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TO: UCI Community  
SUBJECT: UC Irvine Recognized with 3 Health and Safety Awards  
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The Irvine campus has received the University of California President's Award for Excellence in Environment, Health and Safety, recognizing the campus' performance in accident and injury prevention. UC Irvine has won this award three of the past four years. During this same interval, UC Irvine saved more than $17 million compared to what our costs would have been at the UC average. This year UC Irvine also received the Best Workers' Compensation Rate Award. UCI's workers' comp rate is now the lowest the UC system has seen in nine years. Impressive as these savings and metrics are, the most important benefit is the reduced injuries, illnesses, and absences that our employees experience in a safe workplace environment.

These achievements resulted from a sustained team effort led by Marc Gomez, Director of Environmental Health & Safety; Susan Phil, Director of Workers' Compensation & Disability Management Services; and Sandra Conrrad, Manager of Safety & Injury Prevention; with the involvement of Materiel and Risk Management, Campus Recreation, and the UC Irvine Police.

Workplace safety would not be possible without the campus-wide cooperation of supervisors who care about safety and who encourage open discussion of near-misses and hazards. The discussion of accident precursors before-the-fact is the most important determinant of a safe workplace. Thanks to all of you who have supported discussions of workplace risks while welcoming employee safety concerns.

Due to the efforts of Rick Coulon and Quyen Levan, Risk Management, UC Irvine also received the Best Practices Auto Liability award.

A special thank you to the individuals who made these accomplishments and awards possible.

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