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Campus Update June 2005

Staff Assembly News:

- ❑ The UCR Staff Assembly recently awarded \$3,300 to approximately 40 staff members as part of the Staff Enrichment Scholarship fund. Scholarships are awarded each spring for professional development or personal enrichment activities in support of the Staff Assembly's mission to promote the well being of staff. Funding for the scholarship program is made possible through a variety of fundraising activities the Staff Assembly undertakes each year. There are three categories in which staff can apply for scholarships:
 - Career development, including certificate programs, conferences, workshops or courses.
 - Degree attainment expenses.
 - Personal development and growth, such as self-improvement programs or physical education courses.
- ❑ A takeoff on the popular Fox program "American Idol" will highlight the annual end-of-the-year barbecue presented by the Staff Assembly. Several staff members will vie to become the first "UCR Idol" before a panel of pseudo-celebrity judges at the June 15 event.
- ❑ The election is underway for executive officer positions for the 2005-06 Staff Assembly. Open board positions include Vice President/President Elect, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Communications Chair, Social Chair, Ways and Means Chair, and Standing Committee Chair. Nominations closed May 25. Voting will take place June 6-10, with results announced shortly thereafter.
- ❑ The UCR Staff Assembly is planning a rededication of the Staff Memorial Plaza in September. The Staff Assembly in the early 1990s established the Staff Memorial Plaza to honor and remember staff members who died while they were still employed at the campus. The landscaped plaza, nestled between the Geology building and Science Laboratories building, is supported in part through the Staff Assembly's memorial brick fund, which enables donors to name bricks in honor of a deceased staff member, a retired staff member, or a current staff member. Construction of the Science Laboratories building necessitated relocation of the plaza. A Staff Assembly committee has worked since then to re-establish and enhance the plaza with new landscaping, benches and signage.





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UCR Police Officer Honored by Law Enforcement Group

Sgt. Kurt Wampole of the UCR Police Department received a Lifetime Achievement Award at the 27th Annual Law Enforcement Appreciation Awards Ceremony and Dinner Banquet from the Law Enforcement Appreciation Committee of Western Riverside County. The award recognizes officers who have continuously demonstrated the highest level of professionalism, exceeded expectations, sustained a positive impact on the community, and consistently performed duties in harmony with the department's goals, mission, objectives and values. Wampole served his entire career at the UCR campus, except for a seven-year stint at UC Irvine. A firearms expert, Wampole has led and refined the department's firearms training program. Other assignments included traffic accident investigator, quartermaster, background investigator, firearms instructor, range master, field training officer, computer supervisor of the Gang Reporting Evaluation and Tracking system, acting division commander at the UC Irvine Medical Center and sergeant with the University Neighborhood Enhancement Team, a joint community policing effort of UCPD and the Riverside Police Department. He is also a UCR alumnus, having earned a bachelor's degree in botany and plant sciences in 1982.

UCR Citrus Variety Collection Display and Tasting Remains One of the Most Popular Attractions at the Riverside Orange Blossom Festival

Dozens of staff, students and faculty volunteered at one of the most popular booths at the annual Riverside Orange Blossom Festival May 21-22. Fair-goers get to taste many unusual citrus varieties from UCR's renowned Citrus Variety Collection. Among the 25 citrus varieties available for tasting this year were the UCR-developed Gold Nugget (a seedless, sweet mandarin), the Oroblanco grapefruit (also developed at UCR), and a couple of new products of the UCR citrus breeding program. The Citrus Variety Collection, consisting of two trees each of approximately 900 different citrus types, remains one of the premier citrus germplasm collections in the world and a valuable university resource.

