



Breakfast with George:

A Mentorship Program for University Executives

George Blumenthal

Director, Center for Studies in Higher Education, UC Berkeley
Chancellor Emeritus, UC Santa Cruz
Professor Emeritus of Astronomy & Astrophysics, UC Santa Cruz

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 linked [HERE](#) . Please be sure to also submit a brief statement of interest and a CV to cshe@berkeley.edu to complete your application.

“George brings the most important topics in leadership into focus in a dynamic and insightful manner. *Breakfast with George* is a thorough review of all the elements essential to navigating the shifting waters of leadership contexts in a strategic and flexible way.”

Saúl Jiménez-Sandoval

President,
California State University, Fresno
Inaugural George Blumenthal Scholar

Dates:

8 - 9:30 am PST

Spring Program: February 27 - March 27, 2023

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



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 Chancellor, California State University
Executive Leadership Academy Alumnus, Class of 2011

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

Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor,
University of California, Davis
Executive Leadership Academy Alumna, Class of 2012



A wealth of information, meeting great colleagues from around the nation, and learning about the latest trends and issues in higher education – what more could be asked of the Breakfast with George program? It is fast-paced, fact-based and was extremely helpful in preparing me for my current role. Whether you have been in other professional development programs or not, I know that you will agree this is one program you do not want to miss!

David L. Schecter

President,
East Georgia State College
George Blumenthal Scholar

Select Success Stories

2020 Cohorts



Kimberly Kvaal
Executive Vice President
and Chief Financial Officer
University of Puget Sound



Saúl Jiménez-Sandoval
President
California State University, Fresno



Allison Brashear
Vice President of Health Sciences and
Dean
University at Buffalo



Jamillah Moore
Vice President of Student Affairs
and Enrollment Management,
*California State University,
San Francisco*



Sylvia Alva
Executive Vice Chancellor for
Academic and Student Affairs
California State University

2021 Cohorts



Edward Inch
President
*Minnesota State University,
Mankato*



Byron Clifton Breland
Chancellor
*North Orange County
Community College District*



David Schecter
President
East Georgia State College



Richard Yao
President
*California State University,
Channel Islands*

2022 Cohorts



Kent Willis
Vice President of Student Affairs
and Enrollment Management
California State University, Fresno



Richard LeRoy
Vice President for University
Advancement
*California State University,
Channel Islands*