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UC Davis' Sustainable 2nd Century

Sustainability requires practices and actions that meet our present needs in ways that enhance the environment and the ability of future generations to thrive. At its root, sustainability is about people, community and collaboration.

Last year, UC Davis wrapped up its Centennial celebration and began to envision achieving a Sustainable 2nd Century. The S2C effort builds on UC Davis' long-term commitment to environmental, economic and social sustainability, its comprehensive expertise and its collaborative approach to provide knowledge and address society's most pressing problems.

Chancellor Linda Katehi worked with campus to develop the "Vision of Excellence." One of six core strategies in this vision framework is: "Nurture a Sustainable Future and Propel Economic Vitality." UC Davis' efforts are recognized in improved external rankings from such groups as *Sierra* magazine and the College Sustainability Report Card.

As we move forward into our next 100 years, it will take all of us--staff, faculty, students, alumni and our friends and supporters--to propel UC Davis into that Sustainable 2nd Century and to help transform the world.

Read about the Sustainable 2nd Century here: <http://sustainability.ucdavis.edu/>

Read about the Vision of Excellence here: <http://vision.ucdavis.edu/>

Read about recent rankings here: <http://sustainability.ucdavis.edu/progress/commitment/awards.html>

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Make Aggie Blue and Gold Add Up to Green

The start of the fall quarter is a time for reflection and new beginnings. The "back-to-school" feeling inspires many of us to set new habits and discover new things. In this spirit, here are a few resources for getting involved in the UC Davis community and tackling the challenge of making our campus more sustainable.

The **new campus wall calendar is sustainability-themed** and each month features some "green" aspect of campus that might surprise you. The calendar is designed to encourage you to take a lunch hour or coffee break to visit highlighted places on campus and try suggested green actions. Calendar copies are \$0.80 at the UC Davis Bookstore, and the calendar webpage is: <http://sustainability.ucdavis.edu/calendar/>.

The **campus sustainability website** (<http://sustainability.ucdavis.edu/index.html>) has information about campus progress, as well as the Take Action section, which offers information and resources for making sustainable choices (<http://sustainability.ucdavis.edu/action/index.html>). You can also read about research work related to sustainability that our faculty conducts, and find resources for students.

Email staff at Office of Environmental Stewardship and Sustainability to tell us about green actions you are taking at work, home, and in your community, and send us your big green ideas on how UC Davis can become more sustainable. Contact us at sustainability@ucdavis.edu or <http://sustainability.ucdavis.edu/about/contact.php> and learn more about us here: <http://sustainability.ucdavis.edu/about/index.html>.

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Green Happens—Custodial Services Rolls Out Green Cleansers

Event Spotlight

Mark Your Calendars for the 5th Annual Sustainability Vendor Fair

Materiel Management is proud to present the 5th Annual Campus Sustainability Day Vendor Fair on Wednesday, October 20, 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the ARC. Contracted vendors and campus units will be showcasing a wide range of environmentally friendly products and services, including:

- Catering
- Cleaning products
- Computers, supplies and peripherals
- Laboratory supplies and equipment
- Office supplies
- Printing services
- Tools and hardware
- And much more!

There will be new vendors, such as Grainger, Fastenal and CDW-G. Old favorites, like OfficeMax and Fisher, will also be returning! There will be informational booths for campus and City of Davis sustainability programs. And, of course giveaway items and door prizes! There is no charge to staff, students or faculty who attend. We look forward to seeing you at the fair!
[Visit us online to learn more.](#)

The Cross Cultural Center Open House!-TODAY!

The Cross Cultural Center Invites the campus community join them for their annual Open House TODAY, **Wednesday, September 22nd from 12 noon to 1:30pm.** The Cross Cultural Center is located across Olson Hall and next to South Hall. Free Food, Live

With little fanfare, Custodial supervisors and custodians will phase in green cleaning products across campus, not due to administration pressure, but because that's the preferred alternative. "All the supervisors are eager to simplify to two cleansers, and we are really glad they are non-toxic," said Custodial Services Superintendent Ben Mendoza, who has considerable experience with green products. Associate Director Luis Escobedo supports this effort wholeheartedly. [\[Read MORE\]](#)

CLTC Promotes Energy-Efficient Lighting Technologies

The California Lighting Technology Center installs demonstrations of energy-efficient lighting technologies on the UC Davis campus and throughout California in an effort to research, develop, and promote sustainable lighting practices. CLTC recently installed wireless controls in a section of Mrak Hall so each occupant can control their task-ambient lighting. This practice saves energy because an entire floor doesn't have to use overhead lighting; each individual can choose lighting based on their needs. [\[Read MORE\]](#)

On the Path to Sustainability at UC Davis Extension

UC Davis Extension educates professionals worldwide about sustainability through its various programs in sustainability and green building, so it is important that the organization practice what it teaches. To that end, UC Davis Extension gathered a group of eager staff volunteers to brainstorm ideas to reduce the organization's carbon footprint. This "Green Team" proposed 38 ideas and has implemented 18 of them, including composting, replacing bottled water with water crocks, requiring zero-waste on-site catering, employing rechargeable batteries and duplex printing, purchasing bikes for commuting to campus, and reducing printed material. The Green Team meets quarterly to discuss ongoing and future projects which include re-landscaping with drought tolerant plants and retrofitting facilities for sustainability.

To further engage the organization, UC Davis Extension posts a weekly email that includes "My Story," a personal account of how a staff member practices sustainability. One of the most memorable is the story of a spouse who converted from never doing the dishes, to composting meal scraps in their country garden. At UC Davis Extension staff who previously would never consider "going green" are now posting stories on how this approach has produced a change in them, which has even extended into their own homes.

[Click here to read some of the "My Story" submissions](#)

Contributed by: Laura Cameron, Facilities and Sustainability Team, UC Davis Extension

BigFix: Power Management and More

Administrative and Resource Management (ARM) provides critical services in support of the campus mission. Computers are integral to much of this work, and ARM staff use nearly 1500 of them. That's a lot of power. While ARM continues its practice of purchasing energy-efficient hardware, the organization recently added [BigFix](#) – a software power management solution that will further reduce electricity usage and greenhouse gas emissions. [\[Read MORE\]](#)

Striving for Zero Waste by 2020

It is easier than ever to reduce your waste and recycle, especially here at UC Davis! Recycling bins are all over campus and it is not hard to see why it may be one of the most important programs in sustainability.

The Waste Reduction and Recycling Program (formerly the R4 Recycling Program) is now under the Environmental Stewardship and Sustainability Office. Our organizational change and renewed efforts are now even more critical as we work towards our zero waste goals by 2020. [\[Read MORE\]](#)

More Ways to Get Involved

Workplace Flexibility Matters for the Planet

Workplace flexibility transcends worklife balance. It's green too. Flexible work arrangements, like telecommuting and compressed workweek, contribute to sustainability in several ways.

Environmentalists applaud telecommuting because it reduces greenhouse gases and energy usage. Urban planners recommend workplace flexibility to reduce traffic and revitalize cities. Governments recognize they can reduce highway wear and tear and alleviate the strain on crumbling transportation

Music, Live Performances, Tours, and a lot more awaits you.

2010 – 2011 Campus Community Book Project

"Why Are All the Black Kids Sitting Together in the Cafeteria? And Other Conversations About Race" by Beverly Daniel Tatum, Ph.D

October Events:

Lectures/Panel Discussions

- **October 7:** *Supporting Diversity in STEM – Creating Inclusive Classrooms in Sciences, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics.* Annie King, Animal Science, 12:10 PM – 1 PM, Surge III, Room 1360
- **October 12:** *Health Disparities and Working with Disadvantaged Communities.* Sergio Aguilar-Gaxiola, Center for Research on Health Disparities, UC Davis Health System, 12:10 PM – 1 PM, Education Building, Room 1222, UC Davis Health System, 4610 X Street, Sacramento Campus
- **October 19:** *Examining Dominance and Marginalization – Why We Still Need Safe Spaces on Campus.* Laurie Lippin, Human and Community Development, 4:10 PM – 6 PM, Mee Room, Memorial Union
- **October 20:** *A Conversation with Moises Kaufman – The State of Hate Crimes and Identity.* Featuring Moises Kaufman, creator of the *Laramie Project*, 12:10 PM – 2 PM, Jackson Hall, Robert and Margrit Mondavi Center for the Performing Arts
- **October 20:** *Be Careful What You Ask For – White Racial Identity Development in Institutional Context.* Jann Murray-Garcia, Betty Irene Moore School of Nursing, 12:10 PM – 1 PM, Education Building, Room 2205, UC Davis Health System, 4610 X Street, Sacramento Campus
- **October 20:** *Where Are All the Women in the STEM Class – A*

infrastructures.

According to the Telework Research Network, 40% of U.S. employees have jobs compatible with telecommuting. If every one of them worked from home on a given day, the greenhouse gas reduction would be equivalent to taking 77,000 cars off the road for a year. Collectively one day would:

- Save 900 Million vehicle miles
- Save 45 Million gallons of gas
- Save 2.3 Million barrels of oil
- Eliminate 423,000 tons of greenhouse gases
- Save 28 million kWh in net electricity--enough to power 2,600 homes for a year

This spring the White House hosted a forum on workplace flexibility. A national campaign is underway to promote it as a best practice.

For information about UC Davis workplace flexibility in support of our Sustainable2ndCentury, visit <http://www.hr.ucdavis.edu/worklife-wellness/work/workplace-flexibility> or contact worklife@ucdavis.edu

Contributed by: Barbara Ashby, MS, WLCP, Manager, Worklife

Cool Collaborators Across Campus

A monthly gathering of operations staff highlights energy efficiency across UC Davis, trouble shoots technical issues, and unveils new technologies. It is called the Cooling and Heating Efficiency Work Group, or CHEWG. With a flexible format where attendees check in with technical breakthroughs and challenges, ideas fly across the table. That is followed by highlighting a specific project, a new cooling technology, or innovative consulting service.

Dave MacKinnon rolled out schematic diagrams of the cooling and heating system in Thoreau Hall, which was engineered by Josh Morejohn. It is similar to several other dorms and a system at the Bodega Bay Lab. It will get a sizable rebate from PG&E, save 15% of building energy, and have a three year pay back. Attendees built on his ideas to optimize the boilers, pumps and logic of the system. Jonathan Woolley showcased the "Coolerado", a hybrid evaporative cooler that won the WCEC "Western Cooling Challenge," and uses less than one half the energy of conventional air conditioners. The group sometimes makes field trips to novel installations, and one coming up will be to visit the modular fan wall installed above Freeborn Hall, hosted by Josh Morejohn.

Project managers, building managers, engineers, technicians and sustainability officers from about eight departments span the UC Davis campus, and include Chris Cioni and Morejohn from Utilities, Patrice Stafford and MacKinnon from Student Housing, Freddy Torres from Facilities Management, Woolley from the Western Cooling Efficiency Center, Scott Arntzen in Design and Construction Management, Scott Cooling from the Primate Center, Mike Thalken from the USDA Western Human Nutrition Research Center, and sometimes Patrick Putney and Michael Lewis from the Sacramento Medical Center.

CHEWG is hosted on the first Thursday of the month at 10 am in Facilities West conference room, and it is convened by sustainability manager Allen Doyle. Additional staff, faculty and students are welcome. apdoyle@ucdavis.edu

Contributed by: Allen P. Doyle, Sustainability Manager, Office of Environmental Stewardship and Sustainability

Invitation to Join the Staff Sustainability Workgroup

UC Davis Staff Members are invited to join the campus Staff Sustainability Workgroup. The group meets monthly on the 3rd Tuesday of the month from 12-1 pm in Human Resources room 182. The group also tours sustainable facilities and organizations to learn about sustainable practices across campus. Anyone interested in sustainability practices and issues is welcome to join. The group is comprised of staff and student employees who are dedicated to increasing awareness and sustainable practices on campus. We plan strategic communications and events, and share ideas about best practices across many fields. There is a great diversity of interests among our group, and we are looking forward to forming subcommittees to work on specific goals and projects to help promote sustainable practices on campus. To find out more about the group or to be added to the email list serve, please contact Coordinator Tiva Lasiter at tlasiter@ucdavis.edu. The next meeting will be a tour of the newly renovated Cuarto Dining Commons on October 19th from 12-1 pm, with lunch from 11 am-12 pm.

Contributed by: Tiva Lasiter, Staff Assembly Coordinator

Buying Green

Panel Discussion Addressing Representation and Support for Women in Sciences, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. Marjorie Longo, Chemical Engineering and Material Science; Susan Kauzlarich, Chemistry; Angelique Louie, Biomedical Engineering; WISE (Women in Science and Engineering) Students, Women's Resource and Research Center, 5:10 PM – 6:30 PM, Mee Room, Memorial Union

- **October 26:** *What Underrepresented Students Need to Succeed in Sciences, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM)*, Annie King, Animal Science, 4:10 PM – 5:30 PM, Mee Room, Memorial Union
- **October 28:** *Why Are All the Green Kids Sitting Together in the Cafeteria – the "Wicked" Connections Between Race and Identity in Gregory Maguire's Novel*. Karma Waltonen, University Writing Program, 12:10 PM – 1 PM, Mee Room, Memorial Union

Workshops

- **October 12:** *Telling Our Stories – An interactive workshop based on the rich history of oral tradition.* Multicultural Immersion Program, Counseling and Psychological Services, 12:10 PM – 1 PM, Cabernet Room, Silo
- **October 21:** *Finding My Ground – Journey Through Racial and Identity Development.* Multicultural Immersion Program, Counseling and Psychological Services, 12:10 PM – 1 PM, Hamilton Room, Heitman Staff Learning Center

Films:

- **October 13:** *From the Community to the Classroom – Acts of Hate, Racial Inequality and Seven Years of Student-Led Change in Davis' "Excellent" Public Schools.* A documentary film directed by Davis youth. 4 PM – 6 PM, 66 Roessler Hall

Book Discussions:

- **October 1, November 5 and December 5:** Inter-Professional

UC Davis Campus Grown Program

In 2005 Sal Genito, Director of Grounds and Landscape Services, launched the UC Davis Olive Oil program, a sustainable solution to a safety hazard created by messy olive fruit falling on bike paths. Genito is continuing that trend with the new Campus Grown program, which currently sells one-of-a-kind handcrafted art made from the salvaged wood of campus grown trees. In the past, if a tree's maintenance required rigorous pruning or its health required removal, the wood would be mulched and reused for landscaping purposes. Now Grounds and Landscape Services salvages large pieces of exotic timber and reserves them for transformation into artful kitchenware and decor. Not only is this a sustainable way for dealing with green waste, the program also generates alternative sources of income to support campus tree programs.

Hand-turned wooden bowls, salad tongs and cutting boards crafted by local artists are currently available to reserve on the program's website: campusgrown.ucdavis.edu and soon via our bookstore. Photos and product information can all be found on the website.

Genito plans to expand the program and include other campus-grown or produced items like yarn spun from the wool of campus sheep or art created by design students from found objects. Proceeds will support university programs and sustainability goals.

Contributed by: Katie Stapko, Analyst, Facilities Management [Click here for PHOTO](#)

Printing Green At Repro Graphics

UC Davis Repro Graphics is committed to help you meet all your sustainability objectives. We are certified to print both the FSC and SFI labels designating a continuous chain of custody from sustainable forestry to the printed page.

We print on recycled papers with post consumer waste up to 100%. Our Mohawk papers come from mills powered with wind energy. Our offset presses print with vegetable based inks and our metal plates are recycled. Under a new arrangement with International Paper we recycle all of our paper waste including cutter trim, make ready, NCR and colored papers. We have reduced our landfill waste by two thirds.

Your office copier can be more sustainable by taking several simple steps and we can help:

- Set your copier to default to duplex printing
- Recycle your spent toner cartridges through campus mail
- Reduce the number of printers in the office by networking through your copy machine
- Scan and email rather than print and fax
- Use 100% pcw copy paper available through UCD Buy

<http://reprographics.ucdavis.edu>

Contributed by: Brain Wadell, Director, Repro Graphics

The UC Davis Bargain Barn-Sustainability in Action on Campus!

Ever wonder where all that "vintage" furniture, archaic lab equipment, and all that other random stuff your department no longer has a need for ends up? We take in excess equipment and supplies from campus departments and sell them to other departments, and to the general public. Annually we divert over 8,000 items from the landfill for re-use and recycle approximately 97 tons of e-waste.

Our retail store is open to departments and the general public Monday through Friday from 9am-1pm. We have great deals on all kinds of random stuff plus the usual office furniture, lab equipment, microscopes, computers, DVD players, printers, etc. In addition we have a 'free to departments' shelf with miscellaneous office supplies like binders, folders, staplers, paper punches, telephones, etc. No time to drop by? Shop online from your desk! Visit <http://bargainbarn.ucdavis.edu> to see our inventory. You will also find all the information you'll need to get all of that old equipment out of your hair and off your inventory.

Start shopping green at the Bargain Barn! Each purchase from the Bargain Barn helps support our campus' commitment to sustainability! Treasures await you!

Brown Bag Lunch Book Club.
Betty Irene Moore School of
Nursing and UC Davis School
of Medicine. NOON – 1 PM,
Education Building, Room
1222, UC Davis Health System,
4610 X Street, Sacramento
Campus

- **Beginning October 14 (meeting on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month throughout the Fall):** The Davis Faith & Social Justice Group. Potluck dinner at 6 PM to be followed by discussion at 6:30 PM. For location and other information, contact Jill Van Zanten at jillvz@sbcglobal.net

For a complete list of events, please visit <http://occr.ucdavis.edu/ccbp2010>. All events are FREE to the public with the exception of the Author's Talk on Dec. 10, 8 PM at the Mondavi Center for the Performing Arts.

UC Davis Arboretum Plant Fair and Sale

Get a jump on your fall planting!
Spotlight on outstanding California
native plants! Join at the door for a 10%
discount and a free plant!

[Click for Website](#)

Date: 9/25/2010

Time: 9am-1pm

Location: Arboretum Teaching Nursery,
Garrod Drive (across from the Vet
school)

Cost: Free; members only 9-11 am,
open to the public 11am-1pm; join at
the door for early admission

Calling UC Davis Environmentalists!

You are invited to join an Environmental
Leaders Kickoff hike!!!

- **WHAT:** This fun event is an opportunity for members from a variety of different environmental groups from UC Davis to network and most of all have a great time in the middle of nature!! The kickoff will include a hike at the Stebbins Cold Canyon trail, a

A Sustainable future? Start at home

The idea of living in an environmentally sustainable world is becoming more and more important. How do we turn over a better world to our children? Where do we start? You can start where you work and live by pushing for more energy efficient lighting and appliances. Learn how to conserve energy more effectively and talk to you utility provider for ideas on how to make your home more energy efficient.

UC Davis Employees can now add solar power to their home with no upfront costs through an exclusive program with Paramount Energy Solutions

The UC Davis Staff Assembly is proud to announce a special program available to UC Davis employees. In partnership with Paramount Energy Solutions, UCD employees can take advantage of discounted pricing on solar power systems. Paramount will also be donating **\$400 to The UC Davis Staff Dependent Scholarship Program** for every employee that chooses to add solar power to their homes through this program.

If you are interested in learning more about solar power, visit [here](#) and stay tuned for information about an upcoming informational session on campus. You can contact Brian Fenocchio, a designer of solar systems for Paramount Energy Solutions/SolarCity and a graduate of UC Davis. He can be reached at 916-746-8046 or 916-580-9559.

[Click here for an overview of the program's benefits offered to UC Davis employees.](#)

Sustainable Transportation

Green Commuting Options

If you're driving to work alone or tired of biking in bad weather, check out our private network for carpooling, [Zimride!](#) Over 1,200 Aggies are using UC Davis Zimride to find and share rides with friends and colleagues. Whether you want to be a driver or a passenger, UC Davis's private carpool network helps you match up with UC Davis staff and faculty to split costs.

Five lucky zimriders from across the country who offer or request to share a ride before October 15 will win \$100 Visa gift cards. A grand prize of **\$1,000** will be awarded to one Zimride group that emails us (prize@zimride.com) a fun picture and story of their carpool by 10/15/2010. Add your ride today:

<http://zimride.ucdavis.edu>

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Getting the Lead Out

UC Davis Fleet Services was recently recognized by the U.S. Environmental Protection (EPA) Agency for eliminating the use of lead tire weights on UC Davis Fleet vehicles. EPA officials Angeles Herrera and Olof Hansen visited the campus last year to present a plaque for this achievement and to make a presentation on the hazards presented to the environment by lead tire weights. [\[Read MORE\]](#)

UC Davis Expands Biodiesel Fleet

Biodiesel is just one of many alternative fuels currently in use in the UC Davis fleet in order to displace petroleum fuel consumption, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and minimize the campus' carbon

little strategy, and maybe some team building games, depending on temperature.

- WHO: Students, staff, faculty and families invited.
- WHEN: Saturday, September 25, 2010 9:30am – 2:30
- WHERE: Meet at the UCD Tennis Court Parking Lot (9:15am) Please bring some water, comfy shoes, sunscreen or a hat.
- Carpool to Stebbins Cold Canyon (9:30am)
- [CHECK IT OUT HERE](#), Hike #1: --your portal to great hiking in the Berryessa Hills.
- Read the "How to get There", and BE CAREFUL crossing the highway. ~40 minute drive directions
- [If you want to do the longer hike (#3, two extra miles and hilly, you can do that after we gather at the homestead if it's cool enough.]
- Arrive back at UC Davis around 2:30, later if you do the long hike.

Please sign up on [this google doc](#) and indicate your hike preference(s)

DEADLINE TO SIGN UP IS Thursday, Sept 23

Other Events:

Tony Award–Winning Spelling Bee Opens in Main Theatre!

Six teens battle for glory in *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee* with songs including "I'm Not That Smart," "The I Love You Song" and "Pandemonium." This year's competition is hilariously out of control with supernatural trances, magic body parts, ulterior motives and peer and parental pressure. The 2005 Broadway production was nominated for six Tony Awards, winning two. This heartwarming musical captures the carefree spirit of youth while bringing out the nerd in all of us!

Director/Choreographer Mindy Cooper has twice held the title of UC Davis Granada Artist-in-Residence. Her successful stagings of *Oklahoma!* at Jackson Hall and *Urinetown: The*

footprint. UC Davis was one of the first fleets in the state to field test Biodiesel, a clean burning alternative fuel produced from domestic, renewable resources. Pure Biodiesel contains no petroleum, but it can be blended at any level with petroleum diesel to create a biodiesel blend. UC Davis primarily dispenses B20 Biodiesel, which is a fuel blend consisting of 20% Biodiesel. [\[Read MORE\]](#)

From Farm to Table

East Quad Farmers Market Reopens next Wednesday!

The East Quad Farmers Market (EQFM) is back for Fall quarter. It will be held every Wednesday, September 29- November 17, 2010 from 10:00-2:30 on the East Quad. Come support local farmers and get fresh produce, nuts, flowers and more! For more information and to join the EQFM list serve visit <http://healthcenter.ucdavis.edu/hep/eqfm.html> [Click here for PHOTOS](#)

Students Practice Sustainable Agriculture for More than 30 Years at the Student Farm

The 20 acre Student Farm (SF) has served UC Davis students, farmers, gardeners, school children and others with programs focusing on sustainable agriculture, experiential learning, and the encouragement of student initiative, creativity and exploration since 1977. Hands-on learning is central to the SF's educational programs. These include the Ecological Garden, where students learn ecological horticulture techniques and the four-acre Market Garden, where students grow organic produce for sale to the campus community via a "subscription farming" program, the Coffee House and the campus Farmers Market. In the Children's Garden Program, UC Davis students provide hands-on tours of the farm to visiting grade school classes each spring. The SF also hosts Project Compost's farm-scale composting operations. The SF offers formal courses on sustainable agriculture and organic crop production and a winter quarter preparatory class for students who will work in the Children's Garden Program. Students can also conduct their own research or other special projects at the SF. Past projects have included topics such as biological control of pests, cover cropping, new crop development, biodiesel production, and integrated farming and aquaculture systems.

For more information call Mark Van Horn at 752-7645 or visit <http://studentfarm.ucdavis.edu/>. [Click here for PHOTOS](#)

Contributed by: Mark Van Horn, Director, Plant Sciences and Student Farm

Cuarto Dining Commons – Bringing You Healthy and Wholesome Food, From the Ground Up!

Check out the newly renovated Cuarto Dining Commons for a truly sustainable dining experience. Cuarto Dining Commons, located in the Oxford Circle housing area, re-opened its doors this fall to the campus community with a unique menu offering many local and sustainable food items. Similar to the dining style of Tercero and Segundo, Cuarto Dining features five specialty food platforms including the Harvest Bakery serving fresh, campus baked goods, the grill for specialty hot foods, a pizza and pasta station, house-made soup bar, the Seasonality marketplace for in-season bistro-style entrees and a specialty salad bar boasting sustainable options. Cuarto Dining is registered with the US Green Building Council as a LEED project, seeking LEED Gold certification. Design features include recycled content and FSC certified woods. Solar thermal panels adorn the south-facing roofs to pre-heat water supplied to the dish room. Natural lighting has been accentuated and occupancy sensors and photo cells will control lighting throughout the building for further energy efficiency. And finally – outdoor patio seating! All staff receive a 20% discount at the door and a discounted meal plan option.

<http://dining.ucdavis.edu/res-cuarto.html>

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Scrubs Café Goes Green

Veterinary students and staff welcomed a change with the new academic semester to a greener Scrubs Café. What to do with your waste at Scrubs? Well, now you have one more option – compost it! Compost your apple cores, napkins, compostable cutlery, paper coffee cups and more at the recycling station. Composting also happens behind the scenes with all kitchen scraps, paper products and coffee grounds. Speaking of coffee grounds, guests at Scrubs can take home FREE coffee grounds for use in their home gardens and compost bins. Local fruit also debuted with the introduction

Musical at Main Theatre reflect her extensive Broadway background as director, choreographer, and performer.

The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee is rated PG-13. It opened on Thursday, September 16, in Main Theatre.

[Tickets, photos and more Mindy Cooper biography](#)

Try Before You Buy: September 20 – October 2

During Try Before You Buy all students, faculty, staff, alumni, retirees and student affiliates may enjoy a complimentary trial membership, allowing full access to:

- All the [equipment and resources of the ARC](#)
- Free access to all [group exercise classes](#)
- Free access to all [instructional dance classes](#)
- Free access to all [martial arts classes](#)

Faculty/Staff ARC members are welcome to bring a friend and try any group exercise, instructional dance, and martial arts classes. Stop by the ARC Member Services desk to participate in Try Before You Buy.

The Buzz

The largest annual party event at UC Davis, The Buzz is back to kick off the 2010-11 academic year with a welcome festival at the quad on campus. There will be music, dancing, giveaways, casino and carnival games, food, crafts, and much more! This is a free event! <http://thebuzz.ucdavis.edu>

Date: 9/24/2010

Time: 6-10pm

Location: The Quad, UC Davis

Poetry in the Arboretum

Featuring UC Davis Chicana/o professor Xico Gonzalez: an educator, artist, poet, and a political and cultural activist based in Sacramento, California. He will have his artwork and books available for purchase. Free and open to the public. Refreshments.

Date: 9/30/2010

of more seasonal, local and organic options. This fall, try organic apples grown at Coco Ranch, 5 miles from the UC Davis campus and organic pears from Steamboat Orchards grown right on the Sacramento delta! Don't forget to bring your reusable cup or mug when you drop into Scrubs for your fountain beverage or morning coffee – you will be rewarded with a \$0.15 discount. Keep an eye out for more green changes happening at Scrubs. Coming soon...Fair Trade coffee and expanded vegan and humane options! Use your Staff Pin and receive a 10% discount on any purchase (20% if you use Aggie Cash!)

<http://dining.ucdavis.edu/ret-scrubs.html>

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UC Davis Coffee House Opening Soon

After more than one year of being closed for the renovation, finishing touches and on-location employee training are happening as the Coffee House gears up to be opening again very soon. Staff and the rest of campus are eagerly awaiting the reopening of the improved Coffee House with many new offerings! Some sustainable features will include composting, and up to 95% biodegradable products! [Click here to link to further details from latest Dateline article.](#)

Good Life Garden

Be sure to check out the Robert Mondavi Institute's Good Life Garden at <http://www.goodlifegarden.ucdavis.edu/> also, [Click here for PHOTOS!](#)

Other Important News:

Post Employment Benefits Changes

On August 25, 2010, President Yudof issued a letter to faculty and staff regarding the Post-Employment Benefits Task Force recommendations concerning proposed future changes to UC retirement and retiree health benefits. His letter may be viewed at: <http://atyourservice.ucop.edu/> As part of the ongoing communication effort, Office of the President is inviting all faculty, staff and retirees to participate in the online town hall meeting detailed below:

Web Town Hall
Sept. 24, 2010
10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
<http://www.ustream.tv/ucevents>

Web Town Hall about UC Benefits

UC leaders will host an online town hall meeting Sept. 24 to talk with faculty, staff and retirees about post-employment benefits, health care costs, UC's budget and other university issues.

The live, interactive webcast will be held Friday, September 24 from 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Faculty, staff and retirees from across the UC organization will be able to view the webcast by going to: <http://www.ustream.tv/ucevents>

To submit questions and comments, participants must create a UStream account. This is a simple process that takes about a minute. Sign up for an account here: <http://www.ustream.tv/login-signup>.

Mobility Assistance Shuttle Now Available to Staff, Faculty

UC Davis has expanded its Mobility Assistance Program, and will now offer the service to faculty and staff in addition to students. The newly renamed Mobility Assistance Shuttle will provide convenient transportation to faculty and staff with documented mobility impairments or disabilities, offering convenient pick-up and drop-offs at more than 40 locations across campus. The service features a small fleet of motorized vehicles (similar to golf carts), and is a collaboration between the Student Disability Center, Campus Recreation, Transportation and Parking Services (TAPS), and the ADA Special Access Funding Committee. For more information, faculty and staff may contact the Disability

Time: 12-1pm
Location: Wyatt Deck across from the Wyatt Pavilion on Old Davis Road

Meat Lab Sales

The UC Davis Meat Lab offers sales that are open to the public every Thursday and Friday afternoon. Cash and check only. A list of prices can be viewed at

<http://animalscience.ucdavis.edu>

Date: 9/30/2010, 9/31/2010

Time: 1-5:30pm

Location: Cole C Facility

Gunrock Pub Wine Tasting: Bogle Vineyards

Come taste why they are a nationally acclaimed winery!

<http://gunrockpub.ucdavis.edu>

Date: 10/6/2010

Time: 5-6:30pm

Location: Gunrock Pub, Silo

Cost: \$10

Mushrooms Are for Lunch Study for Men & Women

Invite to Participate in an October Cohort!

USDA, ARS Western Human Nutrition Research Center invites healthy men and women, ages 20 - 59 years, to participate in a 42 day study with **week day** study visits at lunch-time on the UC Davis campus.

We hope to learn if mushrooms treated with ultraviolet (UV) light to increase their vitamin D2 content are actually a good source of vitamin D when consumed daily with a meal (lunch).

Volunteers must **not** be regularly consuming vitamin D fortified foods (e.g. soy milk, UV treated mushrooms, or shitake mushrooms), or taking dietary supplements containing vitamin D. Volunteers must be willing and able to come to the research center (WHNRC) on the UC Davis campus for 1 screening and 3 study visits that require blood draws, and be able to come to the WHNRC for lunch every week day for six consecutive weeks. Volunteers must be able to consume the study meals (lunches) at home on the weekends.

Management Services office at 530.752.6019, or visit the Campus Recreation website:
<http://campusrecreation.ucdavis.edu/cms/internal.aspx?uid=5670ce8c-5711-4705-8cf4-58b695a26e53>

For more information, call (530) 752-5177 and Press # 1 or [visit our website](#)

New Aggie Cards

UC Davis is implementing a new ID card, the AggieCard. The AggieCard replaces the old ID card beginning this fall quarter 2010 as the official UC Davis identification card. Important tips and information about where staff (and students) can obtain their AggieCards is below.

Where to get an employee AggieCard

Location: AggieCard Office on the first floor of the Memorial Union
Monday-Friday: 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

- The AggieCard provides an updated design, and all printed elements from the previous card remain.
- Employees are not required or obligated to set-up a US Bank account upon receiving the AggieCard. That decision is solely up to each individual.

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Guidelines for Article Submissions

To submit an article for the next Staff Voice, please email staffvoice@ucdavis.edu. All articles must be proofed for spelling, grammar, punctuation, capitalization and sentence structure. The Staff Voice team is not responsible for errors. Articles must be limited to 200 words, or 1000 characters, not including spaces. Articles must contain a title, contact information and a URL, if applicable. Articles must be related to UC Davis staff and be an original piece. Staff Assembly reserves the right to determine the appropriateness of articles submitted for publication. We also reserve the right to edit submissions. **Articles must be submitted by 3pm on the Friday prior to the next publication date.** The 2010 Publication Calendar is available at http://staff.ucdavis.edu/News/publication_calendar_thru_1_2011.pdf.

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