

Campus Update September 2008

5th Annual All Staff Picnic

The 5th Annual All Staff Picnic was held on August 14, 2008, from 11:30am to 1:30pm. The event this year was the largest to date with approximately 6,500 staff in attendance. Highlights of the event include a boxed lunch, ice cream, kettle korn, and DJ/music and dancing. The program included a welcome by UCLA Staff Assembly President Kyrie Bass and a speech from UCLA Chancellor Gene Block thanking staff for their contributions. A new emphasis on recycling encouraged staff to turn their attention to bins marked for mixed paper, plastic and compost as Staff Assembly volunteers helped to steer employees to the right bin. The staff picnic was a test run for the recycling bins, which are expected to appear at future events. Normally, most of the trash from the picnic would go to a landfill. Early estimates suggest more than 80% of the waste from this event will stay out of landfills. UCLA Staff Assembly staffed a welcome booth at the picnic, and had a prize drawing for signing up for the listserv. Over 300 people participated in the drawing and signed up. The planning committee which included members from the Chancellor's Office, UCLA Catering, Events Management, and the Central Ticket Office, and our exceptional volunteers was instrumental in another successful event and made the effort look seamless. (http://www.today.ucla.edu/campus/080408_all-staff-picnic).

Outreach

UCLA Staff Assembly is extending its outreach by hosting a booth at a variety of campus fairs.

- UCLA Medical Center Wellness Fair, August 28 (1,500 expected attendees)
- Education and Career Development Fair, September 10 (3,500 expected attendees)
- General Services Sustainability Fair, October 22 (5,000 expected attendees)

Learn at Lunch Programs

With the Staff Picnic in August, there were no Learn at Lunch Programs scheduled over the summer. Below are upcoming Fall programs.

- Alternative Transportation, September 18
- What is Staff Assembly?, October 9
- UCLA Recycling Program, October 20
- Election Results & UC, November 10

Communication

UCLA Staff Assembly is expanding its listserv by sending e-mails on other campus listservs describing the benefits of Staff Assembly and requesting that staff sign up for the Staff Assembly listserv. Recent email blasts include using the UCLA Transportation listserv (300 employees) and the UCLA Extension listserv (1,500 employees). UCLA Staff Assembly is targeting to double its listserv this year from approximately 1,500 to 3,000.