UC PRESIDENT AND OTHER UC LEADERS MEET WITH UCSF FRESNO DOCTORS ACADEMY STUDENTS, MEDICAL RESIDENTS AND MEDICAL STUDENTS
Meetings highlight UC’s contributions to health and health care in the San Joaquin Valley

WHO: UC President Janet Napolitano, UCSF Chancellor Sam Hawgood, UC Associate Vice President for Health Sciences and Services Cathryn Nation, UCSF Fresno Associate Dean Joan Voris, UCSF Fresno Chief of Medicine Michael W. Peterson, UC Merced Chancellor Dorothy Leland and UC Merced Provost Thomas W. Peterson

WHAT: UC President Napolitano and other UC leaders will meet at UCSF Fresno to discuss health issues in the San Joaquin Valley and how the University of California is addressing needs and contributing to health and health care in the region.

Following their meeting, the president, chancellors and other UC leaders will meet with a group of high school students from the UCSF Fresno Doctors Academy programs at Caruthers, Selma and Sunnyside high schools. The students will share their educational goals and plans to pursue careers in health and medicine.

Afterward, the students and UC leaders will hear from physicians-in-training, including medical students in the UC Merced San Joaquin Valley Program in Medical Education and UCSF Fresno medical residents.

After the conversations, media will be able to ask UC leaders questions about UC’s contributions to health and health care in the San Joaquin Valley.

WHEN: Friday, Sept. 5, 9:45 to 10:45 a.m.

WHERE: UCSF Fresno Center for Medical Education and Research, 155 N. Fresno St., Fresno, Room 136

Media: Please call (559) 313-6539 to confirm attendance.

UCSF Fresno Medical Education Program, established in 1975, plays a substantial role in providing healthcare services to residents of California's San Joaquin Valley and training medical professionals in the region. A clinical branch of UC San Francisco (UCSF), the medical education program has trained approximately one-third of Central San Joaquin Valley physicians. Annualy,
UCSF Fresno currently trains approximately 245 medical residents in eight specialties, approximately 50 fellows in 17 subspecialties and about 250 medical students on a rotating basis.

Faculty and medical residents at UCSF Fresno engage in a broad spectrum of research addressing health issues pertinent to the Valley. Faculty and residents also care for the overwhelming majority of the region’s underserved populations.

In addition, UCSF Fresno provides academic preparation programs for middle- and high school students interested in the health professions through the Junior Doctors Academy and the Doctors Academy. UCSF Fresno academically prepares students at Fresno State to become competitive applicants to health professional schools and ultimately aims to prepare them for careers in health and medicine. UCSF Fresno also is a key partner in the UC Merced San Joaquin Valley Program in Medical Education.

UCSF is a leading university dedicated to promoting health worldwide through advanced biomedical research, graduate-level education in the life sciences and health professions, and excellence in patient care. It includes top-ranked graduate schools of dentistry, medicine, nursing and pharmacy, a graduate division with nationally renowned programs in basic biomedical, translational and population sciences, as well as a preeminent biomedical research enterprise and two top-ranked hospitals, UCSF Medical Center and UCSF Benioff Children’s Hospital.

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