



"Imagination is everything. It is the preview of life's coming attractions." – Albert Einstein

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BIG BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUTS TO...

Alice Wong Annie Ren **Brian Bratton Emily Martinez** Gwen Lindsey Janet Vela Joel Spitzer Julie Aquino Marie Wallmark Melodee Li Monica Naputi Myra Rose Naeemah Daggao Saleem Hasan Samuel Wong Sara Rivera **Taylor Kaserman Tracey Richards** Wendy Kung

HAPPY ERSO ANNIVERSARY!

Mary Courtney, 18 years Leslie Goldstein, 18 years Damon Hinson, 18 years Charlotte Jones, 18 years Elise Mills, 18 years Lauren Mitchell, 18 years Jennifer Stone, 18 years Thomas Parsons, 18 years Anne Anderssen, 11 years Michael Banderas, 6 years Richard Stibravy, 6 years Angela Brito-Baldwin, 5 years Taylor Madison, 4 years Robert Baldwin, 3 years Kelly Kouyate, 1 year



Dan Matsuoka – We salute you!

"I'm nominating Dan for his responsiveness and ultra-fast turnaround in fulfilling our IT requests. Sometimes it feels as if he gets the job done before the email "send" button is clicked. We're consistently in good hands and know that things will get done with the added bonus of a quick turnaround. Thank you, Dan!"



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REAGAN LU--JULY STAFF SPOTLIGHT

"I would like to Spotlight **Reagan Lu** for exemplary handling of the situation. **Reagan recently helped Professor** Kenichi Soga with submitting a complex CEC proposal submission that included multiple Berkeley PIs, sub-awardees, numerous California-specific documents, and mandatory cost share (consisting of multiple budget revisions). Reagan suggested the PI stick to the required match for the cost share but the research team felt strongly that they needed to provide a higher amount in order to get a better score. This forced Reagan to answer multiple questions from David Castellanos at the VCRO about the reason for such an extensive match. Not only that, the proposal was due to the sponsor on Monday but on Friday PI requested him to revise the budget. That caused a massive rush and long working hours, especially over the weekend, but Reagan was able to complete it and get everything submitted to CEC by Monday."