



**Campus Update
September 2009**

Staff Assembly Scholarship Fund for Employee's Children

In 2006, UCM Staff Assembly was given a generous gift by an anonymous employee to start the Staff Assembly Scholarship Fund for Employees' children. After a very successful fund raising campaign during Staff Appreciation Week, the scholarship has been endowed. We are currently working with Financial Aid and University Relations to set up the procedures that will be used to evaluate candidates and award monies.

Staff Appreciation Week

UCM's most successful Staff Appreciation Week to date was held during the second week of June. Activities included a volleyball tournament, a very successful Cat Closet Cleanout and an ice cream social with talent show. Also during this week, there were several competitive fundraisers that raised money for the Staff Assembly Scholarship Fund. The week concluded with a picnic where five staff members were announced as winners of the Staff Excellence Awards.

Staff Cookbook Sale

Efforts are almost complete to prepare a cookbook comprised of recipes collected from UC Merced employees. The cookbook will be published and sold around the November/December holidays with profits going to the UC Merced Staff Assembly Scholarship Fund.

Communication

Throughout the furlough discussions Staff Assembly members felt well communicated with and engaged in the ongoing conversations.

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