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### **The Announcement of the 106<sup>th</sup> Picnic Day Theme and Parade Marshal**

*The selected theme and parade marshal highlight, what are believed to be, the most important aspects of UC Davis and the surrounding community.*

**Davis, CA** – Picnic Day, the annual open house at UC Davis, will have the theme “Envisioning Tomorrow” and feature critical care veterinarian, Jamie Peyton, as its parade marshal. The 106-year-old tradition will be held on Saturday, April 18, 2020.

The theme and parade marshal, chosen by the 15-student Board of Directors for Picnic Day, was announced at a campus reception on Nov. 20.

“‘Envisioning Tomorrow’ means looking to the future and the start of a new chapter,” said Picnic Day Chair Nicole Deacon. “As people come to UC Davis on Picnic Day, we hope that they will be able to envision their tomorrows and the role that UC Davis plays in their futures.”

Peyton, who will serve as parade marshal, is the chief of Integrative Medicine Service at the UC Davis Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital and was recently named a recipient of the 2019 Chancellor’s Innovation Awards. This award recognizes UC Davis staff or faculty who have made a societal impact through their accomplishments or research and was given to Peyton for her innovative work using tilapia skin as bandages for burn wounds on animals. Peyton received her doctorate from the University of Florida in 2004 and completed her small animal emergency and critical care residency at the Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital at UC Davis in 2008.

“Not only has Dr. Peyton pushed for innovation on her own, but she also encourages students to think deeply and push boundaries every day,” said Picnic Day Vice Chair Caitlyn Liu.

“Her selection as Parade Marshal for this year’s theme affirms that UC Davis departments are creating new methods of improving today’s community so that we will all be able to envision a tomorrow that we want,” said Deacon.

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Picnic Day is one of the largest student-run events in the nation. This hallmark event has been designed to showcase and celebrate the richness of campus life, the diverse achievements of UC Davis students, staff and faculty; and to provide a day of education, information, and entertainment for all who attend. The day will feature more than 200 events and welcome an estimated 75,000 plus visitors.

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