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## Campus Update June 2009

**Emerging Research Speaker Series:** This new event, co-hosted by UCLA Staff Assembly, Academic Senate and Campus Human Resources, was developed to foster community between UCLA Faculty and Staff. Over 150 staff *and* faculty attended to hear Dr. Connie Hammen discuss her research on hidden and misunderstood aspects of depression. Following the presentation was a reception.

**Casino Night:** The 2009 UCLA Staff Assembly Casino Night was held on May 7, 2009, in the UCLA Athletics Hall of Fame, with approximately 180 people attending. Although attendance was slightly lower this year, the event resulted in the highest funds raised to date, attributed primarily to table sponsorships. Raising \$2,500 (net), these funds along with the \$6,000 raised from the Small Business Resource Fair in January combine to support 15 staff scholarships of up to \$500 each. Notwithstanding the success of the fundraising, the highlight of the evening was the attendance of Chancellor and Mrs. Block.

**What is Staff Assembly?** In preparation for 2009 elections and to further educate staff about UCLA Staff Assembly, the Board hosted a Learn at Lunch program. Approximately 50 staff attended, many of whom were interested either in running for a Board position or wanting to get more involved.

**UCLA Staff Assembly Scholarships & Awards Reception:** On June 17, Staff Assembly hosts its annual Scholarships & Awards Reception to recognize employees in 3 areas:

- **Staff Scholarships** for career enhancement and professional growth. 15 scholarships of up to \$500 each will be awarded.
- **Chancellor's Excellence in Service Awards** to recognize, encourage, and reinforce the performance of staff members who go above and beyond the call of duty in helping the University achieve its mission. Four awards will be presented to full time UCLA staff members who demonstrate a commitment to University values of Civic Engagement, Diversity, Sustainability and True Bruin through significant contributions and achievements which consistently exceed the established requirements of the individual's appointed job. Each individual selected for these prestigious honors will receive a \$1,000 award.
- **Faculty/Staff Partnership Award** in recognition of the value of collaboration and collegiality between Faculty and Staff, this award acknowledges faculty members who actively develop and encourage faculty/staff partnerships.

### Outreach

- UCLA Healthcare Fair, June 4

### Learn at Lunch Programs

- Sustainability Panel Learn at Lunch, March 31
- Staff Advisors to the Regents Learn at Lunch, April 27
- What is Staff Assembly? Learn at Lunch, May 14
- PDP Green Team: Sustainability Applications Learn at Lunch, June 16

### Spring Co-Sponsored Programs

- Breakfast with the Chancellor, May 13

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