Thank Goodness for Staff!

Staff Assembly helped serve lunch for about 5,800 people at TGFS on Thursday, May 14, 2015.

In collaboration with the Human Resources Department, Food and Nutrition Services, and Special Events, UCDHS Staff Assembly worked hard to help coordinate both the Thank Goodness for Staff & Diversity Appreciation luncheon and the Employee Excellence Awards and Diversity Celebration Breakfast this year. We also provided volunteers for set-up for both events, awardee check-in at the breakfast, and food carton distribution at the luncheon.
In addition, almost 1,000 trunk organizers with UCDHS Staff Assembly emblazoned across the front (and a helpful bookmark about staff mentoring enclosed) were given to staff at the luncheon. Plus, one lucky winner received tickets to Disneyland and two lucky winners received tickets to the State Fair in drawings that encompassed all staff. Discount tickets to UC Davis Day at Six Flags and to the State Fair were also available.

COLLABORATIONS

- **UCD/UCDHS Scholarship Program:** This year we were able to award almost $24,000 in scholarships to staff (11 awards) and staff dependents (5 awards).
- **ADMAN Conference:** Two UCDHS Staff Assembly members (Dianne Gregory and JP Eres) along with the UC Davis Staff Assembly Chair (Lina Layiktez) participated on the “Growing Your Career Through Volunteering” panel at the 2015 ADMAN conference on March 11, 2015.
- **Focus Groups on Campus Communication:** Two of the five focus groups sponsored by UC Davis Staff Assembly were held on the UCDHS campus. We are eagerly awaiting the results.

COMMITTEES

- **Creating the University of the 21st Century:** Both Lina and Dianne are members of this committee, which will wrap up its preliminary work by July 1, 2015 with a white paper that will be a compilation of seven subcommittee reports.
- **Executive Task Force on Addressing Campus Climate and Mistreatment:** Dianne was the chair of the subcommittee on Education and Training for this task force, which has finished its preliminary work.
- **Campus Community Council:** Dianne, Lina, and UCDHS Staff Assembly Chair Penelope Herbert continued their roles as members of this committee of staff, faculty, and students.
- **Equal Opportunity and Diversity Committee:** Dianne continued her work with this staff committee charged with employee data and policy review, helping to ensure that UCDHS does not engage in discriminatory practices against any employee.