

Chancellor's Update – October 2019

October 29, 2019

Greetings,

There is much to share this bustling autumn, including:

Celebrating Alumni:

The 33rd annual [Chancellor's Dinner](#) was held October 19, and the UCR Alumni Association honored graduates and community members who personify the university's tradition of excellence and service. Through their personal and professional achievements, these individuals bring distinction to UCR and contribute to the betterment of society. The UCR Medallion was presented to Jack and Laura Dangermond, founders of Redlands-based [Environmental Systems Research Institute](#), or Esri. This year's alumni honorees include: [Helen Newman '79](#), founder of Veterinary Transplant Services; [Jerry Swain '89](#), founder of Jer's Chocolates; and state Assemblywoman [Sabrina Cervantes '09](#). Congratulations to our award recipients, and special thanks to the staff for your work to make the event possible.

China Trip:

Members of the UCR leadership team and I had a very productive trip to [China](#). I was invited to present at the 8th International Conference on World-Class Universities in Shanghai. I enjoyed many fruitful visits with university leaders from around the world and several outstanding UCR alumni and supporters. An important part of my role as Chancellor is to help build awareness of UCR globally and to continue strengthening our relationships overseas. The university also benefits tremendously from developing key partnerships that advance our research excellence and student success goals.

Commencement 2020:

A copy of the October 23 campus update regarding Commencement 2020 is available [here](#). The planning team is continuing to capture faculty, staff, student, and alumni input regarding next year's planned commencement ceremonies. If you wish to provide input, please submit your ideas and suggestions via this [online form](#) by November 8.

UCR Visual Identity:

Last academic year, nearly 2,000 UC Riverside stakeholders contributed toward the Messaging Initiative, which led to the development of a range of messaging assets to enhance the telling of the UCR story. The assets include our [Brand Book](#), [Power Claims](#), and resources available on our [brand website](#). We are currently in the next phase of our work, which involves making revisions to the UCR visual identity. Numerous university

stakeholders are participating in focus groups in early November to support the effort. More information available about the Visual Identity Initiative is available [here](#).

Emergency Text Messages:

The university's emergency text messaging system is used to alert students, faculty, and staff about emergencies and significant risks on campus. We are in the process of upgrading our text messaging system to increase access to text notifications. We'll provide more details via email and Inside UCR Weekly in the coming weeks. This effort is part of our ongoing efforts to keeping students, faculty, staff, and visitors safe.

Final Thursday Nights Live at HUB:

November 7 marks our final [Thursday Nights Live](#) event in the HUB Plaza. The evening will feature a special preview of the renovated Barn – the future home of Thursday Nights Live, and an opportunity to win a VIP walkthrough of The Barn prior to its reopening in early 2020. The last event of the fall will feature Dr. Clyde Blackwelder, UCR's ergonomics specialist, who will be joined by friends to perform a mix of classic rock, dance, country, jazz, and classical piano.

Save the Date – Chancellor's Campus Update:

The Fall Campus Update is scheduled for Thursday, November 21, from noon to 1 p.m. A recording will be available for those unable to attend. I hope to see you there! In the meantime, any questions or topic suggestions to address at the event may be sent to chancellor@ucr.edu.



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