

**CUCSA Campus Update  
December 2013****True Bruins Wear Blue**

UCLA Staff Assembly in conjunction with UCLA Athletics continued our annual photo contest for staff to show their UCLA True Bruin spirit. The number of submissions for fan Friday is up from last year, particularly due to the Bruins winning season. Campus department groups were encouraged to dress in blue and gold every Friday before UCLA football home games. They uploaded a photo to the Staff Assembly Facebook page with the most spirited department awarded 12 complimentary football tickets to the next home game compliments of UCLA Athletics.

**Mrs. Block's VIP Reception – Women's Volleyball**

On October 2, 2013, UCLA's First Lady Carol Block held the 6th VIP Reception, prior to the UCLA vs. Stanford game. This event is co-sponsored by the Chancellor's Office and UCLA Staff Assembly. It provided UCLA staff with an opportunity to meet and interact with Mrs. Block in an informal and personal setting. The reception, held at the newly renovated Pauley Pavilion, was well attended with 50 staff members including their guest.

**Presidential Visit to UCLA**

On Saturday, October 12, UC President Janet Napolitano met with Associate Vice Chancellor Lubbe Levin, and seven staff members, including four from the Staff Assembly Board. The meeting was over an hour long, the Staff Assembly participants were Cindy Cordova, President, Rejeana Mathis, President-Elect, Raffi Simonian, Vice President, Special Projects, Laura Stephey, Member-at-Large. Following introductions, President Napolitano asked a series of thoughtful questions, listened attentively to staff's response and took copious notes. The meeting was well-received and staff left with a renewed sense of optimism.

**UC Benefits Town Hall Meetings**

Campus Human Resources, Health System Human Resources and Staff Assembly, sponsored Town Halls on October 14 and 18, 2013, that provided information about the changes being made to UC's medical plans, and allow participants to ask questions about the new choices. In addition, a videotape of the Town Hall was made available on the Staff Assembly website.

**Learn-at-Lunch****Getting on the Right Path with Your UC Savings Plan**

On September 18, 2013, UCLA Campus Human Resources hosted a Learn-at-Lunch that explained the differences between UC savings plans, pre-tax and after contributions and determining which type of contribution is beneficial. Attendees also discussed how much they should be saving each year to achieve their retirement goals.

**Smarter Ways to Commute to UCLA**

On October 3, 2013, UCLA Transportation hosted this Learn-at-Lunch to share alternative transportation programs that are available to help employees save time and money while supporting UCLA's continual efforts to create a healthy and sustainable campus. Twenty-three staff attended this session to learn more about how you can use a smarter way to get to campus and help achieve our goal set in the UCLA Climate Action Plan to reduce UCLA employee single occupancy vehicle commuters to 50% by 2014.

## **Open Enrollment Workshops**

UCLA Campus Human Resources hosted Learn-at-Lunch sessions on November 1 and 4, 2013. Attendees learned about the new changes to the UC health and welfare plans for 2014. A UCLA benefits counselor provided an in-depth narrative on plan changes to UC-sponsored health plans. Approximately 35 people attended each session.

## **Breakfast with the Chancellor**

UCLA Staff Assembly hosted the Fall Quarter Breakfast with the Chancellor on November 5, 2013. 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 November 12, 2013, 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. Fifty-six people applied for 13 available slots for the opportunity to meet with the Dean over lunch and engage in dialogue about important health system issues. Attendance is for Health Systems staff only.

## **Walking Tour with Mrs. Block**

On November 16, 2013, the Chancellor's Office and UCLA Staff Assembly co-sponsored a walking tour of downtown Los Angeles. From a pool of 85 applicants, 50 UCLA employees were selected to attend this event. The tour provided history of downtown, punctuated with anecdotes and best practices for bringing an urban core back from the brink of almost extinction.

## **Halloween Costume Contest**

Staff Assembly held its 1st Annual Halloween Costume contest. Staff members were invited to post their Halloween picture to our Facebook page and the picture/costume with the most likes won a Wolfgang Puck gift card. Over 89 employees posted pictures showed their creativity and ingenuity. Ideas for future improvements to the contest include hosting it in person and setting up categories. Ultimately, this contest generated over 200 "likes" which got us to 1,200.

## **Outreach**

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

- Veteran's Day Ceremony – November 8, 2013
- 21st Annual UCLA Toy Drive benefitting the UCLA Mattel Children's Hospital – December 2012

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