

**CUCSA Campus Update
September 2012**

Staff Awards & Scholarships

The annual Staff Awards & Scholarships ceremony was held on June 20, 2012. Over 100 applications for various awards and scholarships were submitted. We awarded fifteen scholarships to deserving staff in the amount of \$500 each. In addition to the scholarships, we awarded two Chancellor's Excellence in Service Awards in the amount of \$2,000 each, one for a Campus staff member and one for a Health Systems staff member. We also awarded one Faculty/Staff Partnership award.

All-Staff Picnic

The UCLA All-Staff Picnic was held on August 9, 2012. There were approximately 5,500 staff attendees – down from last year's staff picnic. The Chancellor 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 August 6 – August 10, 2012. Discounts were offered by various campus organizations, including the student store, dining commons, UCLA Recreation, UCLA restaurants, and the Center for the Art of Performance.

Learn at Lunch

First Observer Antiterrorism Program

The UCPD and Office of Environmental Health and Safety hosted a Learn at Lunch event on July 17, 2012. The First Observer Program was created to promote the internal security of our country through the use of the common citizen as the eyes and ears for homeland security. The speakers discussed what to look for when seeing activities that seem suspicious and reviewed and explained various indicators of threats. Attendees of this Learn at Lunch became certified by the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) as First Observers and are able to assist in keeping our country safe. This was an extremely popular Learn at Lunch with 60 people in attendance.

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