

May 3, 2013

TO THE CAMPUS COMMUNITY

Dear Colleagues:

I am pleased to take this opportunity to write to you about Staff Celebration Week on our campus, which kicks off today, Friday, May 3, with our Staff Luncheon. During this week, we take some time to express our appreciation to our staff for their many invaluable contributions to our campus community. UC Santa Barbara's excellence in research, teaching, and public service depends in countless ways on our dedicated staff members.

This year, events will be held from May 3-10. The Ice Cream Social, sponsored by Staff Assembly, will be held on Monday, May 6. On Tuesday, our staff organizations are presenting a Food Truck Fair behind the Intercollegiate Athletics Building. The Staff Social will be held on Wednesday, and the 9th Annual Staff Assembly Cookie Contest will be held on Thursday. Our annual PWA Conference will be held the following week on Tuesday, May 14.

Dilling and I are honored to join with our entire campus community in celebrating the accomplishments and contributions of all of our staff colleagues. In this difficult budget climate, recognizing the tremendous work of staff members across our campus and the support they give our students and faculty, and each other, has never been more important. Because we so deeply appreciate the hard work and dedication of our campus staff, Dilling and I have also made a special effort to continue to provide scholarships for staff to encourage and further professional development opportunities through the Dilling Yang Staff Scholarship program, and we are working to expand professional development programming as our way of saying thanks for all our staff does, day in and day out.

I hope you all will join me in supporting and encouraging participation by all of our staff colleagues in the activities of Staff Celebration Week. To learn more about the variety of activities planned for this week, please visit the CSAC website at <http://csac.ucsb.edu>.

Our staff members are an integral and valued part of our UCSB family. I look forward to seeing you at our Staff Celebration Week events.

Sincerely,

Henry T. Yang
Chancellor