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CUCSA Campus Update
June 2013

Tobacco-Free
On April 22, 2013 UCLA (and buildings owned and leased by UCLA) went Tobacco-Free.

Lunch with Dr. Washington
Continuing to foster the relationship with staff at the Health Systems, we held our quarterly Lunch with Dr. Eugene Washington off-campus at the Santa Monica Hospital (about 5 miles away). Instead of trying to get the staff to come to campus which can be a 40-minute round trip drive, we took the event to their location. We were able to educate those staff members who were not familiar with Staff Assembly more about our organization and what we do.

What is Staff Assembly Learn-at-Lunch?
During the nomination period for the new board we offer a "What is Staff Assembly" learn at lunch. A PowerPoint presentation is shown along with each board member talking about their board position roles and responsibilities, time commitments, and both the professional and personal development they've acquired. This year we had about 30 people in attendance (compared to previous years of less than 10). We definitely saw an increase in number of nominations received this year.

Emerging Research Speaker Series
In conjunction with trying to bridge the gap between Faculty and Staff, UCLA Staff Assembly held its annual Emerging Research Speaker Series. Each year a Faculty member is invited to do a talk on their particular research topic. This year our speaker was Professor Andrea Ghez. Professor Ghez is a professor in Physics & Astronomy. Her topic was "Unveiling the Heart of Our Galaxy". Professor Ghez provides best evidence that supermassive black holes exist. Staff enjoyed the topic and her research. Following the talk there was a light reception were staff were given the opportunity to speak directly with Professor Ghez.

Casino Night
UCLA Staff Assembly held its annual Casino Night on May 2, 2013. About 150 staff members gathered after work to try their luck at casino games for chances to earn raffle tickets. Raffle Items such as Hotel Stays, Champagne Brunch, and Gift Certificates were won. This fund raising event proved to be another success. The funds raised from this event will assist in funding scholarships that are awarded in June.

Breakfast with the Chancellor
UCLA Staff Assembly hosted the Breakfast with the Chancellor on May 30, 2013. Approximately 100 staff applied for 13 available slots for the opportunity to meet with the Chancellor over breakfast and engage in dialogue about important campus issues.

UCLA Has Talent
UCLA Staff Assembly held its 2nd Annual "UCLA Has Talent" showcase on May 31, 2013. The talent showcased acts such as Singers, Flute Players, and other musicians, a UCLA Staff Dance team and even a juggling act. UCLA staff was invited to the noon showcase to support their fellow staff. The talent showcase was taped and the videos will be uploaded to the UCLA Staff Assembly website. Staff will be given the opportunity to vote daily for their favorites. The top (2) performers with the most votes will be invited to perform at this year's All Staff Picnic.

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