

## CUCSA Campus Update September 2011

### Staff Awards & Scholarships

The annual Staff Awards & Scholarships ceremony was held on June 24, 2011. Over 100 applications for various awards and scholarships were submitted. We awarded 15 scholarships to deserving staff in the amount of \$500 each. In addition to the scholarships, we awarded (4) Chancellor's Excellence in Service Awards centering on the following themes: Civic Engagement, Diversity, Sustainability, and True Bruin. We also awarded (1) Faculty/Staff Partnership award.

### All-Staff Picnic

The UCLA All-Staff Picnic was held on July 26, 2011. There were approximately 6,000 staff attendees – down from last year's staff picnic. The Chancellor, Ms. Block, and various Vice Chancellors welcomed attendees and passed out lunches. In efforts to help the University reach its zero-waste goal by 2020, the picnic was a zero-waste event; attendees brought refillable drinking bottles, and lunches were packaged in compostable and recyclable materials. The event was a success thanks to the hard work of Staff Assembly and lead picnic organizers.

### Staff Appreciation Week

UCLA Staff Appreciation Week was from July 25 – July 29, 2011. Discounts were offered by various Campus Organizations, including the student store, dining commons, UCLA Recreation, and UCLA Restaurants. Staff was encouraged to send "Thank U" cards to their colleagues to show their appreciation.

### Learn at Lunch

#### *UCLA Common Book – The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks*

Office of Residential Life hosted a Learn at Lunch event on August 16, 2011. Entering its third year, the Common Book program is a campus-wide initiative to provide a shared narrative for every incoming UCLA Student. After receiving a copy of the book, students put the words on the page into action on campus. The learn at lunch was dedicated to staff involvement in this program and discussions around this year's text. At the session, staff learned more about the program, Henrietta Lacks, and how staff and students together can be part of the "Common Book" campus experience. There were approximately 30 people in attendance, and a follow-up book club is in the works.

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