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New White House Executive Order on Travel

UC will continue to monitor effects on students, staff and faculty members

By Sandra Baltazar Martínez

UC Riverside is a global university; international education, collaboration and research enrich this vibrant institution, noted Kelechi Kalu, UCR vice provost of International Affairs in a campuswide email sent out on March 9.

Kalu's message was in response to the new executive order signed by President Donald Trump on March 6, which restricts entry to the United States for individuals from six predominately Muslim countries (Iran, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, and Yemen).

The restriction applies to people from the designated countries who:

- Are outside of the United States on March 16, 2017;
- Did not have a valid United States visa at 5:00 p.m. EST on January 27, 2017; and

- Do not have a valid United States visa on March 16, 2017.

“The Office of International Affairs remains committed to supporting our international community and programs,” Kelechi said in the statement, which included a joint message from the UC Office of the President.

The new executive order will continue to be monitored and analyzed for its impact on students, faculty, scholars, employees and other community members.

UCOP recommends that individuals from the six designated countries -- who are currently in the United States and who may continue to face future challenges to re-enter -- should consult with their immigration counsel before leaving the country.

At UCR, international students and scholars with concerns about how this executive order will affect them should contact Kimberly Gentile, International Students and Scholars office (by phone at 827-4113 or by email at internationalstudents@ucr.edu).

Significantly, the new executive order does **not** apply to:

- Lawful permanent residents of the U.S. (those with “green cards”);
- A dual national of a country identified above who is traveling on a passport from a non-designated country;
- A foreign national who has a document other than a visa, valid on March 16, 2017, that permits him/her to travel to the United States and seek entry or admission (such as an advance parole document);
- Foreign nationals from designated countries who have been granted asylum or have already been admitted to the U.S. as refugees or granted withholding of removal, advance parole or protection under the Convention Against Torture; and
- Foreign nationals from Iraq.

Both Kalu and UCOP indicate that additional guidance will be issued to the campus community as soon as possible, including recommendations related to prospective students, postdoctoral fellows and trainees from the affected countries who would presently be scheduled to obtain a visa after March 16.

“For now, we call on the entire UCR community to stand together -- because we value diversity and inclusive excellence,” Kalu said.

Building upon conversations after the White House’s previous executive order, UCR International Affairs will host ongoing dialogues for our community.

To read the full story, visit: ucrtoday.ucr.edu/45375.

March 17 Event Invites Public to Sample UCR Scientists’ Work

Genomics to Harvest event features plant, food production research

By J.D. Warren

UC Riverside will host a symposium on March 17 that will highlight the contributions UC Riverside is making to the basic science, cultivation, and production of plants and food.

The event, “Living the Promise Symposium: From Genomics to Harvest,” is free and open to the public. The symposium is from 6 to 8 p.m. in The Barn on the UC Riverside campus. Reservations are required and can be made online. Free parking will be available in Lot 6.

The symposium will be followed by a reception featuring a menu inspired by UC Riverside’s food research. Among the items: UCR avocado and arugula gazpacho shooter, prosciutto-wrapped UCR asparagus, fried calamari with UCR citrus aioli, and UCR black-eyed pea salad.

The symposium is part of a series of events that reflect key themes of the university’s comprehensive fundraising campaign announced in October 2016. The \$300 million campaign will conclude in 2020 and seeks funding for student support, faculty research, and infrastructure. Campaign themes align with goals outlined in UCR 2020, the university’s strategic plan.

Kathryn Uhrich, dean of UC Riverside’s College of Natural and Agricultural Sciences and a professor of chemistry; will moderate the March 17 discussion.

Read the full story and see the list of researchers who will serve as panelists : ucrtoday.ucr.edu/45299.

Student Success is the Focus of the Third ‘Conversations with the Chancellor’

Many participants noted that the campus’ strong commitment to diversity has created a community in which students feel empowered. But challenges remain, they say

By James E. Grant

The campus Conversations with the Chancellor series is bringing together faculty, students, and staff for a unique series of workshop discussions of key opportunities and challenges for UCR moving forward.

At the session held Monday, March 13, Chancellor Kim A. Wilcox invited 300 participants to discuss how UCR has become a national leader in student success and graduation rates across ethnic, gender, and socio-economic boundaries --and what the UCR community needs to do next to continue to improve outcomes.

At Monday’s session, many participants noted that the campus’ strong commitment to diversity has created a community in which students feel empowered. But challenges remain, they say. Several participants cited the food insecurity experienced by students who have limited financial means, the need to expand funding for teaching assistants, and continued growth in the number of undergraduates who finish in four years.

Donation boxes for the UCR’s R’Pantry, which provides free food items to needy students, are present at each Conversation with the Chancellor session. You can find a list of their most needed items here.

As with the previous session on February 27, which focused on facilities, infrastructure, and capital projects, notes taken in the session will be shared online.

“Over the past month, I have been impressed by the thoughtful participation during our campus conversations, and its reflection on our collective commitment to UCR,” said Wilcox.

Read the full story: ucrtoday.ucr.edu/45382.

Join the Annual César Chávez 5K Run/Walk

Money fundraised will be used for UCR student scholarships

By Sandra Baltazar Martínez

At the annual César Chávez 5K Run/Walk, you can walk, crawl or run.

This 16th annual family focused tradition, organized by UC Riverside's Chicano Student Programs and other campus partners, is set for April 8. The event even includes a 1k for children under 12 years old. Registration is now open.

People are encouraged to bring their lawn chairs, umbrellas or blankets and make a picnic out of the day while they cheer on the runners/walkers, said Arlene Cano Matute, program coordinator with Chicano Student Programs (CSP). Guests will also enjoy a resource and health fair, vendors, music, and activities for all.

Participation is open to the entire community; runners/walkers can join as individuals or can pull together a team of five people. The three mile run/walk takes participants on a scenic route on the perimeter of the campus. Last year about 350 people participated, Matute said.

Money raised during this race is invested in scholarships for UCR students.

To help motivate UCR students, staff and faculty members to participate, Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs James Sandoval has announced two challenges:

- He will donate \$10 for the first 100 students that cross the finish line before him;
- He will sponsor a breakfast for the department that enters a team and solicits the most money.

16th Annual César Chávez 5K Run/Walk

Date: Saturday, April 8

Time: 7:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.; 5k run/walk starts at 8 a.m.; 1k kid's run starts at 9:30 a.m.

Fees: \$20 per adult; \$10 per child; \$80 per team (five people per team); Pre-registration deadline: March 17 at **cesarchavez5k.com**

On-site registration the day of the event: Only cash or checks will be accepted

Read the full story: **ucrtoday.ucr.edu/45348**.

UCR Joins UC Day in Sacramento

UC Riverside-led study, conducted in Peru, could guide HPV vaccine implementation elsewhere

By Sandra Baltazar Martínez

The power of the UCR Highlander network was on display last week in Sacramento as a group of staff, students, faculty, and community members joined together to visit elected officials.

Wednesday, March 8 marked the annual UC Day in Sacramento. The event is an opportunity for alumni and supporters from each of the 10 campuses in the UC system to meet with legislators to promote strong state support.

This year UCR had five staff members attend UC Day activities, as well as 18 volunteer advocates comprised of UCRAA Board members, UCR Foundation Trustees, alumni, and a couple of graduate students.

“As we continue to grow access to the University of California, it will require a strong partnership with our state legislators to provide an excellent education at an affordable price. Visits like the recent one, help us strengthen that relationship,” said Jorge Ancona, assistant vice chancellor of Alumni & Constituent Relations, and executive director for the UCR Alumni Association.

This year’s advocacy day included meetings by the UCR contingent with Inland Empire legislators and other California government officials to share with them why they value the University of California. Assemblymember Jose Medina and Senator Richard D. Roth were among the legislators who met with UC Riverside participants.

“We are very thankful to have the strong support of UCR alumni,” said Elizabeth Romero, assistant vice chancellor for the Office of Governmental and Community Relations. Romero, a UCR alumna, helped lead briefing sessions for the group. “UC, and UCR represent the very best of higher education in our state, and our alumni and students continue to contribute in meaningful ways to the economic, social, and political health of California.”

View the photo gallery: ucrtoday.ucr.edu/45392.

Did You Know?

What’s Inside the UCR Magazine Winter edition?

UCR Magazine’s Winter issue is now online. Learn about why UCR’s goal of raising \$300 million is crucial for campus growth. “Living the Promise: The Campaign for UC Riverside” is the first comprehensive fundraising campaign in UCR’s history, and the gifts will go to aiding student graduation rates, creating faculty support, funding research programs, and building new infrastructure around campus.

In this issue, professor Joseph Kahne — the inaugural Ted and Jo Dutton Endowed Presidential Chair for Education Policy and Politics in the Graduate School of Education — talks about educational policies in the digital age. Golf coach Mary Ritchie tells us why she thinks golf is a microcosm for life. You’ll also get to know EPIC, UCR’s new brain trust for inventors, and relive professor Stu Krieger’s experience at the University of California’s center in Washington, D.C.

Read the magazine online, share features on your social networks, view it on your mobile devices, and more.

Read more Did You Know?: ucrtoday.ucr.edu/45320.

Awards & Honors

Evan Trager to Participate in 2017 APA Research Colloquium

Evan Trager, M.D., a second-year psychiatry resident with UC Riverside's School of Medicine, has been selected to participate in the 2017 American Psychiatric Association (APA) Research Colloquium.

This event will be held during the APA annual meeting in San Diego on May 21.

APA's annual meeting is the premier psychiatry event of the year. APA represents more than 37,000 psychiatrists around the world.

Last month, Trager was named the recipient of the \$10,000 Resident Training Award in Substance Use Disorders grant by the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) and the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry (AACAP).

Research & Scholarship

New Center to Focus on the Impact of Transportation Emissions on Human Health

The Center for Environmental Research and Technology at UC Riverside's Bourns College of Engineering is part of a new Department of Transportation (DOT) University Transportation Center (UTC) that will combine experts from two disciplines traditionally not known for research collaboration—transportation and public health.

The Center for Advancing Research in Transportation Emissions, Energy and Health (CAR-TEEH) will focus on the impact of transportation emissions on human health. The Texas A&M Transportation Institute (TTI) leads the CAR-TEEH consortium with four partner universities: UC Riverside, Johns Hopkins University, Georgia Institute of Technology, and the University of Texas at El Paso.

CAR-TEEH is funded for a five-year period, at over \$11 million. The CAR-TEEH consortium will focus on transportation emissions in a more comprehensive manner, mapping the holistic tailpipe-to-lungs spectrum, which includes the impact of transportation emissions on the environment and public health.

“UC Riverside is very pleased to be part of CAR-TEEH. Southern California suffers from some of the worst traffic congestion and air pollution issues in the nation, so we are ideally placed to study the connection between transportation emissions and public health and try to make positive impacts through research, education, and technology transfer,” said Kanok Boriboonsomsin, associate research engineer at CE-CERT, who is the CAR-TEEH lead at UCR. “We hope that our effort benefits not just this region, but cities and regions across the U.S. and beyond.”

Read more Research & Scholarship: ucrtoday.ucr.edu/45324.

