



Dear DFA Colleagues,

It's hard to believe that my one year anniversary has come and gone. I am so proud to be working with such a talented team and continue to be impressed with all that we have accomplished. Thank you for embracing opportunities to elevate our level of service, break down administrative barriers, and streamline processes.

We are a few months into our merger, and we are poised to provide a more comprehensive approach to serving the students, faculty, staff, and visitors of UCI. Together, we will continue to maintain a safe and attractive campus, provide professional services in the areas of budgeting, accounting, purchasing, risk management, safety, real estate, transportation, and provide decision support to executive management.

There are two upcoming events that I want to make sure everyone is aware of and will make time to attend.

- **April Town Hall:** This is a great opportunity to network with your fellow coworkers, receive divisional updates, and learn more about our initiatives. Please submit [advance questions](#) by Friday, April 6. Click [here](#) for more information.
- **Divisional Team Building Picnic:** The 2nd annual team building picnic will take place at the University Club on Wednesday, June 27 from 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Click [here](#) to view the save the date.

Thank you for all of your hard work, and as always, feel free to share your comments and suggestions by sending an email to [WithUForU@uci.edu](mailto:WithUForU@uci.edu).

With appreciation,

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## DFA and UCI Events Calendar

- **February 1 - March 30:** [Book Drive](#)
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## WITH U • FOR U - MOBILE APP

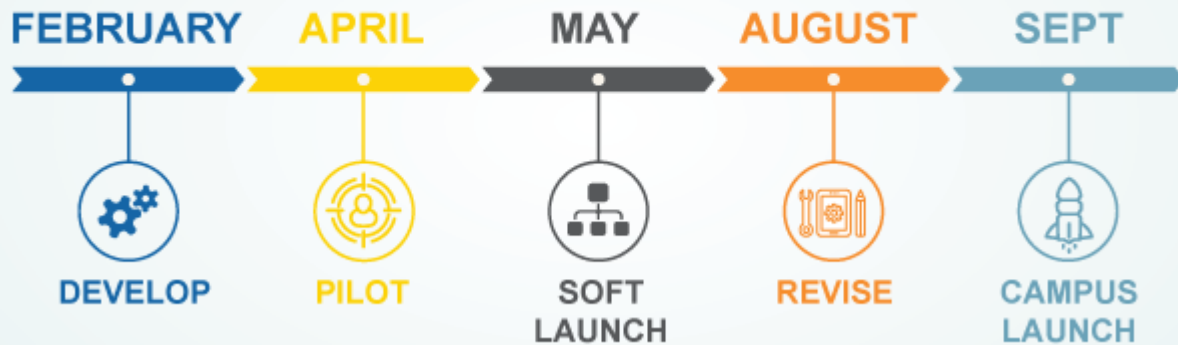


The **With U • For U** mobile app will provide easy access to services and resources on the go, and will be available to download for iOS and Android devices on Monday, April 2, 2018. Available features include:

- Look up emergency phone numbers and safety resources
- Report facility, parking, and safety concerns
- View campus transit options
- Look up people in the campus directory
- Access calendars, news, and events
- Look up travel quick reference guides

The below graphic represents the launch timeline of the app. As a reminder, the mobile app will play a strategic role in the way services are delivered to the campus. This is phase one and the development team is working on evaluating modules for phase two. Please email questions or ideas to [WithUForU@uci.edu](mailto:WithUForU@uci.edu). Click [here](#) to access the mobile app demo link and visit the [website](#) for more information.

# TIMELINE



## EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION SUBMISSION - DEADLINE EXTENDED



Employees now have until April 11 to nominate employees for the [Employee Recognition Program](#).

The Division of Finance and Administration recognizes the collective contributions of every DFA employee to the overall mission and strategic plan of the university. Our Employee Recognition Program is designed to encourage opportunities for those efforts to be acknowledged publicly. Every day is an opportunity for colleagues, co-workers, and managers/supervisors to recognize the great work of our people in the following categories:

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- CARE - Customer Appreciation Repeatedly Expressed
  - HERO - Helping Everyone Realize Opportunities
  - IDEA - Innovate Discover Encourage Achieve
  - SAFE - Safety Award for Excellence
  - TEAM - Together Everyone Achieves More

Nominees will be recognized during April's town hall.

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Click the image to learn more about UCI's commitment to providing a healthy working, learning, and living environment for all member of the campus community and its visitors.

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## INTRODUCING CAMPUS SAFETY NEWSLETTER



The departments of Environmental Health & Safety and Risk Services, Transportation and Distribution Services, Facilities Management, and Public Safety partnered to create a campuswide **SAFER With U • For U** newsletter that will launch next month. The newsletter is aimed to provide safety information and serve as a resource for the campus community.

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## UCI 'ISLANDS' ITS MICROGRID



A yearlong collaboration, including Facilities Management, Design & Construction, and the Advance Power & Energy Program (APEP), recently resulted in a major milestone for UCI by successfully islanding the campus power grid. This demonstration of separating the campus power from Southern California Edison (SCE), and carrying the campus power load onto our own Cogeneration Plant is a major first step in enhancing our ability to serve the campus community in the event of an SCE power interruption. We look forward to continued collaboration with our campus research community through the Advanced Power and Energy Program, as we advance toward enhanced power reliability at UCI.

Click [here](#) to view the full UCI press release.

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## PUMP2PLUG OFFERING NEW DEALERSHIP DISCOUNT

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# DEALERSHIP DISCOUNTS

## ALL-NEW 2018 NISSAN LEAF

**\$5,500 OFF MSRP FOR UCI FACULTY, STAFF, STUDENTS, & RETIREES!**

**ONLY \$14,500!**



**CLICK HERE FOR MORE DEALERSHIP DISCOUNTS**

UCI Transportation has negotiated an exclusive deal for the UCI Community to receive \$5,500 off the 2018 Nissan Leaf. Along with the \$10,000 in possible rebates, this reduces the zero-emission vehicle to the low price-point of \$14,500. If you are considering the purchase of an electric vehicle, now may be the best time to explore your options. The [Pump2Plug](#) program continues to offer up to 3 years of complimentary level 1 EV charging for faculty and staff who switch from their gasoline-powered commute. For more information, please email Saul Valdez at [savaldez@uci.edu](mailto:savaldez@uci.edu).



### 8th Annual Book Drive

The Community Action Partnership of Orange County runs two family resource centers designed to strengthen families and the communities that surround them. These books will be used as educational and recreational resources in assisting families in need. For a map of the drop off locations, please click [here](#).

## EMPLOYEE PROFILES



**Ryan Hoadwonic, Director, Institutional Research Operations.**

I have worked at UCI for 8 years and have been in my current position for 1 year. I am responsible for managing the day-to-day Institutional Research operations, including responding to requests for data and providing reports and analyses.

**How has UCI/department helped you in your career development?** When I first started at UCI, the Office of Institutional Research was very different. In the eight years I've been here, the office has almost tripled in size, which has afforded both me and my colleagues the opportunity to participate in trainings and take classes, attend and present at conferences, and participate in discussions and data exchanges that broaden our understanding of institutional research and its potential.

**Who is one colleague that deserves praise and recognition? Why?** Honestly, I think that Assistant Vice Chancellor Ryan Cherland should be given praise and recognition. He's completely changed institutional research at the university from what it was when I first got here. Not only that, but he genuinely wants what's best for the university, cares about people, and does the job needed without hesitation. He's inspirational and does so much to better both the university and the field of Institutional Research.

**What piece of advice would you give to a new employee?** Never assume you know everything and never stop learning. The university constantly changes, which means we need to change and grow in response. What worked in the past may not be optimal in the future, so be open to new ideas and new ways of doing things.

**Favorite travel spot?** I love to travel in general. It's always nice to go home to South Carolina to see my family, but I also love travelling to any new cities and countries. Each place is special in its own way, and I believe that travel is one important way we can expand our worldview and understanding of people and cultures.

**Before your time at UCI, what was your most interesting or oddest job?** I tutored Swahili in college. While I was an undergrad, I thought I was going to join the Peace Corps, go to Africa, and save the world (!), so I took several years of Swahili. I gained some proficiency in the language, so my professor asked me to work for the university as their Swahili tutor. I never did go to Africa (I went on to get a job and go to grad school instead), but I tutored the language for a year or so.

**Motto or Personal Mantra:** "It is what it is." When I say that, I really mean that there's no reason to dwell on the things that we cannot change and we should focus on accepting and moving forward.

**Brian Maloney, Electrician, Facilities Management.**

I started working at UCI 11 years ago, and have been in my current position for that time as well. I am responsible for maintaining the electrical systems on campus, responding to service calls when they come in, and for the past nine years I have been assigned to project documenting and labeling the electrical equipment on campus with arc flash stickers.



**What aspect of your job do you enjoy the most?** I love figuring out how an electrical system was installed. Sometimes you play detective figuring out what the technician before you did and why he installed it that way.

**What do you like most about UCI/department?** I like that every day is a new challenge, a new job, and a new worksite. The work never gets boring.

**What piece of advice would you give to a new employee?** I would tell any new employee to use your past experiences but also to learn how things are done here at UCI. Learn to adapt.

**Favorite travel spot?** I love going back east to Long Island, where I grew up, to visit my family and friends. But my favorite destination for vacation is Maui.

**If Hollywood made a movie about your life, who would you like to see cast as you?** Everyone says Kevin James from the King of Queens and now Kevin Can Wait.

**Before your time at UCI, what was your most interesting or oddest job?** The oddest job I had as a teenager was wearing costumes like Mickey Mouse and Ninja Turtles at the mall and taking pictures with little kids.



**Helen Chang, Equipment, Surplus Property, and KFS Asset Manager, Procurement Services.**

I've been with UCI for 28 years and in my current position for 24 years. I am responsible for UCI movable capital assets management and surplus property sale.

**What is one accomplishment at work that you are most proud? Why?** KFS (Kuali Financial System) Asset Inventory Certification Application through innovation, integration, and collaboration. The efficiency business process application is saving UCI campus and medical center administrative cost over half million dollars per equipment physical inventory cycle.

**What piece of advice would you give to a new employee?** Always do your best.

**After a long day at work, what do you look forward to the most?** Yoga class and swimming the next morning.

**Favorite travel spot?** Skiing at Mammoth.



**If you were stuck on an island what three things would you bring?** Swimming gear, yoga mat, and favorite music.

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