



Dear colleagues,

We are two weeks away from our inaugural DFA Women's Symposium. Thank you to those of you who already registered. Offering professional development to DFA employees is a fundamental goal of mine. This initiative supports one of our balanced scorecard's strategic priorities, and the symposium will feature opportunities for networking, learning, and inspiration.

Complimentary portrait sessions will be available starting at 7 a.m., which you can use for your professional profiles (e.g., LinkedIn, Outlook). Our program will open with a keynote address from Rachael Nava, followed by a presentation and a moderated panel session of DFA women hosted by Ramona Agrela, Associate Chancellor and Campus Human Resources Executive. Ann Cross, Associate Director, Career Services from the Paul Merage School of Business will host a workshop on creating your brand. Below is an overview of the agenda:

- **7:00 a.m.** – Registration and Breakfast
- **8:00 a.m.** – Welcome and Keynote Speaker, [Rachael Nava](#)
- **9:00 a.m.** – Panel and Workshops
- **11:15 a.m.** – Closing Remarks

As a reminder, **please R.S.V.P. by Monday, May 6**; contact Stephanie Tenney (sktenney@uci.edu; 949.824.3454) with any questions. All department heads are aware of the symposium and will make adjustments to work schedules wherever possible to accommodate attendance. Please consult with your supervisor prior to submitting your R.S.V.P.

I look forward to seeing you at the symposium.

Sincerely,

Ronald S. Cortez, JD, MA
Chief Financial Officer
Vice Chancellor, Division of Finance and Administration

KEYNOTE SPEAKER



Rachael Nava

Executive Vice President—Chief Operating Officer and Chief of Staff to the President

Rachael Nava is the University of California's Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer and the Chief of Staff to President Janet Napolitano. In this capacity, she serves as a strategic and operational partner to UC's 10 campuses, 5 medical centers and 3 national labs. UC is a \$34B enterprise that serves more than 270,000 students and employs over 200,000 faculty and staff.

[Read more about Rachael Nava here](#)

