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## Updates for EVCP Divisions - Thursday, November 30, 2023

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# EVCP Monthly Updates

*A monthly round-up from across campus of news items, updates, and events for academic and administrative staff within the EVCP Division.*



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**Thursday, November 30, 2023**

Good afternoon,

As we head into these final weeks of the semester, we hope this email finds you healthy and rested from the recent holiday weekend. If you are not already subscribed, the [Be Well at Work](#) team puts out a wonderful monthly newsletter with a broad range of physical and mental health programs, a calendar of in-person and virtual exercise classes, ergonomic resources, and tips on seasonal recipes. During the holidays they are doing an extra, daily virtual “postcard” with a specific theme to keep you focused on your own wellness goals.

In the lead-up to the winter break, we want to make sure you are aware of several key dates:

- **Reading, Review, and Recitation (RRR) Week: Monday, December 4th - Friday, December 8th:** Also sometimes referred to as ‘dead week’ the Academic Senate provides these [Guidelines](#) for what instructional activities are permitted and encouraged during this period allocated for students to wrap-up their courses and prepare for final exams.
- **Final Exam Week: Monday, December 11th - Friday, December 15th:** With four standard exam slots daily and all exam locations published at [classes.berkeley.edu](https://classes.berkeley.edu). Please also see this [recent CalMessage](#) with important information from the Division of Undergraduate Education about proctoring, academic accommodations, and classroom access during this week.
- **Winter Energy Curtailment and Campus Administrative Holidays:** Starting at the end of the business day on **Friday, December 22, 2023, through Tuesday, January 2, 2024**, there will be a reduction of energy use through heating, ventilation, and lighting sources campus-wide unless an exemption has been granted. Employees and managers should have a clear understanding of any vacation or time off that staff are taking. Please make sure that you are making appropriate preparations for supporting lab and research spaces that are temperature-sensitive.

After an astounding three years of fundraising, the [Light the Way campaign](#) is coming to an end in December. After setting an original goal to raise \$6 billion, the largest target in our history, we already exceeded that goal earlier this fall at the \$7.1 billion mark. There are a few more weeks to keep on exceeding the goal and maintain our status as having completed the largest campaign drive of a public institution. Key deadlines to be mindful of: **Friday, December 29th** is the last day by which securities gifts, wire transfers, and couriered gifts must be received and **Sunday, December 31st at 11:59 pm PST** is the last date for credit card gifts to be received to count towards the campaign. Please see [Give.Berkeley.edu/faq](#) for general instructions on how to give.

In light of the short sprint between now and the end of the semester, this will be the last Updates email for the year. See you again in January. Please email us at [evcp@berkeley.edu](mailto:evcp@berkeley.edu) if you have updates you think the rest of the EVCP division would be interested to hear about.

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## **Highlights**

*What follows is a curated round-up of timely and broad-impact updates we want to be sure have your attention.*

- **Berkeley Support Portal (“Supportal”)**: Earlier this month, through a cross-collaboration with several campus partners, the Chancellor’s Immediate Office launched the new [Berkeley Support Portal](#) (“Supportal”) website. Designed for all members of the campus community, the website serves as the one-stop platform for easy access to assistance and campus resources when you have a concern for yourself or someone else. From support for basic needs to issues around harm and misconduct, the website is designed to guide you to the right resource based on six expandable category areas.
- **Office for the Prevention of Harassment and Discrimination (OPHD)** responds to all incidents of protected-class harassment and discrimination involving anyone in the University community, including allegations of antisemitism and islamophobia. OPHD sends outreach to impacted parties with resources, rights, and options for resolution, including offers of supportive measures such as academic or workplace assistance and safety concerns. If the report involves first-amendment protected speech, it is generally not actionable from a policy perspective, but we still provide support to any impacted students or employees. Reports of behavior that would violate policy, such as harassment or discrimination, can be formally investigated and we work with the impacted person to understand their preferred method of resolution. If we do not know the identity of the respondent or the respondent is not a member of the UC community, which is common, we can still work with the impacted person to remedy and prevent further acts of harm. Everyone is encouraged to [report incidents of harassment, discrimination, and hate/bias](#) to OPHD.

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## **From Around the Campus**

*What follows is a compilation of updates from across campus that you may have otherwise missed.*

### **Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, Belonging, and Justice**

- **CalMessages**
  - [Take time to celebrate Veterans Day](#)
  - [Take the time to learn this Native American Heritage Month](#)
  - [November is Transgender and Nonbinary Empowerment Month](#)
- [Institute for the Study of Societal Issues Events](#)
  - Institute for the Study of Societal Issues: "[Global Africa: Profiles in Courage, Creativity, and Cruelty.](#)" Adekeye Adebajo and Samar Al-Bulushi. November 29, 12-1:30. Hybrid: 2111 Bancroft Way and Zoom. Co-sponsored by: Center for African Studies, Othering & Belonging Institute.
- [Campus Diversity, Equity, Inclusion & Belonging Events](#)
- Greater Good Science Center
  - [What Motivates You to be Generous?](#)
  - [Being Kind if Good for Your Health \(The Science of Happiness Podcast\)](#)
  - [After Depression, Our Brain’s Negativity Bias Lingers](#)
  - [If You Practice Gratitude, Your Children Can Benefit, Too](#)

### **Academic & Student Affairs**

- **CalMessages:**
  - [Final Exams Fall 2023 - Important Information](#)
  - [Incomplete Grades](#)
  - [Call for Nominations: Dean of Berkeley Optometry & Vision Science](#)
  - [Cal Day and "Big 3" Events 2024](#)
  - [An update regarding academic flexibility](#)
  - [Call for Nominations: Graduate Mentoring Awards 2024](#)
  - [Flexibility and compassion for students and others in these dark times](#)
  - [Announcement of 2023 Advising and Student Services Award Recipients](#)
  - [Call for Wellness Fund Proposals: Deadline to apply is January 26, 2024](#)
  - [Important Updates to the Code of Student Conduct](#)
  - [Nominate Students to be GBO Leaders](#)
- **Teaching at Berkeley:** [An Inquiry on Feedback](#)
- **Research, Teaching, & Learning:** [November](#)
- **Advising Strategy+Training Events & Opportunities:**
  - **“Celebrating Our Collective Efforts” Advising and Student Services Annual Event:** [RSVP for our annual advising and student services community celebration](#) on November 28, 3:00 - 4:30 p.m. in West Pauley Ballroom. This is an opportunity to come together to acknowledge and celebrate the positive impacts of our profession, the necessity of our work, and highlight our Excellence in Advising and Student Services Award winners.

## People & Culture

- **CalMessages:**
  - [Announcing "Supportal," a new campus navigational website](#)
  - [Managers' Forum - November 2023 Details plus October Follow-Up](#)
  - [Catastrophic Leave Donation Bank 2023](#)
- **Berkeley Staff Assembly Newsletters:** [November](#)

## Athletics

- Cal's football team qualified to play in a bowl game for the first time in 2019. The team had to win its final three games of the season to qualify, and it pulled it off - including a 27-15 victory over Stanford in the 126th Big Game.
- Cal Athletics welcomed the newest members of its Hall of Fame at its annual induction gala at the Pauley Ballroom. Eight new members - Doug Brien (football), Jerome Randle (men's basketball), Devaneí Hampton (women's basketball), Mike Epstein (baseball), Jolene Henderson (softball), Carli Lloyd (volleyball), Jana Juricova (women's tennis) and Barry Weiner (men's gymnastics) - were each recognized as part of the festivities. The Class of 2023 was also honored during the home football game against USC.
- Five Cal athletic programs were honored with the Newmark Award - an annual recognition that goes to the teams at Cal that had the top cumulative grade-point average during the previous year. The winners were men's rowing (men's large team), women's swimming & diving (women's large team), men's golf (men's small team), women's tennis (women's small team) and women's water polo (most improved). The awards were established in 2007 by Pat and Kent Newmark and come with a \$7,000 stipend for the operating budget of each team. Kent Newmark competed on the tennis and track & field teams at Cal before graduating in 1960.

## News & Updates

- **CalMessages & News:**
  - [Emergency preparedness reminders for campus](#)
  - [Please Review: Upcoming Changes to Google Workspace](#)
  - [Your Invitation to Winter Commencement 2023](#)
  - [Winter energy curtailment of heating & ventilation: 12/22/23 through 1/2/24](#)
  - [Call for nominations: Chancellor's Awards for Public Service](#)
  - [Call for Nominations: Dean of the School of Information](#)
  - [A matter of principles](#)
  - [Thanksgiving/Winter Curtailment 2023-4 service impacts](#)

- **Campus Identity-Based Staff Orgs**
  - [Alianza at UC Berkeley Newsletter](#)
  - [Asian Pacific American Systemwide Alliance \(APASA\)](#)
  - [Black Staff & Faculty Organization](#)
  - [Cal Women's Network Newsletter](#)
  - [Filipinx Faculty & Staff Association](#)
  - [LavenderCal](#)
  - [Middle Eastern, North African, and South Asian \(MENSA\)](#)
  - [Native & Indigenous Council \(NAIC\)](#)
  - [Staff Alliance for Disability Access \(SADA\)](#)
  
- **Campus Communities of Practice (COP)**
  - [Administrative Management Professionals \(AMP\)](#)
  - [Berkeley Facilitator Network \(BFN\)](#)
  - [Berkeley International Group \(BIG\)](#)
  - [Berkeley Professional Development Providers](#)
  - [Berkeley Research Administrators Group \(BRAG\)](#)
  - [Berkeley User Experience \(Berkeley UX\)](#)
  - [Cal Coaching Network \(CCN\)](#)
  - [Coalition for Education & Outreach \(CEO\)](#)
  - [UC Berkeley Instructional Designers](#)

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