



## **Santa Cruz Update June 2010**

### **Staff Advisory Board Hosts Annual Staff Picnic**

Over 800 UCSC staff attended the Staff Advisory Board Annual Staff Appreciation Picnic for all campus staff on the East Field overlooking the Monterey Bay on a beautiful sunny May day. The Staff Picnic Band, comprised of UCSC staff musicians, assembled just for this event, entertained picnickers while representatives from various campus units hosted booths showcasing a variety of services and programs (and ‘give-aways’) benefitting staff. A drawing with numerous prizes donated by campus and community members were also awarded. Chancellor Blumenthal chatted with staff and mingled through the crowd.

### **Alumni Association and SAB announce Staff of the Year Award**

For the first time since its inception the Alumni Association partnered with the Staff Advisory Board to host the annual Outstanding Staff Service Award, awarded to a staff member nominated by alumni and co-workers for outstanding career service to students. This year’s award was given to Tonya Honig, Linguistics Department Manager. The announcement and award were made by Chancellor Blumenthal at the Staff Appreciation Picnic.

### **SAB Initiates Advocacy Committee Essay Contest**

The Staff Advisory Board’s Advocacy Committee in collaboration with UCSC’s Government Relations Office has initiated the "Essay Contest". Staff, faculty and students are writing essays telling their story of the impact of budget cuts and why it is so important to support UC. Six essays will be chosen and the writers will receive a \$75 gift certificate. Three essays will be chosen to be video taped and shown at meetings, forums and hopefully will make their way to Sacramento. One of the committee members was participated in Advocacy Day, April 27th, in Sacramento, adding another voice for staff.

### **SAB Conducts Annual “Thumbs Up Award” Program.**

The annual “Thumbs-up Award” program is underway. The program provides an opportunity for staff members to nominate individual or small groups of coworkers who have gone out of their way to make life on campus better for the whole community. Awardees receive a certificate suitable for framing.

### **Diversity & Inclusion Certificate Program Series Launches**

Free to all staff employees as professional development on diversity issues, the 6 week workshop series offers participants an examination of how the differences in our community can enhance our interactions with each other as well as provide knowledge and skills to work and lead in a multicultural environment. Certificate will be awarded at the end of the program.

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