

**CUCSA Campus Update
August 2014**

Staff Awards & Scholarships

The annual Staff Awards & Scholarships ceremony was held on June 25, 2014. Over 100 applications for various awards and scholarships were submitted. In partnership with UCLA's Retiree Association, nineteen scholarships were awarded 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.

Learn-at-Lunch

Technology Speed Dating

On July 16, 2014, Staff Assembly sponsored a UCLA BruinTech (<http://www.bruintech.ucla.edu>) event that helped staff explore useful and free productivity tools such as DropBox, BOX, Google Drive, Doodle, Snipping Tool, etc. Over the course of an hour, small groups of participants rotated from various tables to learn about the technology products in 10-minute "speed dating" sessions from campus technology experts. Over 60 staff members attended this event.

Strategic Planning and Team Building

On July 22nd, 2014, the Staff Assembly board held a strategic planning and team building session. Key takeaways include, updating the Staff Assembly website, expanding the Learn-at-Lunch events to include other times (for staff members working off hours), refreshing the Small Business Fair, and investigating more fundraising opportunities.

Staff Assembly/AMG Joint Event

Making Yourself More Marketable Series – Furthering your Education

On August 1st, 2014, Staff Assembly and AMG (Administrative Management Group) jointly hosted part two in a series of events titled "Making Yourself More Marketable". This second session focused on furthering one's education. Speakers from various campus units presented on educational opportunities available to staff. CHR offered courses on training and development through various programs. University Extensions offered staff discounts for their courses. Online training programs at UCLA (<http://learnit.ucla.edu>) which include, Lynda.com and Microsoft IT Academy were also highlighted. Over 80 staff members participated.

Staff Appreciation Week and All-Staff Picnic

UCLA Staff Appreciation Week is from August 11 – August 15, 2014. Discounts were offered by various campus organizations, including the student store, UCLA Recreation, UCLA restaurants, and the Center for the Art of Performance at UCLA. The highlight of the week is the All-Staff Picnic, which is celebrating its 10-year anniversary. New activities for this picnic will include a selfie contest and a cheer led by UCLA basketball coach Steve Alford.

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