

## Staff Assembly News

### Things to give thanks for....

We would like to thank everyone who submitted an answer to our question "What are you thankful for?" We would also like to thank those who may not have answered our survey, but still took a moment to reflect on gratitude and to think of the things in life that they have gratitude for. To see the list of submissions, [Click here](#).

### Thanks for all who supported the Kings fundraiser!

We sold over 100 tickets and raised over \$300 for our Staff Dependent Scholarship from ticket sales for our December 21<sup>st</sup> Kings game! Those who bought tickets will enjoy a fun-filled event with raffle prize giveaways and a chance to high five the Kings players and watch warm-ups courtside! We are looking forward to the game and you will be contacted ahead of time if you win the team high-five opportunity!

### 2010-2011 Campus Community Book Project Author's Visit

**"Why Are All the Black Kids Sitting Together in the Cafeteria? And Other Conversations About Race"**  
by Beverly Daniel Tatum, Ph.

### Author's Visit this Friday

- **December 10:** The Forum @ MC: *Identity Politics – Deconstructing Arizona's Immigration and Ethnic Studies Legislation*  
  
Panel discussion featuring author, Beverly Daniel Tatum  
Kevin Johnson, Dean, UC Davis MLK School of Law  
Miroslava Chavez-Garcia, Professor Chicana/Chicano Studies  
Kevin Williams, History Teacher, Davis Senior High School  
Tatiana Bush, Student Coordinator, Student Recruitment and Retention Center  
Moderated by Jeffrey Callison, Capital Public Radio  
**4 PM – 5 PM**, Jackson Hall, Robert and Margrit Mondavi Center for the Performing Arts. **FREE and open to the public**
- **December 10:** *Author's Talk:* Featuring Beverly Daniel Tatum  
**8 PM – 9:30 PM**, Jackson Hall, Robert and Margrit Mondavi Center for the Performing Arts  
To purchase tickets, please visit [mondavicenter.ucdavis.edu](http://mondavicenter.ucdavis.edu) or call the Mondavi Center Box Office at (530) 754-2787.
- **December 10:** Book Signing by Beverly Daniel Tatum  
**9:30 PM**, Rumsey Rancheria Grand Lobby, Robert and Margrit Mondavi Center for the Performing Arts

### Arts/Exhibits/Performance

**Now through December 17:** *Culture and Identity – An Exhibit of Student Work from Chicana/Chicano Studies*. Art Lounge, Memorial Union. **FREE**

### UC Davis Staff Assembly Pin Partners

- 3<sup>rd</sup> and U Café
- AAA
- The California Aggie
- The California Museum
- Davis Food Co-op
- Davis Life Magazine
- Edible Arrangements
- Explorit Science Center
- Fenton's Creamery
- Kaplan Test Prep
- Loretta Holt Hypnotherapy
- Midtown Comfort Shoes (NEW!)
- NE Sacramento Holiday Inn
- Outdoor Davis
- One-on-One Tutoring
- Spa Central
- Steve's Pizza
- UC Davis Dining Services
- V.I.P. Studios

## I AM... Project Celebrate our Unity in Diversity

### EXHIBITION

Now through Friday, December 10; Mrak, Hart and the WRRRC

100+ art pieces made by you and your peers are on display on the first floor of Mrak, second floor Hart Hall and the Righteous Babes Lounge at the WRRRC. **FREE**

*Happy Holidays*  
*From Staff Assembly and*  
*the Staff Voice Newsletter*

*The Staff Voice will be on a break for the holidays, please look for our next newsletter on January 12, 2011. We will be accepting article submissions now through January 7<sup>th</sup>.*

## Campus News & Events

### Shop UC Davis for the Holidays (excerpted from Dateline)

The Aggie T-shirt, the law school mug, Professor Charlie Bamforth's book ([Beer Is Proof God Loves Us](#)), the California Harvest Gift Box and UC Davis olive oil are among the products that are readily available for yourself or to give as gifts, as a way to share your Aggie Pride. [Read more](#)

### Toys for Tots Campaign - Donate toys now through December 15, 2010

This year, Administrative and Resource Management will host the **Toys for Tots** campaign for UC Davis. Toys for Tots is a wonderful charity that began about 1946 by the members of the US Marine Corp and Reserves. The donated toys will be distributed by volunteers from the Marine Corps League, Yolo County Detachment # 627 from Woodland.

The collection barrels will be available for donations between now and December 15<sup>th</sup>. Contributors are asked to bring an unwrapped gift for a child of any age (infant through age 14). **These toys will stay in Yolo County** and be distributed to children who may not be receiving gifts this Holiday season without the assistance of this program and generous donations from people like the ones we work with every day of the year.

#### Look for donation barrels at these campus locations:

- Fire/Police Building (Kleiber Hall Drive)
- ARM HR/Payroll Shared Services Center (1050 Extension Center Dr.)
- IET (3820 Chiles Road)
- Safety Services (276 Hoagland Hall)
- HR Administration Building (Orchard Road)
- Accounting and Financial Services (1441 Research Park Dr)
- Materiel Management (3215 Apiary Drive)
- Facilities Management Customer Support Center
- Humanities Institute (229 Voorhies Hall)
- ARM Vice Chancellor's office (376 Mrak Hall)

All donations will be greatly appreciated. This is a very worthy charity and this will allow us to help others during this struggling Holiday season.

offers.

[See details on our newest partner below!](#)

### How do I get a Staff Pin?

Did you know that your purchase of a \$5.00 Staff Pin supports our funding for the Staff Dependent Scholarship Program? Support staff dependents reaching their educational goals and get great discounts from area businesses! It's a win-win situation!

[Click here](#) to learn how to get a staff pin!

**REGISTER YOUR STAFF PIN to receive update on Staff Pin discounts!**

[Click here for instructions](#)

### Grape Powder Study for Overweight Men and Women

USDA, ARS Western Human Nutrition Research Center seeks healthy, non-smoking men and women, ages 20 - 60 and 45 - 120 lbs. overweight, to test whether drinking beverages made with grape powder will decrease markers of inflammation, improve cholesterol levels and blood lipid profiles, and change immune responses that may reduce the risk of heart and blood vessel disease. Participants cannot be taking medications for cholesterol, thyroid, asthma, or blood pressure, are not using weight loss products or trying to lose weight, and are not following a vegetarian diet. Female participants are not pregnant, lactating or planning a pregnancy.

This is a 9-week study involving drinking 2 beverages containing grape powder daily. **Participants must be willing and able to come to the WHNRC on the UC Davis campus on a weekly basis to pick-up grape powder and for 6 early morning visits.**

Stipends will be paid for participation. For more information, call (530) 752-5177 and press #2.

Also, visit our [website](#)

## Campus Recreation's Holiday Food Drive

Activities and Recreation is accepting food donations for the Food Bank of Yolo County—drop off locations are at the ARC, Craft Center, and Outdoor Adventures, now through Dec. 15.

List of suggested items:

- Canned meat, fish & soups
- Canned ready to eat meals
- Canned vegetables & tomato products
- Peanut butter (plastic container)
- Iron-rich cereal (45% or more of daily value)
- 100% fruit juice (48 oz. or less plastic bottles)
- Canned fruit (in juice)
- Dry beans (any type)
- Enriched rice or pasta
- Powdered milk
- Ramen
- Boxed macaroni & cheese
- Powdered milk formula
- Similac baby food

Campus Donations to benefit: Food Bank of Yolo County

UCDMC Donations to benefit: Sacramento Food Bank and Family Services

**Thank you for your support!**

## Invitation to Help with VMTH Holiday Pet Baskets

Community members are invited to help make the holiday season a bit brighter for the pets of Sacramento area homeless people by donating toward holiday gift baskets that will be prepared by staff volunteers from the William R. Pritchard Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital. Each year around Christmas time VMTH "Voice" newsletter committee members and student officers of the [Mercer Veterinary Clinic for the Homeless](#) fill some 130 gift "baskets" with gifts for the pets of the homeless. The "baskets" are actually decorated boxes filled with canned and dry food, treats, toys, leashes and pet-care products for these special animal companions.

To see what Mercer Clinic is all about, visit the ["Photo Gallery" on the Mercer Clinic website](#). The holiday pet baskets will be assembled from noon to 1 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 9, at the veterinary hospital on the UC Davis campus and distributed Saturday, Dec. 11, starting at 8 a.m. at the Mercer Veterinary Clinic at 1321 West C St. in Sacramento, next to the nonprofit "Loaves and Fishes" facility. To donate items or to make a financial donation (which is tax deductible) for the Holiday Pet Baskets and the Mercer Vet Clinic for the Pets of the Homeless, we accept contributions all year round. To donate items for the Mercer Clinic, please e-mail Eileen Samitz at [emsamitz@ucdavis.edu](mailto:emsamitz@ucdavis.edu). Monetary donations help us the most in order to purchase the many items that we need for the baskets and to supply the clinic with needed medications, supplies, diagnostic services and surgical medical care for the patients.

To make a financial donation to the Mercer Clinic and the Holiday Pet Baskets please make your check payable to:

### UC Regents - Mercer Holiday Pet baskets

Mail to: UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine Office of the Dean P.O. Box 1167 Davis, CA 95617-1167 **Attn: Mercer Holiday Pet Baskets**

Mercer Veterinary Clinic and the Elves of the Holiday Pet Baskets wish to thank all the company and individual participants in our program and we also wish everyone a wonderful and happy holiday season.

## December Sustainability Tip: Find a campus gift

- Purchase UC Davis Olive Oil from the [bookstore](#);
- Give someone a class at the Craft Center, Outdoor Adventures or more, through [Campus Recreation](#)
- Make a memory with your loved ones — give tickets to a show at the Mondavi Performing Arts Center.

## Bad weather for biking? Try Zimride!

If bad weather keeps you from biking to campus, you can find a ride with a colleague on UC Davis Zimride! This is a private network that requires a UC Davis email address to gain access.

[See who's going the same way!](#)

It's simple. Need a ride? Find a friend going the same way. Have a car? Split the costs by driving other members of our UC Davis community. With Zimride you can also check out the profiles before you share the ride.

Add your ride request or offer now at: <http://zimride.ucdavis.edu>

Over 1,300 Aggies have signed up! Join your colleagues in building a more sustainable form of transportation for UC Davis!

# Discounts

## Staff Pin Program (Discounts Available Exclusively to Pin Holders)

Through our Staff Pin Program, we partner with local and national businesses to offer staff great discounts! When you purchase and wear your Staff Pin, you become eligible for discounts and special functions exclusively for pin holders! The proceeds from the sales of our Staff Pins directly fund our staff dependent scholarship program as well! We are currently working with local businesses to get you even more discounts, so keep checking back for updates! We invite you to buy a pin today, support our Scholarship Program for Staff Dependents, and start saving!

We are pleased to announce our newest Pin Partner, **Midtown Comfort Shoes**

**Now Offering Staff Pin Holders 15% off of their entire purchase!**

**Welcome to our newest Staff Pin Partner! Midtown Comfort Shoes specializes in providing a wide array of comfort shoes always with an eye for style. They provide professional shoe fitting, and all of their shoes have the latest technology and style. They have an excellent selection of socks and accessories as well! They are also offering 10% off to all UC Davis and UC Davis Medical Center Employees who are not Pin Holders!**

**3400 Folsom Blvd, Sacramento  
916-731-4400**

## Corporate Discounts (Available to all UC Davis Staff)

We have obtained discount offers for all UC Davis staff on food, electronics, entertainment, and special occasions.

### **Guidelines for Article Submissions**

To submit an article for the next Staff Voice, please email [staffvoice@ucdavis.edu](mailto:staffvoice@ucdavis.edu). All articles must be proofed for spelling, grammar, punctuation, capitalization and sentence structure. The Staff Voice team is not responsible for errors. Articles must be limited to 200 words, or 1000 characters, not including spaces. Articles must contain a title, contact information and a URL, if applicable. Articles must be related to UC Davis staff and be an original piece. Staff Assembly reserves the right to determine the appropriateness of articles submitted for publication. We also reserve the right to edit submissions. **Articles must be submitted by 3pm on the Friday prior to the next publication date.** The 2010-2011 Publication Calendar is available at [http://staff.ucdavis.edu/News/publication\\_calendar\\_thru\\_1\\_2011.pdf](http://staff.ucdavis.edu/News/publication_calendar_thru_1_2011.pdf).

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