1. **The sleeping giant is waking up! 2017 UC Davis Annual Report** – UC Davis is on the rise, being ranked as one of the top public research universities in the nation our growing accomplishments are making a mark in history and making our world a better place. The 2017 UC Davis annual report was released by Chancellor, Gary S. May recently showcasing many of our achievements.

Whether it’s our groundbreaking research in many fields, our contributions to prosperity in the Sacramento region, our large number of graduating students from underrepresented ethic groups or our men’s and women’s basketball teams making campus history. UC Davis is on the rise!

Click [here](#) to view Chancellor May’s Annual Report.

2. **The best-kept secrets to winning grants – with competition for research funding, experts reveal their top tips and tricks.** Competition for funding is ruthless, and the stakes are particularly high at the NIH – the largest single source of funding for biomedical research in the world. The Agency’s research-project grants – R01s and other, similar grants – are the main mechanism for funding investigator initiated biomedical research in the United States, supporting about 27,500 investigators at any given time. The five year average success rate is about 18% of the applicant pool, a historic low that shows little sign of moving. As a result, grant reviewers resort to finding any flaw they can to weed out applications which creates a daunting challenge for those who don’t yet know the ropes.

An article was recently published by Nature the International weekly journal of science, which provides grant guidance for those in need of tips and experience writing the perfect grant.

Read about the best-kept secrets [here](#).
3. **Welcome to the Capital Resource Network!** The capital Resource Network (CRN) is a fee-for-service red carpet recruitment tool that helps attract and retain the best and brightest talent while increasing new employee productivity and loyalty. The CRN offers a variety of services to support new employees relocating to the area including dual career support services, assistance finding housing, schools, diversity and inclusion affinity groups and other community resources.

You can learn more about the CRN by clicking [here](#).

4. **Join the ADVANCE and CAMPOS group for a Cafecito!** Drs. Kara Rudolph and Magdalena Cerda, will be presenting on “**Using epidemiology to identity solutions to violence, substance abuse and mental illness**”. Light refreshments and drinks will be provided – you are welcome to bring a lunch. The event will take place on **Tuesday, February 13th from 12-1pm** at The Grove ADVANCE office. **RSVP for the event [here](#).**

5. **Feminist scholar and writer Sara Ahmed to give lecture on diversity transformation through feminist work.** Sara Ahmed, will draw on interviews with students and staff who have made or have considered making complaints about abuses of power within universities. The lecture will discuss how identifying and challenging abuses of power teaches us about the mechanics of power. The presentation will take place on **Thursday, February 15th from 4-5:30pm** a reception will follow from 5:30 to 6pm in Meeting Room D located at the Student Community Center. **RSVP for the event [here](#).**

6. **Upcoming Mentor Workshops Announcement!**

   Combined Module 1, 2, 4 & 5 Workshop:
   **Saturday, February 10, 2018, 10am-3pm,** Education Building, Room 3102
   
   Module 1: Aligning Expectations and Developing Contracts
   Module 2: Maintaining Effective Communication Assessing Understanding
   Module 4: Addressing Diversity and Inclusion
   Module 5: Promoting Professional Development; Fostering Independence

   Each module is an hour.

   Register for each module that you wish to attend via [Mentoring Academy Workshop webpage](#).

   *Lunch will be provided for those who have registered.*
7. Celebrate our Principles of Community with Chancellor May - The 2nd Annual Principles of Community Fair sponsored by the Office for Equity, Diversity and Inclusion, in partnership with UC Davis Health Employee Resource Groups is set to take place on February 28th from 11:30am – 1:30pm at the Betty Irene Moore Hall, first floor. Donations are being sought for non-perishable food or personal care items for the Pantry that supports the Sacramento Campus students and employees.

_Lunch will be provided. RSVP [here](#)_.
