CEO Updates is a newsletter by and for the UC Berkeley education and outreach community. If you have an event or announcement you would like to submit to the newsletter, please contact Kate Spohr, kspohr@berkeley.edu.

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Save the date

Tues, May 19, 11:00 am to 1:00 pm (note changed time!)—CEO Monthly meeting: Update on the Berkeley Global Campus at Richmond Bay. For this final meeting of the year, Ruben Lizardo, Director of Local Government & Community Relations, will give an update on recent developments at the Berkeley Global Campus at Richmond Bay, focusing on the Community Working Group and its recently created education sub-committee. The presentation will be followed by an informal networking reception. Location: 303 Doe.

May 11-15-NSF 2015 Teaching & learning video showcase: Improving STEM and computer science education. Over 120 members from MSPnet, ARC, CAISE, CADRE, CIRCL, STELAR, and CS10K have shared their videos. Please join this online showcase event by discussing, commenting, and voting on favorites. For more info click here. For questions: contact@resourcecenters2015.videohall.com

Tues, May 12, 2:00-4:00 pm Information Visualization Final Project Demonstrations Stroll among demonstrations of twelve final projects by students who are using visualization to shed light on a range of topics, including Jeopardy, Twitter, restaurant menus, the cost of tuition, a comparison of broadband costs, and more. Location: UC Berkeley, 220 South Hall. More information.

Proposal & grant writing resources

Assistance for NSF CAREER proposers The Berkeley Research Development Office (BRDO) offers resources, tools, and proposal assistance for faculty applying to the NSF Faculty Early Career Development (CAREER) Program. CAREER is an NSF-wide program that offers the National Science Foundation's most prestigious awards in support of junior faculty who exemplify the role of teacher-scholars through outstanding research, excellent education and the integration of education and research within the context of the mission of their organizations. BRDO's new CAREER Webpage contains tools, online resources, and concrete suggestions for organizing and writing the CAREER proposal. For additional assistance, contact us.

May 12, 1:00-2:00 pm Free workshop—Introduction to finding foundation grants. Presented by Foundation Center training specialist Ganga Dharmappa, this workshop covers the basics of nonprofit funders and how to conduct foundation research. Location: San Mateo Public Library. Registration and additional info.

AAAS social media platform for scientists

Trellis is a new digital platform created by AAAS to support the growth of multidisciplinary communication and collaboration. AAAS is beta-testing Trellis and expects to release it later this year. AAAS's goal is to offer a single place for anyone in science to engage with all of the communities to which they belong. Click here to check out Trellis and get early access to it.

In the news

New research shows that online courses didn't grow as expected (NPR, April 11, 2015) Just a few years ago, the Massive Open Online Course was expected to reinvent higher education. Millions of people were signing up to watch Web-based, video lectures from the world's great universities. Today, much of that hype has
subsided, and new research on 1.7 million MOOC participants offers a more nuanced view of just what these courses are and could become.

Expanding access and equity to AP and IB high school courses (Education Week, 4/28/15) Recognizing the need to get more underrepresented students into college-level courses in high school, a group of education, nonprofit, and business leaders—including College Board, Google, International Baccalaureate, Tableau and the Cooke Foundation—have pledged $100 million to identify and enroll 100,000 low-income students and students of color in Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate classes over the next three years.

Groups make continuing Pell Grants a priority (Diverse Issues in Higher Education, 4/20/15) As the deadline for the reauthorization of the Higher Education Act (HEA) approaches, the conversation around what programs ought to see the most benefit from it will continue to intensify. Ensuring that the Pell Grant program is continued is a key goal of many groups that advocate for the interests of low-income and minority students. According to the federal government’s Pell Grant end-of-the-year report for 2012-13, 3.2 million community college students receive $10.5 billion worth of Pell Grants—or 33 percent of all Pell Grants awarded. During the reauthorization process, the Association of Community Colleges (AACC) would like to see year-round Pell Grants restored as well as a return of the ability-to-benefit program, which allowed students who had not obtained a GED to go to college.

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