

**CUCSA Campus Update  
December 2014**

**Fan Friday “True Bruins wear blue”**

UCLA Staff Assembly continues to team with UCLA Athletics in the annual photo contest for staff to show their UCLA True Bruin spirit. Campus departments and groups submit their pictures every Friday before a UCLA football home game for this contest. Winning departments received 12 complimentary football tickets to the UCLA vs. Stanford game on Friday, November 25. This is a slight departure from previous years where staff received tickets for each home game. The change this year guarantees a large cheering contingent of UCLA staff at this particular game.

**VIP Brunch Reception and Women’s Volleyball Game with Mrs. Block**

On November 16, 2014, UCLA’s First Lady Mrs. Carol Block invited 50 staff members to her 7<sup>th</sup> VIP Brunch Reception followed by the Women’s Volleyball game vs. California. 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.

**Learn-at-Lunch**

*How to Improve Your Memory – Session with Dr. Linda Ercolli*

In this L@L held on September 10, 2014, Dr. Linda Ercolli, a Clinical Psychologist at the UCLA Semel Institute and an expert in memory and aging discussed techniques that individuals can use to compensate for minor memory challenges, and shared methods to organize better one’s daily life to support memory functioning while reducing frustration. The event was extremely well received and the 186 attendees took away some invaluable insights and techniques.

*Innovations at Work: Unlocking Great Ideas – Peter Kung, MBA, Director of Innovation Technologies*

On October 16, 2014, Peter Kung presented on the increasing demand for innovation in all sectors, as disruptive changes require staff to respond in creative ways in order to thrive. The 72 attendees learned about effective processes and received clarity on what makes innovation succeed.

*Open Enrollment Workshops*

UCLA Campus Human Resources hosted Learn-at-Lunch sessions on November 6 and 12, 2014. Attendees learned about the new changes to the UC health and welfare plans for 2015. A UCLA benefits counselor provided an in-depth narrative on plan changes to UC-sponsored health plans. 56 employees who attended the first session and 47 attended the second one.

**Breakfast with the Chancellor**

UCLA Staff Assembly hosted the Fall Quarter Breakfast with the Chancellor on Monday, September 22, 2014. More than 100 staff members applied for 13 available slots for the opportunity to meet with Chancellor Block over breakfast and engage in dialogue about important campus issues.

**Lunch with Dean Eugene Washington**

On September 23, 2014, UCLA Staff Assembly hosted its quarterly breakfast with Dr. Eugene Washington, the Vice Chancellor of UCLA Health Sciences and Dean of the David Geffen School of Medicine. Thirteen lucky individuals from the Health Systems had the opportunity to meet with the Dean over lunch and engage in dialogue about important health system issues.

**Halloween Costume Contest**

Staff Assembly held its second Annual Halloween Costume contest. Staff members and/or offices posted their Halloween pictures to our Facebook page and the picture/costume with the most likes won gift cards, wine bags, water bottles, and t-shirts. The individual winner was dressed as a zombie and titled her costume as “Bride Looking for Love” and the office winners recreated Snow White.

**Outreach**

UCLA Staff Assembly extended its outreach by attending various campus fairs and events such as:

- Ride-share Fair – October 9, 2014
- UCLA Health System Benefits and Wellness Fair – November 3, 2014
- Veteran's Day Ceremony – November 10, 2014

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