Third Annual True Bruin Move and Groove 5K Run/Walk

On Sunday, March 6, 2016, UCLA Staff Assembly hosted its Third Annual True Bruin Move and Groove 5K Run/Walk with sponsorship from UCLA’s Healthy Campus Initiative and UCLA Administration. Staff, faculty, students, and family participated in an event that brought together the University and the UCLA community in an activity that promoted a healthy lifestyle. There around 800 registered runners. Despite the early morning rain, the weather turned out perfect at race start and during the post-race events. A presentative from the USA Track and Field also measured and certified the True Bruin 5K course. Certification is valid until 2024.

VIP Reception and Women’s Softball Game with Mrs. Block

On Sunday, Saturday, March 26, 2016, UCLA’s First Lady Mrs. Carol Block invited 25 staff members and their guests to a VIP Reception and then a softball match between the UCLA Bruins and the Washington Huskies at Easton Stadium. The event was sponsored by the Chancellor’s Office, UCLA Athletics, and UCLA Staff Assembly to provide UCLA staff members and guests the opportunity to meet and interact with Mrs. Block in an informal and personal setting. Due to Easter Weekend, the turnout was slightly lower, but 37 attendees had a chance to see Mrs. Block toss out the first pitch and the Lady Bruin beat the Lady Huskies.

Learn-at-Lunch

Geffen Academy Information Session

On April 5, 2016, Dr. Sibyll Carnochan Catalan, Head of School, hosted an information session to inform staff about how the Geffen Academy at UCLA will build on UCLA’s mission of teaching, research, and service to provide a challenging and engaging secondary education for children of UCLA faculty and staff and families across Los Angeles. Over 60 staff members attended the event in-person with another 30 watching via live-stream. More information available: www.geffenacademy.ucla.edu

“Greening” Your Office

On April 18, 2016, UCLA Deputy Chief Sustainability Officer, Bonny Bentzin provided an overview of the sustainability policy outline by the Office of President to 40 staff attendees. Then she reviewed the City of Los Angeles Green Business Program (http://www.greenbizla.org) and the certification process, encouraging departments to join the list of organizations. Following Bonny was Emma Sorrell, Sustainability Manager at UCLA Housing. Her team of UCLA students presented their research into increasing awareness of sustainability through purchasing environmentally preferred products. The group shared a catalog of green office supplies that are available through UCLA’s BruinBuy web procurement system.

Outdoors with Mrs. Block

Mrs. Carol Block led 29 staff members on a hike of the Red Car Trolley Line along the Corralitas Trail in Silverlake on Saturday, April 30, 2016. The group followed an abandoned Pacific Electric streetcar line that used to run between downtown Los Angeles and the city of Glendale. Afterwards, a bus took everyone to the Hoover Painted Stairs in Silverlake. Dave Ptach, a longtime resident of Echo Park led the tour and explained the painted stairs. Staff enjoyed the morning walk and interacting with Mrs. Block and fellow colleagues while learning a bit of history about Los Angeles.

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