



Dear colleagues,

I am pleased to announce the inaugural DFA Women's Symposium scheduled for Friday, May 17th. Offering professional development to DFA employees is a fundamental goal of mine. This initiative supports one of our balanced scorecard's strategic priorities, and the symposium will feature opportunities for networking, learning, and inspiration. Below is an overview of the agenda:

- **7:00 a.m.** – Registration and Breakfast
- **8:00 a.m.** – Welcome and Keynote Speaker, [Rachael Nava](#)
- **9:00 a.m.** – Panel and Workshops
- **11:15 a.m.** – Closing Remarks

Please [register by Monday, May 6](#); contact Stephanie Tenney (sktenney@uci.edu; 949.824.3454) with any questions. All department heads are aware of the symposium and will make adjustments to work schedules wherever possible to accommodate attendance. Please consult with your supervisor prior to submitting your registration.

Thank you to the following members of the steering committee for organizing and developing this professional development opportunity: *Julianna Bayley, Jacqueline Castaneda, Helen Chang, Jacinta Chowdury, Mary Clark, Helena Dedic, Maria Gorginova, Margaret Ikred-Gyorgy, Brenda Medina, Beata Najmen, Jane Ngo, Lisa Scavone, Shaina Sims, Helen Templin, Stephanie Tenney, Tobi Walsh, Terri Warren, Leslie Wolbers, and Genevieve Yulo.*

I look forward to seeing you at the symposium.

Sincerely,

Ronald S. Cortez, JD, MA
Chief Financial Officer
Vice Chancellor, Division of Finance and Administration

KEYNOTE SPEAKER



Rachael Nava

Executive Vice President—Chief Operating Officer and Chief of Staff to the President

Rachael Nava is the University of California's Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer and the Chief of Staff to President Janet Napolitano. In this capacity, she serves as a strategic and operational partner to UC's 10 campuses, 5 medical centers and 3 national labs. UC is a \$34B enterprise that serves more than 270,000 students and employs over 200,000 faculty and staff.

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