



Breakfast with George:

George Blumenthal Scholars Program

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Director, Center for Studies in Higher Education, UC Berkeley
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Breakfast with George is an exclusive opportunity to tap into the experienced mentoring of George Blumenthal, former Chancellor University of California, Santa Cruz, currently Director of the Center for Studies in Higher Education, University of California, Berkeley. George Blumenthal has almost 50 years of experience in higher education, both as a professor of astronomy, leader of the UC systemwide faculty senate, and 12 years as Chancellor at UC Santa Cruz. George has mentored scores of younger colleagues and friends at various career stages.

Breakfast with George provides mentoring for a select group of senior level professionals to explore and share their professional challenges in higher education.

Select mentorship topics include: Establishing a Vision for Your Institution; How to be a Leader, Not Just a Manager; When and How to Take Risks; Effectively Creating Faculty Shared Governance; Crisis Management and Crisis Communication; and Post-Pandemic Recovery Discussion

Program Format:

The program will meet via ZOOM on Tuesday mornings, from 8:00am to 9:30am, for 5 weeks. The participant group is intentionally limited to allow for unhampered discussion. Additionally, George Blumenthal will schedule an individual mentoring session with each participant. The graduates will receive a certificate distinguishing them as "George Blumenthal Scholars."

Apply:

The cost of the program is \$5,000. Space is limited, so early application submission is encouraged. To apply, fill out the application. Please be sure to also submit a CV to ggivens@berkeley.edu to complete your application.

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Dates:

8 - 9:30 am PST

Fall Program: October 17 - November 21, 2022

Contact: For more information, please contact Helena Brykarz at brykarz@berkeley.edu

I have known and been blessed to enjoy George Blumenthal's mentorship since probably 2002. Indeed, he played an essential role in my selection as the incoming Vice Chair of BOARS (the Board of Admissions and Relations with Schools) in about 2003. I served on Academic Council during his chairship of the Academic Senate in 2004 (I believe). By the way, THAT was one of the most thoughtful, reflective, analytical, principled, professional – and powerful – Academic Councils/Assemblies in my lifetime. One of the reasons for this is that George is a natural scholar/teacher/mentor, who finds a way to first understand your mindset and point-of-view, and then he knows how to introduce more expansive information and points-of-view. He then engages you effectively in evaluating/analyzing these points of view against clear, concise, and compelling principles – of the highest order of thinking. Mixed with conspicuous caring, George then not only expands your thinking and capacity to engage complex and sensitive policy issues, he can persuade you to an action or perspective that is mutually enriching. You see, he joins the journey WITH you. This made him a powerfully effective Senate leader with the administration AND the Regents, as well as his colleagues on Academic Council and Assembly. George is constantly sought out NOW for his wisdom and perspectives. I have sought him out for 20 years: and seek him out today. I find the same joy of enlightenment – he'd say something like "shared enlightenment" – that I found 20 years ago. In it all, he communicates a caring and investment in the person (me), and personal integrity, that inspires trust and elicits the response of openness to what he so willingly offers. George is the epitome of a great mentor. I am glad that he is mine, and I know I am far from being alone!!!



Michael Brown
Provost and Executive Vice President, University of California

For nearly ten years, I had the pleasure and honor of having a monthly, one-on-one breakfast with Chancellor George Blumenthal. We discussed current issues and challenges facing the University and the State, as well as challenges we faced in our own roles of administration and leadership. Importantly, George served as an exceptional advisor and mentor regarding my own career. Our conversations were thoughtful and honest, providing insights and perspectives that enabled me to be a stronger leader. I am forever grateful for the enrichment and mentorship I received from my "breakfasts with George".



Mary Croughan
Professor, School of Public Health, University of Nevada, Las Vegas



George Blumenthal has been an invaluable advisor and mentor to me. As a noted scholar and very successful Chancellor in the UC system, George possesses a unique perspective on the array of leadership challenges we face in higher education during the pandemic.

Joseph I. Castro
Former California State University Chancellor

Dr. George Blumenthal has been one of the most generous and kind mentors of my careers. His wisdom, born of long experience in these complex times, and his deep commitment to the values and mission of higher education, make conversations with him an incredibly enriching experience. He made a significant impact on me and my career.



Marlene Tromp
President, Bosie State University



Chancellor Blumenthal has been a mentor to me throughout my career at UCSC. He met with me to discuss my future and strategies on career pathways. More importantly, he valued my input and gave me time to work out critical issues to our campus. His mentorship was instrumental to me at various stages of my career. Most recently, he supported me as I developed my candidacy to become a vice chancellor for student affairs at UC Davis. I am grateful for his guidance.

Pablo Reguerin
Vice Chancellor Student Affairs,
University of California, Davis