



University Friends Circle
2024-2025 Programs

Tuesday, October 1, 2024
UFC Kick-off Luncheon

*Undergraduate & Graduate
Student Life and Campus Updates*
Brian O'Bruba

Interim Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs

All about the Guardian Scholars Program
Leydy Sandoval

Guardian Scholars Program Coordinator
Edith Ramirez

Associate Director for Belonging and Resilience
Bright Success Center

UC Merced – Lakireddy Grand Ballroom
11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Tuesday, November 5, 2024

*Engaging Politics Analytically:
Rigorous Social Science and Experiential Learning*
Nathan W. Monroe

Professor of Political Science

Tony Coelho Endowed Chair of Public Policy

Director, Center for Analytic Political Engagement (CAPE)

Mainzer Theatre

11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

December 2024

Holiday Social

Monday, December 9, Time TBD

Merced Elks Lodge

Tuesday, January 7, 2025

*CalTeach Learning Lab and the
Bobcat Summer STEM Academy*
Mayya Tokman

Professor and Faculty Director

Chelsea Arnold

Program Director

California Teach - Science and Math Initiative
(MCOE) – Mondo Building

11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Tuesday, February 4, 2025

Why Do We Need Community in Our Research?

Robin DeLugan

Professor of Anthropology and
Interim Chair,

Interdisciplinary Humanities Graduate Group

Mainzer Theatre

11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Tuesday, March 4, 2025

Curious about ?field curious?

Jessica Malisch

Co-director of the UCM Natural Reserve System
(UC Merced Campus)

Mainzer Theatre

11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Tuesday, April 1, 2025

Cooking with the Sun:

How Solarized BBQs Work

Jay Sharping

Professor, Physics

(MCOE) – Mondo Building

11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Tuesday, May 6, 2025

*Student Leadership & Community Service
Award Presentations & Annual Meeting*

UC Merced Leadership

UC Merced Campus

5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.