

Chancellor's Update – January 2020

January 27, 2020

Dear Campus Community,

I hope you had a restful holiday season with friends and family, and are reinvigorated for the winter quarter.

UCR Land Acknowledgement

In consultation with Native American faculty and the Chancellor's Native American Advisory Group, below is a brief statement that acknowledges that our campus resides on the land of the indigenous peoples of our region.

We at UCR would like to respectfully acknowledge and recognize our responsibility to the original and current caretakers of this land, water, and air: the Cahuilla [ka-wee-ahh], Tongva [tong-va], Luiseño [loo-say-ngo], and Serrano [se-ran-oh] peoples and all of their ancestors and descendants, past, present, and future. Today this meeting place is home to many Indigenous peoples from all over the world, including UCR faculty, students, and staff, and we are grateful to have the opportunity to live and work on these homelands.

I encourage you to consider making this acknowledgement at public events hosted on our campus.

Thank you in advance for joining me in demonstrating UCR's deep appreciation and respect for indigenous communities.

State Budget

Earlier this month, California Gov. Gavin Newsom presented a state budget proposal that included funding of [\\$25 million](#) to grow enrollment and support the operations of the UCR School of Medicine. In addition, he proposed \$217.7 million in new, ongoing funding for the UC. This proposal represents a positive start to the legislative session; we anticipate a final budget, approved by the legislature and signed by the governor, in June. If you are interested in how you can advocate for greater state and federal support of the university, visit the [UC Advocacy Network](#) website.

Campus Culture Task Force

Thank you to the members of the campus community who attended the Jan. 15 Campus Culture Task Force Open Forum. I encourage you to review the [draft report](#) developed by the Campus Culture Task Force and to provide feedback on how to best

operationalize the recommendations. Feedback forms, timelines, and information on Task Force membership are available [here](#).

Hays Press-Enterprise Lecture

David Leonhardt, Pulitzer Prize-winning columnist at the New York Times, will present the 51st Hays Press-Enterprise lecture on Feb. 27 at 4 p.m. at the UCR Extension Center. The annual lecture brings some of the most high-profile and influential journalists and commentators to the university campus. For more information about the lecture, visit the [UCR News website](#).

Brand Visual Identity

We are in the final stages of the process to determine the new direction of the university's brand visual identity. Thank you to the hundreds of staff, faculty, students, and friends who have provided insights and feedback in the development of this process – which will result in an update to the university's logo, monogram, icons, typography, and design guidelines. We anticipate the updated identity to be introduced publicly in the spring. Visit [Inside UCR](#) to learn more.

End of Decade Video

For UCR, the 2010s represented a season of dynamism, forward momentum, and overall growth – in size, reputation, research performance, and student outcomes. Check out this brief summary video of some of the many highlights of the [past decade](#).

While we are proud of UCR's many achievements, I'm sure we all agree that great opportunities remain and that our best days are ahead of us.



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