

## **UCLA Staff Assembly Update for CUCSA Meeting (June 2005)**

### Staff Assembly Resource Fair

The Resource Fair for Small Businesses was held Jan. 19, 2005 at the UCLA Ackerman Grand Ballroom. Attendance increased this year with over 700 people attending. The success is attributable to offering light lunch and communications to the campus community via BruinPost, a mass e-mail system managed by UCLA Mail & Document Services. Mailings were sent to 15,000 staff members.

An online registration form for vendors and the development of a directory of participating vendors was new this year. The online directory will remain displayed on the UCLA Staff Assembly website for one year. The features of the directory include vendor name, commodity, address and contact information. The event provided a net profit of about \$6,000 to be used for staff scholarships.

### UCLA Staff Assembly Annual Casino Night

Staff Assembly hosted its annual Casino Night on April 6, 2005 to raise money for Staff Scholarships. More than 200 staff members enjoyed an evening of gaming, food, and socializing. The grand prize donated by UCLA Travel included two airline tickets to anywhere in the continental U.S., a car rental, and hotel accommodations. It was a wonderful evening and could not have happened without the support and hard work of volunteers.

### Chancellor's Reception

Staff Assembly and the Chancellor and Mrs. Carnesale hosted the Second annual Staff Honors Reception at the Chancellor's Residence on May 12, 2005. Approximately 200 staff members were invited to spend the afternoon at the Chancellor's home, enjoying the house, the artwork, the grounds, and the food. The UCLA Quartet provided background music while guests had an opportunity to relax and meet the Chancellor. The Chancellor presented the annual Excellence in Service Award to Dena Chertoff from the Psychology department. The award is the highest achievement for a staff member and includes a check for \$5,000 funded by the Chancellor's office. Dave Miller was honored for his outstanding contribution to the UCLA Community and Vice Chancellor Sam Morabito presented him with an award.

### **Upcoming Events**

#### Staff Assembly Scholarships And Awards Reception

On June 10, 2005, the Staff Assembly will host the 8<sup>th</sup> annual Scholarships & Awards reception. Two Faculty/Staff Partnership Awards will be presented along with 15 scholarships for staff members. Executive Vice Chancellor Daniel Neuman and Staff Assembly President Hassan Ghamlouch will preside over the event.

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It's common knowledge that students and faculty can obtain financial assistance in the form of scholarships, fellowships and grants. What may not be as well known, however, is that staff are eligible for scholarships of their own.

Each year, UCLA's Staff Assembly offers scholarships for career enhancement and professional growth to staff members with at least one year of employment in a full-time position. Funding of

up to \$350 can be used to pay for a conference, workshop, seminar or certification course, or enrollment in courses offered by UCLA Extension or Campus Human Resources.

### Second Annual All Staff Picnic

Staff Assembly and the Chancellor's Office will host the second annual All-Staff Picnic on July 14. The planning committee is busy at work on this exciting event.

### Staff Assembly Executive Board Elections

UCLA Staff Assembly will hold their executive board election starting with a call for nominations on May 27<sup>th</sup>, voting will be closed on June 27<sup>th</sup> and the new executive board will be announced on June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2005.

“Those Crazy Days of Summer” *From an Article in UCLA Today (Vol. 25 No. 15 May 24, 2005)*

With summer just a calendar page away, organizers are already planning the annual All-Staff Picnic, set for July 14. The free picnic lunch promises fun in the sun and an opportunity to hang out with UCLA colleagues. Last year's event was wildly successful and the picnic drew 3,000-plus, and the two hosts, the UCLA Staff Assembly and the Chancellor's Office, expect this year's event will be just as festive. This year, tickets will be distributed at additional locations. The staff can bring a picnic blanket to Dickson Court from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

### **Campus Update**

#### UCLA Physiologist Elected To Prestigious British Royal Society

Ernest Wright (Bel Air), professor of physiology and Melinkoff Professor in Medicine at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA, has been named a 2005 Fellow to the Royal Society, an honor considered one of the highest accolades a scientist can achieve next to the Nobel Prize. Born in Belfast, Ireland, Wright joined the faculty of the medical school in 1967, and was tapped to chair the physiology department in 1987. His research focuses on the structure, function and genetics of transport proteins, which act as gatekeepers for the body by carrying essential molecules in and out of cells. In 2003, his research team identified a new protein that senses changes in glucose, the blood sugar that fuels body function. The UCLA discovery could lead to the development of new drugs to control diabetes and obesity.

#### UCLA Chancellor Named To Los Angeles Mayor-Elect Antonio Villaraigosa's Transition Team

UCLA Chancellor Albert Carnesale and two UCLA center directors were named on May 26 to Los Angeles Mayor-Elect Antonio Villaraigosa's transition team. In addition to the Chancellor, UCLA Institute of the Environment Director Mary Nichols and UCLA Labor Center Director Larry Frank were appointed to the team, which will be led by former Assembly Speaker Bob Hertzberg. The transition team's focus will be to recruit a talented array of individuals who will seek commission appointments and staff positions in the mayor's office.

#### Men's Tennis Team Wins NCAA Title

The seventh-seeded men's tennis team shocked everyone by beating top-seeded and undefeated Baylor University, 4-3, on May 24 at the NCAA finals at College Station, Texas. The exhilarating, come-from-behind victory allowed the Bruins to snap Baylor's 57-match winning streak and avenge their loss in the NCAA finals to Baylor just one year ago.

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