



Dear DFA employees,

Hope you all had a joyful and refreshing winter break, and are as excited as I am about this new year and all of the great work we will accomplish to further our mission, vision, goals, and values.

As we get ready for our first [DFA town hall of the new year](#), I want to remind you to consider nominating a peer from your own or another DFA department for our [Employee Recognition Program](#). The program provides an opportunity for colleagues, co-workers, and managers/supervisors to recognize the great work of our people in the following categories:

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

It is important to emphasize that all DFA employees are encouraged to nominate their peers and teams; you do not have to be a supervisor or a manager in order to nominate someone.

Our goal is to create a widespread culture of recognition throughout our division, and we would like to see more of our staff members being nominated and recognized. You can find more information about the DFA Employee Recognition Program on our [website](#). To nominate a colleague, co-worker, or team, fill out the DFA Employee Recognition Nomination form in [English](#) or [Spanish](#). Winners will be recognized at January's town hall and submissions are due no later than Friday, January 24.

As always, feel free to share your comments and suggestions by sending an email to WithUForU@uci.edu.

Thank you for your hard work and for your support of the DFA Employee Recognition Program.

Sincerely,

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