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## UCSF RALLIES FOR SCIENCE & RESEARCH

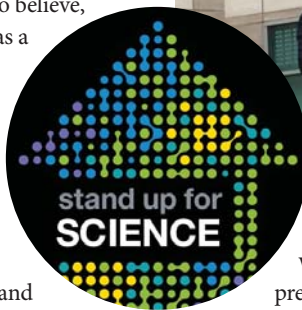
With threats of cuts to federal scientific funding, April 22's Earth Day took a new meaning for those in the science community. At the University of San Francisco Mission Bay campus, a rally and teach-in—deemed Stand Up for Science—gathered hundreds of doctors, researchers and school administrators to affirm the need and significance of science in America.

UCSF Chancellor Sam Hawgood opened the teach-in with an impassioned short speech, outlining the values of the university.

“UCSF is firmly grounded in the belief that the expansion of knowledge through scientific discovery is necessary for our society’s freedom and prosperity,” he said. “We also believe, very strongly, that our strength as a university stems from a culture that embraces diversity and inclusion and respects every individual regardless of their religion or national origin. We organized today’s Stand up for Science teach in and the other events this morning to reaffirm and celebrate these core values.”

The panel, moderated by Zuckerberg San Francisco General Department of Medicine’s Mike McCune, highlighted the political and scientific experiences of eight UCSF members. Outlining ways to get involved, the panelist called for collaboration, advocacy, patience and perseverance. Panelists included Dr. Cherrie Boyer, Dr. Esteban Burchard, Dr. Andre Campbell, Dr. Susan Fisher, Dr. James Kahn, Dr. Suneil Koliwad, Dr. Rebecca Smith-Bindman and Dr. Tracey Woodruff.

“We need to fund the NIH and support them to keep up with the changing demographics of the United States,” said Burchard, Zuckerberg San Francisco General Lung Biology Group and UCSF School of Pharmacy faculty mem-



ber. “... We can’t do science in a vacuum, so a big part of my work is advocacy. Advocacy for preserving the NIH.”

And for the panelist, that meant presenting science and research in personal and emotive ways to be more successful.

“Basic research funds initial insights into diseases that we as scientist also experience as human beings and as members of society. Not just as scientist that think the molecular mechanisms are intriguing,” Koliwad said. “... We worry about all the same things, including health and disease that everybody else in this country thinks about. And I think when we make ourselves more human as scientist and when we talk to lawmakers and lobby Congress as people who experience everything else that the average citizen that is not a scientist experiences, then our arguments to fund science hold

weight on a different level.”

After answering questions from the audience, Stand Up for Science continued outside in front of the Genentech Hall Steps. In front of signs and hundreds of UCSF employees, speakers called for action in support of research and science. Speakers included Dr. Hawgood, Gladstone Institutes President R. Sanders Williams, UCSF assistant professor Hana El-Samad, Oncomed CEO Paul Hastings, Director of California Institute for Quantitative Biosciences Regis Kelly and Calico Vice President of Aging Research Cynthia Kenyon.

“Science shouldn’t be an elite sports, science is for everyone,” El-Samad said.

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