



***Managers/Supervisors: Please share this email with DFA campus temporary and contract employees. For those who do not have regular access to emails/laptops/PCs, please print and share this email accordingly.**

Dear DFA employees,

Today is the day that many of us are returning to campus. We are meeting up with our colleagues who never left campus, we are reuniting with people who we have not seen or worked with in quite some time, or perhaps we are welcoming new co-workers in person instead of seeing them in the virtual world.

We are *moving forward together* after 18 months of working remotely or being on-campus, operating in an essential fashion. Our return to campus and future of work aligns with our mission of advancing UCI's brilliant future and the return of students and faculty for the fall quarter. When I reflect on this last year and a half, I am overwhelmed with appreciation. We truly emulated and executed on our values of health & safety, diversity & inclusion, integrity, teamwork, and change & innovation. Many of you performed new tasks to accommodate the change in our environment, and others were able to continually execute tasks to support our mission of advancing UCI's brilliant future—thank you so much for all that you do for this division and for the Anteater family. As a small token of appreciation, we have set up tables in your departments with masks, sanitizer, and a variety of snacks for you to enjoy!

As we return to campus, it is important to reiterate your health and well-being is of utmost importance. Please make sure you visit [UCI Forward's website](#) for links to information such as [Environmental Health and Safety resources](#), [HR's Future of Work website](#), or [wellness resources](#).

We methodically prepared for the return to campus; however, we anticipate questions will come up, and there may be a few road bumps along the way. Please make sure you have open dialogue with your supervisor and/or department head. In addition, please submit any questions, concerns, or comments through this [survey link](#) or send an email to WithUForU@uci.edu.

With appreciation,

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