

Chancellor's Update – November 2019

November 26, 2019

Greetings,

I hope your holiday season is off to a great start.

To say that this is a dynamic time on campus would be a major understatement. Thank you to those who were able to attend the [Campus Update](#) last week. If you were unable to attend, here is a [link to the video presentation](#).

Undocumented Students and DACA Advocacy

On November 12, representatives of the University of California appeared before the U.S. Supreme Court to argue against the rescinding of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals policy, also known as DACA. I am proud to join the UC Riverside and broader UC communities in advocating for our DACA students, and for all of our undocumented students, in every possible way on our campuses. I recognize that often our undocumented students face fear and uncertainty. Please join me in spreading the word to undocumented students (DACA and non-DACA) about the resources offered by [Undocumented Student Programs](#), including a textbook lending library, free printing, clicker borrowing, healing circles, and the student group PODER.

Provost Search

The search for a new Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor is underway. Inquiries and nominations should be sent to Isaacson, Miller, the firm assisting UCR on the search. Background information about the search – including search firm contact information, names of search committee members, and a leadership profile for the position – can be found on our Executive Searches [website](#).

Emergency Text Messaging

On December 9, the university will release an update to our Emergency Notification System, or ENS, which enables us to reach students and employees via text message during an emergency or critical incident. Please join me in taking a few seconds that day to confirm the best cell phone number to reach you during an emergency. More on the system update is available [here](#).

Brand Visual Identity

Earlier this month, about 100 students, faculty, and staff participated in focus groups to review early design concepts for the university's Visual Identity Initiative. The last update to the university's visual identity (logos, fonts, graphic design guidelines) was in 2006. We will continue to engage campus stakeholders during each phase of the initiative. More information available [here](#).

The Rise of UC Riverside

This fall we have kicked off several events for alumni, donors, and friends with this [video](#), which documents how we have achieved the status of America's fastest rising university. This distinction would not be possible without all of you, and the contributions of many who have come before us.

We will continue to bring the story of the amazing people of UCR to our community and beyond – including through our [Beyond Brilliant campaign](#) that we are taking to Downtown Riverside during the Riverside Festival of Lights, which begins this Friday.



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