

UCLA Campus Update June 2007

Chancellor's Town Hall

Acting Chancellor Norman Abrams addressed a wide array of topics from campus security to salary increases at the annual Chancellor's Town Hall hosted by UCLA Staff Assembly on May 8, 2007. There were nearly 200 staff members in attendance.

Learn at Lunch Series

UCLA Staff Assembly presented two Learn-at-Lunch sessions for the month of May. On May 18, 2007, Dr. Peter Whybrow talked about his book, *American Mania: Have We Spawned an Addictive Society*. He addressed how the extraordinary achievements and excessive consumption of the American nation show how human biology is ill equipped to cope with the demands of the 24/7, rapid-fire culture we have not only created but have also come to crave. Strategies were gained for how to step back from this treadmill to live a healthful, more fulfilling life.

On May 22, 2007 staff members were introduced to a wealth of information available through the Library's online resources. The session included how to set up access from home to get the most from the Library's online resources.

Scholarships & Awards Ceremony

On June 19, 2007, Staff Assembly hosted its annual Scholarships and Awards Reception. Acting Executive Vice Chancellor Scott Waugh joined us for this special occasion and presented the Excellence in Service Award to Doug Thomsen of the Registrar's Office. The award presentations and acknowledgements included:

- Excellence in Service Award
- Faculty/Staff Partnership Awards
- President's Award
- Scholarships

We received a record number of submissions for all of our awards this year. The committee reviewed 59 Scholarship applications, 32 nominations for the Excellence in Service Award, and 7 for the Faculty/Staff Partnership Award, our highest number of submissions to date.

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