaspora and experience. Hinojosa is an award-winning news anchor and reporter who is currently the anchor and executive producer of the Peabody Award winning NPR show “[Latino USA](#),” and anchor and executive producer of the PBS show “[America By The Numbers with Maria Hinojosa](#).” We are honored to welcome Hinojosa as the 50th Hays Press-Enterprise Lecturer. Learn more and RSVP for the event [here](#).

Spring Town Hall:

Save the date of April 11, from 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m., for the spring Town Hall discussion kicking off our strategic planning process. Our next strategic plan will encourage us all to look ahead 35 years, toward UCR’s Centennial year. Refreshments will be served, and a recording will be available for those unable to attend, although I highly encourage in person attendance as an opportunity for staff and faculty to share their ideas for UCR’s bright future.

I will sign off this message with a few timely pieces of inspiration:

- A “[CALmatters](#)” [article](#) about [Karina Gutierrez](#), UCR’s on-campus immigration attorney.
- [A link to our recent edition of the UCR Magazine](#) telling the story of alumnus, immigration attorney and former DACA recipient Alfonso Maldonado ’13.
- A quote from César E. Chávez himself:
“Once social change begins, it cannot be reversed. You cannot un-educate the person who has learned to read. You cannot humiliate the person who feels pride. You cannot oppress the people who are not afraid anymore. We have seen the future, and the future is ours.”



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