A weekly farmer’s market on campus will be added to UCR’s line up of healthy food options

By Kris Lovekin

Fruit-topped drinks, eco-friendly coffee, citrus-flavored ice cream, free-range chicken, and other locally-sourced options will be the toast of the campus during the annual Food Week celebration, which lasts from Oct. 24 through Oct. 29.

The citrus-flavored ice cream, always a big hit, will be served from the Moo Moo Truck on the HUB Plaza from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 25.

Nearby, the Culinary Chameleon Food Truck will serve tacos made with local produce. Information tables will be set up to let people sign up for the FarmShare program, or to ask questions about food and nutrition of a registered dietitian who works for the Faculty and Staff Wellness Program. Another booth from Hollandia Produce of Carpenteria will offer lettuce, grown hydroponically, and sold with the roots still intact.

Food Week also launches a new weekly UCR Farmer’s Market, which will last from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 27 in Lot 14, near the Glen Mor market. The UCR Farmer’s Market will continue each Thursday, in the same area where people pick up FarmShare produce.

“We are working with local farmers to make sure that the food we are offering is fresh and grown sustainably,” said Duane Gornicki, interim senior director of residential dining. “We have even been able to visit farms to see for ourselves.”

He said in UCR restaurants customers will notice special items on Tuesday, Oct. 25, along with an ongoing marketing campaign around “Seeds of Change,” which emphasizes sustainable, organic or fair trade foods and beverages. “Food Day is not just a day; it’s a year long catalyst for healthier diets and a better food system,” he said.
The UCR Library is getting in on the Food Week activities with a new exhibit called “Orange Roots” that will open on Monday, Oct. 24. A reception for the exhibit is set for Nov. 10 and it will include a citrus tasting activity led by UCR citrus expert Tracy Kahn.

At 4 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 26, The Well will offer a cooking demonstration for UCR students all about Middle Eastern inspired meals. It is sponsored by the R’Pantry and the Middle Eastern Student Center. It will be in HUB 269. For additional information, please contact Grecia Marquez at Grecia.marquez@ucr.edu.

The R’Garden, located near Lot 30, will hold an open house event on Wednesday, Oct. 26 from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Meet UC Riverside students, faculty and staff involved in local and global food systems and get inspired about a food access, security, and literacy. The event will be catered by a local Riverside chef and facilitated by students involved in the UC Global Food Initiative.

On Thursday, Oct. 27, the center of campus will be given over to a food truck festival. All profits will be donated to the R’Pantry, a source of food for UCR students who are experiencing food insecurity. The R’Pantry is located at the HUB, across from Scotty’s convenience store.

The UC Global Food Initiative, launched in 2014, aims to:

• Identify best practices and share widely within UC, California, the nation, and the world;

• Use the power of UC research and extension to help individuals and communities access safe, affordable, and nutritious food while sustaining our natural resources; and

• Deploy UC’s research to shape, impact, and drive policy discussions around food issues at the local, state, national, and international levels.

UCR has an active cross-campus committee focused on the UC Global Food Initiative and how the Riverside campus contributes to healthy food options through its research, teaching, and public service activities.

This quarter’s FarmShare runs through Dec. 8. It is not too late to sign up: wellness.ucr.edu.

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**Don’t Miss Out On These Campus Events**

**Town Hall Meeting With Chancellor Wilcox**

Chancellor Kim A. Wilcox will be hosting the first Town Hall of the 2016-17 academic year at 12 noon Monday, Oct. 10 in HUB 302. The meeting is open to the entire campus.

Supervisors are encouraged to grant release time to staff, as appropriate, to allow them to attend, Wilcox said in an email announcement.

The Town Hall will also be webcast in real time at chancellor.ucr.edu for those who are unable to attend in person. Please note that the link will not be active until the event actually starts.

Light refreshments will be provided at the meeting.

In the meantime, any questions or comments you would like the chancellor to address at the meeting, can be sent to townhall@ucr.edu.
‘Living The Promise’ Symposium Features U.S. Under Secretary of Education Ted Mitchell

“Living The Promise: The Campaign for UC Riverside,” will have a series of events to kickoff its inaugural campaign.

Included in the special lineup to launch the Living The Promise Symposia, is an evening conversation with U.S. Under Secretary of Education Ted Mitchell, who will be on campus on from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 14 at the HUB 302.

The event is free, but reservations are required to attend. The deadline to RSVP is Oct. 10.

Mitchell will speak on improving access, increasing affordability, enhancing quality, and accelerating college completion. Guests can also participate in a Q&A session. A reception will follow.

Complimentary parking will be available at parking lot 24.

For more details and other Living The Promise campaign events, visit: campaign.ucr.edu.

Kevin Esterling Steps in as Interim Dean of the Graduate Division

The political science professor’s new role became effective on Sept. 15

By Sandra Baltazar Martinez

The more than 3,000 graduate students, the staff, and the programs that support UC Riverside’s Graduate Division, are now under the wing of Interim Dean Kevin Esterling.

Esterling, a political science and public policy professor, completed his Ph.D. in political science at the University of Chicago and has been at UCR for 14 years. For the past four years Esterling has served as associate dean in the Graduate Division.

Esterling’s research focuses on deliberative democracy in American national politics, including the conditions that lead citizens to engage constructively in public discourse. His work has been funded by the National Science Foundation, the MacArthur Foundation, and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

“Kevin is a long-time UCR faculty member who has served effectively as associate dean for Graduate Academic Affairs and has been the force behind our successful GradQuant and Research Ethics Education initiatives,” said Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor Paul D’Anieri. “He is well prepared to steward the Graduate Division while we conduct the search for a new dean, which will get underway later this quarter,” D’Anieri said.

UCR has about 50 graduate programs that range from dance to biochemistry; the School of Medicine’s medical students do not fall under Graduate Division, he said.

“It’s mind boggling the sheer amount of research that gets done on this campus,” Esterling said from his office at the University Office Building.

Esterling became interim dean effective Sept. 15, in the wake of the departure of longtime dean Joseph Childers. Since then, Esterling has focused on managing budgets, the graduate admissions process, and supervising about 20 full-time staff.

The Graduate Division offers many support programs, including GradQuant, created by Esterling himself,
which trains students in interdisciplinary quantitative methods.

Beyond creating programs to assist graduate students, Esterling admits he has stayed at UCR because he feels his work matters. Before coming to UCR he was a professor at Dartmouth University, and worked with students who typically came from privileged backgrounds.

At UCR, he has a chance to work with students who are first generation college goers. In every class his goal is to get them to think about why working hard in college pays off to get ahead in life. He also pushes them to think about going to grad school, he said. “Working at UCR — and this is true for all the faculty here — we feel we are serving a larger purpose,” Esterling said.

He said one of his goals is to make sure the Graduate Division remains a “fun place to work.”

“I want to support staff so that they continue to do their excellent work,” Esterling said.

‘Growl’ and SIS are Retiring

A new system to track student grades, classes, and academic progress goes online on Oct. 21.

By Kris Lovekin

The online system that tracks student grades, class registration and transcripts for UC Riverside students is getting an upgrade. The Student Information System (SIS) and “GROWL” will be retired at 5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 14 and the new Banner Student Information System will go online one week later, on Friday, Oct. 21.

Faculty members will still access iGrade, iLearn and iEval the same way as before the transition. However, the R'Space portal will be populated with new features to help streamline workflow.

“For students, the new system will be easier, because they can transact all their business from R’Web,” said LaRae Lundgren, UCR’s associate vice chancellor for Student Affairs and Enrollment. “They will be able to see their academic history, financial aid, grades, student account information, personal information, iLearn, schedule of classes. They will be able to register for classes, order transcripts, verifications, text books, and more. “

Lundgren said that UCR purchased a system called Banner “Student” in June, 2014 to offer a more seamless experience for accessing student data. Since that time, the campus has been working on making a smooth transition to the new system, in close partnership with staff who advise UCR students.

“The new system is intended to improve academic and administrative processes for undergraduate and graduate admissions, registration, and billing. It will integrate a number of functions that are currently performed in separate, sometimes incompatible, systems,” she said.

Banner tutorials can be accessed at ucrlearning.ucr.edu. Search using the word, “Banner.”

The Ellucian company works with more than 2,400 institutions. The UCR office of Financial Aid has used Banner Student products to manage financial aid processes since the 2010-2011 academic year.
Research & Scholarship

Brown Publishes Commentary in ‘The Lancet HIV’

Brandon Brown, an assistant professor in the Center for Healthy Communities in the School of Medicine, has published a commentary in the October 2016 issue of The Lancet HIV titled “Transparency of participant incentives in HIV research.” He and three coauthors (at Harvard University, Yale University, and UC San Diego) acknowledge the absence of guidance on incentive decision making. They note that “researchers face the ethical question, ‘What are fair incentives for my planned study?’ This is a particular problem in HIV research since participants often face more than minimal risk, and the epidemic is concentrated in key populations who may be socially marginalized and more likely swayed by incentives.”

“Potential participants could see the incentives as being very attractive compared to the perceived risks, and this could result in such participants fabricating, exaggerating or hiding symptoms and behaviors,” Brown said. “Inadequate incentives and lack of reimbursement may also be exploitative to participants who enroll in high risk studies.”

The authors stress that incentives can impact how effectively clinical trial results are translated into real world adoption. They call for funders to require reporting incentives on clinicaltrials.gov and for journals to disclose incentives in their publications.

Related to The Lancet HIV article, Brown was recently awarded a diversity supplement -- akin to career development funding -- from the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases at the National Institutes of Health to explore the impact of incentives in future HIV cure studies. The diversity supplement would allow him to expand the scope of his global research domestically to the United States, and foster local collaborations with philosophers and ethicists with an interest in HIV cure research on which to build future NIH applications.

Awards & Honors

Professors Recognized in the 2016 Innovative Teaching & Junior Faculty Excellence in Teaching Awards

Frank Vahid, professor of Computer Science and Engineering, is the winner of the 2016 Innovative Teaching Award.

He, along with the winners of the 2016 Junior Faculty Excellence in Teaching Awards: Assistant Professor of Philosophy Andreja Novakovic, and Assistant Professor of Physics and Astronomy Brian Siana, will be recognized during an event on Thursday, Oct. 13, at 2 p.m. in HUB 355.

Following the awards, Vahid will present an address, “Experiences Creating Learning Materials for UCR and 500 other Universities, and Five Underlying Teaching Principles” in which he will describe his efforts to oversee the development of more than a dozen interactive, web-native zyBooks in CSE, engineering, and math. These books are used by 500 universities and have impacted over 150,000 students thus far.

Light refreshments will be served.
Did You Know?

Parking Lot 32 Completed

Lot 32, adjacent to parking lot 30 off Martin Luther King Blvd., is now open for staff, faculty, and students.

Lot 32 also has an information kiosk off Canyon Crest Drive and is opened weekdays from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. It has 261 spaces primarily available to gold permit holders, but it’s also accessible to blue and red permit owners, said Andrew Stewart, superintendent for UCR’s Transportation and Parking Services (TAPS).

Lot 32 also has a permit dispenser, which allows daily permits to be purchased.

People with Twitter accounts can follow @UCRTAPS to obtain up-to-date parking availability reports throughout the day.

Memorial Service for Professor Emeritus D.V. Gokhale

Professor Emeritus D.V. Gokhale, a member of the Statistics Department passed away earlier this year.

Gokhale was among the first faculty members hired for the newly formed Department of Biostatistics, shortly thereafter renamed the Department of Statistics. He was 79 years old at the time of death.

He spent his entire career at UCR, save for a few short-term visiting assignments. He retired from UCR in 1999, but remained active in the department through research with colleagues and periodic voluntary teaching.

Gokhale studied under a Fulbright travel grant through the Institute of International Education (IIE) in the 1960s. He received his Ph.D. from UC Berkeley and spent some time at the University of Pune, India, before being hired at UCR in 1970.

People are welcomed to share memories about Gokhale via an online page: ucrbsgsac.wufoo.com/forms/mlllvs-b0myfotn. Some of these memories will be shared during the campus memorial service, scheduled for Nov. 4 at 4:30 p.m. at The Barn. The tribute is hosted by Department of Statistics faculty. A dinner will follow the service.

For questions regarding the event, email Jill Smith, at Jill.Smith@ucr.edu.

‘Walk and Roll’ Set for Oct. 7

The campus and local community “Walk and Roll” will be held on Friday, Oct. 7. UCR Chancellor Kim A. Wilcox, Vice Chancellor Ron T. Coley, Vice Chancellor James Sandoval, leaders from the City of Riverside, and the California Department of Rehabilitation will lead the walk.

The event is part of the National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM). Students, faculty, staff and local community members are encouraged to arrive at the university flagpole near Hinderaker Hall at 11:45 a.m. for a walk around the campus. Booths with disability resources and career information will be positioned along the path.

Participants will receive bottled water, snacks, and have an opportunity to win prizes.

To read the full story and obtain details on other National Disability Employment Awareness Month events, visit ucrtoday.ucr.edu/39381.
The Top: 10 Facts to Celebrate the UCR Bell Tower’s 50th Anniversary

Welcome to The Top!

Each issue, we present a list of UCR staff and faculty favorites — from walking spots to gardens to events.

This week, we are honoring a very special birthday on campus — the bell tower’s! The iconic landmark has been towering over the university for 50 years now, and Oct. 2nd marked the golden anniversary of its dedication. To celebrate, we have a list of the top bell tower facts.

Here are a few, but please visit Inside UCR on the web for the complete list.

1. A 48-bell carillon is housed at the top of the bell tower

Inside the bell tower’s top chamber is a concert carillon that is made up of 48 cup-shaped bells. The musical instrument is tuned in a chromatic series and is played from a keyboard that allows variation of touch. The chimes heard from the tower every hour is an automatic playing of the carillon, but during the academic year, live performances by the current university carillonneur, David Christensen, occur weekly on Mondays at noon.

2. The bell tower’s 50th anniversary will be celebrated with a concert series

The festivities will kick off on Oct. 17 with a “Bells and Bagpipes Birthday Bash,” where a piper, drummer, and dancer will perform alongside University Carillonneur David Christensen. The UCR Bell Tower 50th Anniversary Carillon Concert Series will continue with more guest musicians and live performances on Oct. 24, 31 and Nov. 7 at noon.

3. UCR’s Fall Magazine has an online feature about the bell tower’s 50th birthday

“The Bell Tower by the Numbers” article will give you insight on topics such as: UCR’s three carillonneurs, the number of holes that cover the tower, and how many bagpipes would be equivalent to the weight of the bell tower.

4. The bell tower is active on Twitter

The bell tower is 50 and hip! It has a very active presence on Twitter (@UCR_Belltower) with its “BONG BONG BONG,” hour-by-hour, 24 hours a day, seven days a week tweets. This gives its followers a virtual experience of listening to the hourly chimes. Once in awhile, the bell tower will also tweet out UCR news, encouragements, and information about events taking place around campus. Read the story behind the creator the bell tower Twitter account on UCR Today.

If you have something you’d like featured in The Top or an activity you’d like to share, email kris.love-kin@ucr.edu.