



## UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, RIVERSIDE - STAFF ASSEMBLY

### Campus Update December 2005

#### Staff Assembly News

- ❑ The Staff Assembly's first general meeting of the academic year, held in October, featured speaker Mike Delo, the new Director of Transportation and Parking Services. Parking at UCR is always a hot topic and this gave the campus the opportunity to ask questions and see where Mike's vision for UCR parking is heading. The meeting was held in the Engineering II building which just opened in September, giving the staff an opportunity to see the building for the first time. Chancellor France A. Córdova greeted staff and presented service awards to staff members who had reached their 10, 15, 20, 25, 30 and 35 year anniversaries at UCR. A pizza lunch was donated by Marcello's Pizza and Pasta.
- ❑ The UCR Staff Assembly Welfare Committee has had a busy quarter. The committee participated in the UCR Hurricane Katrina Relief Fund with a food and clothing drive, collecting over \$700 in cash. The committee has also completed two major holiday programs: Thanksgiving Food Drive and Holiday toy and gift card drive. For the Thanksgiving drive, food was provided for about 20 families, approximately 80-100 boxes of food. The Holiday toy and gift card drive provided items for about 15 families; distributing food, cash cards, and toys to these families. The value of these items was approximately \$1,500. Assistance was provided in about 5 other cases in response to emergencies such as illness, automobile repairs, and fire damage to property. Approximately \$3,000 was distributed to these folks in clothing, food, gift cards and cash.
- ❑ Staff Assembly hosted the "It's a Peanuts Holiday" Holiday Party on December 19<sup>th</sup>. Special guests were Snoopy, Charlie Brown, and the return of the UCR Idol contestants. In keeping with the theme, we served Franklin Fries, Snoopy's Sliders, Woodstock's wings, Charlie's Brownies, Schroeder's Cook-keys, Peppermint Pattie's paddies, Lucy's Lemonade stands, and Sally says "eat more veggies!" The turnout was excellent with over 500 staff in attendance, allowing the Assembly to collect over \$1,000 for staff scholarships from the silent auction.





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### **UCR Arroyo Housing Project**

The Arroyo Student Housing Project, which has just begun construction, will provide 505 beds in one, two, and four-bedroom apartment units. Four-story residential buildings shape internally focused courtyards that will feature a variety of student community functions including a computer lab, study lounges, a laundry facility, and a convenience store and grille. Located at the northeast corner of the Riverside campus, the project also includes three recreational playfields providing significant, green open space between the new apartment buildings and campus neighbors to the north and east. Along the south edge of the project, both playfields and housing are set back from the arroyo in order to preserve its natural character.

### **UCR Alumnus a Co-Recipient of the Nobel Prize in Chemistry**

UCR alumnus Richard R. Schrock ('67, B.A. in Chemistry), co-recipient of the 2005 Nobel Prize in Chemistry, will present a public lecture at UCR on Jan. 25 as part of the 2006 Chancellor's Distinguished Lecture Series. Professor Schrock, now a faculty member at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, shares the 2005 Nobel Prize in Chemistry with Robert H. Grubbs of Caltech and Yves Chauvin of the Institut Français du Pétrole in France for the "development of the metathesis method in organic synthesis." The three scientists developed the chemical process called metathesis into one of organic chemistry's most important reactions. This process is used daily in the chemical industry for the efficient and more environmentally friendly production of important pharmaceuticals, fuels, synthetic fibers and many other products.

### **UCR to Submit Medical School Proposal to UC Officials**

To help meet the Inland Empire's urgent need for doctors, UC Riverside plans to submit a proposal for a medical school to a special committee appointed by the University of California President that will include members of the Board of Regents. UCR Chancellor France Córdova made the announcement in November 2005 at the Greater Riverside Chambers of Commerce's monthly "Good Morning Riverside" event. The proposed medical school and a new health sciences research institute make up the University's Health Sciences Initiative. "A school of medicine would offer a tremendous opportunity for serving the health care needs of our underserved region and populace, and for transforming the Inland Empire to a knowledge-driven economy," Córdova said. "A research-based school of medicine would attract start-up companies and venture capital to our area."

