



Do you love an entertaining research talk? Be sure to join us for Grad Slam on March 22! Above, Biomedical Sciences PhD candidate Ariel Kauss presents her research at the 2017 contest.

Dear Colleague,

Welcome to the second issue of our newsletter for graduate faculty. As promised in the fall, this quarterly newsletter contains information that is essential to you in your role as supervisor/advisor/mentor to PhD students at UCSF.

I would like to invite you to attend the read-out by Chancellor Hawgood of the conclusions and recommendations from my five-year stewardship review, which will take place on Wednesday, February 14, at 3 p.m. in HSW-302 with a livestream to MH-1407. Spoiler alert: the review was positive, and I signed on for another five years as dean and vice chancellor.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Watkins, PhD
 Dean, Graduate Division
 Vice Chancellor, Student Academic Affairs
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Promoting Student Mental Health

Supporting students' psychological wellbeing improves their performance and can prevent many concerns from escalating into crises. In March, Student Health and Counseling Services (SHCS) will be hosting two lunchtime discussions to help you promote your students' emotional health and to provide crucial information on how to assist students in distress. As mentors, you are in a unique position to identify students who need help, provide guidance, and direct students to the many resources available to them. Please attend one of these sessions! You might save a career; you could even save a life.

- [Monday, March 5, 2018 at the Parnassus campus](#)
- [Monday, March 12, 2018 at the Mission Bay campus](#)

Both events are scheduled from 12 to 1 p.m. So that SHCS can order the right number of lunches, please RSVP to the session you prefer using the links above.

It's TED on steroids, it's Bill Nye for grownups, it's Grad Slam!

Don't miss the [Grad Slam Live](#) contest on Thursday, March 22 at 4 p.m. This year for the first time, this exciting event, which takes place in Byers Auditorium at Mission Bay, will be live-streamed to the Parnassus campus (room S-214). A reception and announcement of the winners will follow the always-engaging 3-minute talks by our PhD students. Find out more about this annual [celebration of graduate research](#) and our [impressive lineup](#) of judges.

Dreamers Having Nightmares

Recent reports in the media about the threat of federal immigration [enforcement actions](#) in Northern California have our DACA students and their families and friends on edge. The UC Office of the President has put together an [FAQ](#) for UC faculty and staff who are concerned about the possibility that enforcement actions could occur at UC, providing information about how to respond in such a situation.

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