Dear Friends and Colleagues,

I hope you are all enjoying your summer break. I am starting the new year by reflecting on the successful start of the academic year and how much has happened already. I can hardly believe that it has only been two months since our TA orientation. It was a great week of TA training, and I am excited to hear testimonials from new TAs about their experiences. I would also like to recognize our current TAs who are now TA leaders. Thank you for your hard work and dedication.

I would love to see you in person soon. Please join us for our next event on September 10, 2019, for a day of networking and professional development. More information will be shared soon.

Thanks to TechTransfer's Bernie Tan Edwards for helping me keep working safely by letting me know about the importance of wearing proper safety gear.

Kudos to ITS's Sean McMahon for creating the ITS morale committee, what a great idea! Boosting morale is crucial for a positive work environment.

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Mobility Programs Manager), and Nelson Chan Cervero, and former graduate students Lisa Rayle (Data Science), and A.B. 1112 Doesn't Help (link is external). The article discusses the need for more efficient methods of evacuation and how TSRC can contribute to solving this challenge.

The Transportation Institute College Station and the University of South Florida, led by alum Robert Rodriguez, are currently planning open houses at the various centers to welcome back our current students for the first day of orientation, and to introduce new students on Monday Aug. 26, 2019 for orientation, and Tuesday Aug. 20, 2019 for Move In.

I know that it is only July, but I do want to remind you of a few upcoming important dates: Move In is Tuesday Aug. 20, 2019, and Wednesday Aug. 21, 2019. We also welcome back our current students for the first day of orientation on Monday Aug. 26, 2019 for orientation, and Tuesday Aug. 20, 2019 for Move In.

I am excited to announce our participation in the creation of a new institute at UC Berkeley, the Transportation Initiative for EcoBlock. The initiative will focus on interdisciplinary research and innovation to address the challenges of climate change and urban mobility. More information will be shared soon.

The Center for Road Safety (led by the UNC Highway Safety Research Institute and the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill) uniting leading university transportation researchers, led by SafeTREC Co-Director Offer Alary and UC Berkeley, including ITS affiliate Kenich Soga, are launching a yearlong study in Bolinas that will evaluate the impact of different transportation interventions on traffic safety. This study is supported by the National Institute for Congestion Relief UTC (led by the UNC Highway Safety Research Institute and the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill) and will assess the effectiveness of different transportation interventions on traffic safety in Bolinas.

This is the second section on diversity. Transportation Centers are currently working on a new diversity initiative to increase the representation of underrepresented groups in the transportation field. More information will be shared soon.

I am sure that you will enjoy reading about the latest developments in the transportation field. Keep an eye on our website. So if you have a co-op opportunity or a new job, please let us know.

Thank you for your continued support of the Institute of Transportation Studies. I look forward to seeing you soon.

Best wishes,

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