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Staff Assembly News

Volunteer at TGFS May 11, 2011, Hutchison Field!

If you would like to volunteer at TGFS this year, we can use your help! All staff volunteers will receive an exclusive volunteer t-shirt! You simply click the volunteer link below, tell us when and in what area you would like to volunteer, and we will send you a confirmation email soon with details and training information!

Volunteer for TGFS link: http://staff.ucdavis.edu/tgfs/volunteer-sign-up

Descriptions of volunteer areas: http://staff.ucdavis.edu/tgfs/volunteer

Got Talent You Want to Share?

We are looking for some creative individuals to help us with TGFS this year!

Please contact us if you are interested in:

- Photographing TGFS
- Being our TGFS IDOL Coordinator
- Being our Event MC
- Face Painting
- Balloon Animals/Balloon Tying
- Clown/Stilt-Walker
- Magician
- Other Amazing talents

We have some tricks up our sleeves but need talent! Email us at tgfs@ucdavis.edu.

TGFS Sports: Save the Dates!

- **TGFS Volleyball:** Play starts April 11, Registration March 28-April 6, $50 per team, $10 per person for free agents (forms coming soon)
- **TGFS Golf Tournament and BBQ:** Saturday, May 7th, registration and more info coming soon!
- **TGFS Bowling:** April 25-29, May 2-6, $7.00 per person or $28.00 per team, registration and more info coming soon!
- **TGFS Fun Run/Walk:** Tuesday, May 10th, registration and more info coming soon!
- **TGFS Tennis Tournament:** Saturday, April 23rd, $8.00 per person, registration coming soon!
- **TGFS Summer Softball:** Play starts July 5th, Registration June 20-24, $50 per team, $10 per person for free agents (forms coming soon)

UC Davis Health and Fitness night: Kings vs. Golden State Warriors!

Monday, March 14th at 7:00 pm

$54.50 Lower Level, $27.50 Upper Level, $5 from every ticket supports the UC Davis Health System!

Click here to order tickets:
http://www.corporatepartnerbenefits.com/ucdhs

UC Davis Day with the Oakland A's vs. San Francisco Giants Baseball

Sunday, June 19th at 1:05 pm

UC Davis Staff Assembly Pin Partners

- **3rd and U Café**
- **AAA**
- **The California Aggie**
- **Cal Aggie Alumni Association (NEW!)**
- **The California Museum**
- **Davis Life Magazine**
- **Edible Arrangements**
- **Explorit Science Center**
- **Fenton's Creamery**
- **Kaplan Test Prep**
- **Loretta Holt Hypnotherapy**
- **Midtown Comfort Shoes**
- **NE Sacramento Holiday Inn**
- **Outdoor Davis**
- **One-on-One Tutoring**
- **Spa Central**
- **Steve's Pizza**
- **University Catering**
- **Vanity Lounge (NEW!)**
- **V.I.P. Studios**

See details on our newest partner below!

Click here to learn how to get a Staff Pin!

TGFS Fun Coming Soon:

- TGFS Idol contestant sign-up
- TGFS Logo Contest

UC Davis Affiliates, students, family and friends are invited for a fun day out with the A's! Join us for a fun filled UC Davis Day at Oakland Coliseum on Sunday June 19th! Two seating options are offered to make this event fun no matter what your budget!

Ticket Options:

- $12 per person for Plaza Reserve Seats, *no food included*
- $42 per person for Plaza Club Seats, which includes a gourmet deli sandwich, soda, and chips, plus exclusive access to the Plaza Club

Deadline to order tickets is Wednesday, June 1st.
Order form at: http://staff.ucdavis.edu/flyer.pdf
Check out the Seating Chart at:
http://staff.ucdavis.edu/oakland_coliseum_seating_chart_printable.pdf

UC Davis Summer Family Picnic at Six Flags, Saturday, August 6th

Join us for a fun filled UC Davis Family Picnic at Six Flags Discovery Kingdom, Vallejo, on Saturday August 6th! Park opens at 11:00 am, cost is $35.00 per person, which includes all-you-can-eat picnic from 2:00 pm-4:00 pm.

Deadline to order tickets is Monday, July 25th.
Order form at: http://staff.ucdavis.edu/1six_flags_picnic_flyer_2011.pdf

- Enjoy a fun-filled family outing open to all UC Davis and UCDHS Affiliates, friends and families!
- Picnic menu includes: Barbeque Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Baked Beans, Garden Salad, Italian Pasta, Corn Cobbett's, Watermelon slices, Ice Cream Sandwiches, Coca-Cola products, and condiments and fixin's
- Vegetarian option available (indicate number of vegetarians in your party)

Scholarship Applications Available for the 2011/2012 Academic Year!

The UC Davis Staff Assembly is proud to present the UC Davis Staff and Staff Dependent Scholarship Program call for applications.

Scholars will be chosen for their outstanding demonstration and commitment to community service, work, self-improvement, school, financial need, and other worthy merits. The Scholarship Selection Committee looks forward to reading your applications for 2011/2012!

Applications are now available on the Staff Assembly Website. **The application deadline is June 1st, 2011.**

Contact staffawards@ucdavis.edu for questions.

Please note: In order to allow others an equitable opportunity to be awarded scholarship funds, awardees are not eligible to receive funds two years in a row. Contract employees are not eligible for these programs.

Citations for Excellence 2011 Call for Nominations!

The UC Davis Staff Assembly wishes to recognize staff employees and employee teams who have shown outstanding achievement in general contributions, campus service, and/or supervision. **Deadline for nominations is June 1st, 2011.**

- Gunrock Bingo
- Guess the Weight Contest
- TGFS Sports sign up forms will be posted next week
- Merchandise for sale
- Tickets for Sale
- Sign up to host a campus organization table in our vendor showcase
- Transportation information

TGFS questions can be sent to tgfs@ucdavis.edu, however, we are still in the planning stages for the above items, and general questions should wait.

TGFS! May 11th, 2011, Hutchison Field

Menu by our proud campus partner: University Catering

As always, this will be a zero waste event!

Entree
New Orleans grilled Chicken Sausage with sautéed Peppers and Onions on a Hoagie Roll, baked fresh on campus, and served with Potato Salad

Vegan Entrée
Seitan Tacos with sautéed Pepper and Onions on mini Corn Tortillas served with Mexican Rice, Guacamole, diced Onion, Cilantro, and a choice of Dog Nose, Verde or Classic Salsas

Sides
Tex Mex Red Bean & Corn Salad with Cilantro Dressing
Spinach and Cabbage Slaw

And for dessert…..
An Impressive Gunrock Cupcake Tower featuring
Chocolate, Lemon, Vanilla and even Vegan Cupcakes!

Drinks:
Lemon Basil & Jamaica Fresca
**Be Green-bring your reusable mug and fill up on these Delicious thirst quenching infusions and reduce waste*
Canned Sodas, Lemonade, Iced Tea & Bottled Waters

*If you have **special dietary needs** that are not met in our planned menu, please contact our

Nomination forms are now available on the Staff Assembly Website. Please use the correct form for **individual** or **team** nominations. If you have additional questions please email staffawards@ucdavis.edu.

Campus Events Coordinator, Alma Contreras at 530-752-2720 or aecontreras@ucdavis.edu to make arrangements.

Campus News & Events

Volunteer for Soaring to New Heights Diversity Celebration
April 19th, 2011, Freeborn Hall

Sign up to volunteer for Soaring to New Heights! Once you have selected you preferred duties and times, we will contact you to confirm your volunteer shift!

Link: http://staff.ucdavis.edu/News/soaring-to-new-heights-volunteers

UC Davis Mind Body Wellness Challenge Luncheon--register now!

You are invited to attend a special noontime program that will culminate the UC Davis Mind Body Wellness Challenge, entitled **"Lifelong Health - You're never too old or too young to learn new tricks,"** by Dr. Richard Del Balso. The program will be on Friday, March 11, 12-1 p.m. at the Walter A. Buehler Alumni Center on the Davis Campus.

- Dr. Del Balso will touch on the following topics:
- Why is it so hard to keep New Years' resolutions when it comes to exercise?
- When it comes to diet, can you "have your cake and eat it too"?
- Why is it so easy to put on weight as we get older - but so hard to take it off?
- What does the food industry not want you to know about nutrition labels?
- What is the one thing we can do on a daily basis to help “defuse” our stress?

Please register for the program online at:

http://retireecenter.ucdavis.edu/events/Home/Show/5

Please bring your own sandwich or other entrée; fruit, beverages, and a healthy dessert will be provided.

Wellness challenge participants, who each committed to adopting one new healthy habit for seven weeks, will be recognized and will be eligible to win door prizes. If you didn’t register for the challenge in January, you can attend still attend this noontime program to learn healthy lifestyle tips and enjoy the treats and beverages. However, only registered challenge participants will be eligible for door prizes.

Dr. Del Balso earned a B.S. in Biology from the University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI, and a Doctor of Chiropractic degree from Palmer College of Chiropractic in Davenport, IA. He has operated a private chiropractic practice for 34 years and also owned and operated a Medicare certified exercise rehabilitation facility. Additionally, he is a certified strength & conditioning specialist and a professional health coach.

The wellness challenge noon program is co-sponsored by the UC Davis Retiree Center, Staff Development and Professional Services, and the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI). Door prizes have been donated by OLLI, Student Health Services, Fleet Feet, the Health Education Program, Staff Assembly, the Department of Campus Recreation, and the Sports Performance Program.

Call for Participation – Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day

Thursday, April 28th is national Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day. The theme for this year is: “Invent the future.” Departments campus-wide will be providing activities for children ages 8-12 and we would like to include your department among our list of participants.

Participating is simple! In fact, many of the activities and information boards you have

Soy Nut Study - still enrolling!

We need volunteers who:

- Are postmenopausal women and men over age 45
- Are nonsmokers
- Have high blood pressure OR on a blood pressure medication
- 2 or more of the following: high waist circumference, high fasting glucose, low HDL cholesterol, and/or high triglyceride levels

The study requires:

- 5 visits to the Ragle Human Nutrition Center located on the UC Davis campus
- 5 fasting blood samples and 3 urine samples
- Eating soy nuts OR a matched food every day for 4 weeks each

Volunteers in the study will receive:

- Compensation
- Soy nuts and matched food

For more information: email or call (530) 754-5994 press #1

SUSTAINABILITY CORNER

Sustainable 2nd Century Campus Progress: Awards and Ratings

UC Davis' commitment to the environment and sustainability is reflected in a number of national rankings that put us in the top group of green universities. Here are some recent recognitions:

- A- on the College Sustainability Report Card 2011
- Designated a gold-level Bicycle Friendly University
- Fleet ranked 4th 'greenest' in North America
- Ranked 16th in *Sierra* magazine's 2010 Cool Schools survey
- Among Greenopia's top 10 campuses nationally in 2010
- Named one of 10 best colleges

available for Picnic Day (April 16th) will work. Our goal is to provide our 8-12 year-old guests with the opportunity to learn more about where their caregivers work, experience a variety of unique career opportunities that exist in the "real world", and see that work is fun!

If your department would like to participate, please complete the Activity Sheet at http://www.hr.ucdavis.edu/worklife-wellness/todstwd and return by Thursday, March 24th.

If you would like more details on how to be involved in TODS, please contact Sandy Batchelor at sbatchelor@ucdavis.edu or 754-8791.

Come Hell & High Water by Tony Award-winning Visiting Artist

UC Davis Granada Artist-in-Residence Dominique Serrand received a 2005 Tony Award for his work at Theatre de la Jeune Lune in Minneapolis and was knighted in France for his contribution to the arts, among other honors. We are lucky to have him here on campus this winter quarter where he was able to complete the script for his newest work *Come Hell and High Water*. Mr. Serrand had wanted to write an epic about the United States for some time. In the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, he found his vehicle. Although *Come Hell and High Water* takes place in the 1920s, the humanity, suffering and American vulnerability revealed in Katrina form the core of this new work. The epic play explores the forces of a flood using the structure of an oratorio built from song, dance, story and character.

Come Hell and High Water opened on Thursday, March 3, and continues through this Sunday, March 13, at Main Theatre, Wright Hall. This production contains partial nudity and some profanity. Tickets and more information: http://theatredance.ucdavis.edu. Photos: http://theatredance.ucdavis.edu/season/.

Free Performance of Pigeon By Claudia Stevens

Pigeon is Claudia Stevens' new monologue play-with-music and audience participation about the famed environmentalist, and champion of animal rights, Dame Miriam Rothschild. Set in 1984, the play depicts Rothschild with a group of visiting American students, sharing ideas with them as she prepares to give an important lecture, "Animals and Man," at Oxford. This event is sponsored by the Consortium for Women in Research in collaboration with the School of Veterinary Medicine and the Department of Theatre and Dance. There is one performance only on Friday, March 11, at 5:00 p.m. in Lab A, Wright Hall. This production is free of charge and open to the public. More information, email consortforwomen@ucdavis.edu.

Discounts on Veterinary Services at the William R. Pritchard VetMed Teaching Hospital

Faculty and staff members, as university employees, qualify for a 10% professional discount for veterinary services provided by the William R. Pritchard Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital. For added convenience, you may opt to check your pet into a "day condo" on your way to work the morning of an appointment. To make an appointment, call 530-752-9811.

There is also a preventive care program for all horse owners (not just employees). http://www.vetmed.ucdavis.edu/whatsnew/article.cfm?id=2284

Please note: These discounts don't require the purchase of a staff pin.

Sacramento Area Youth Speaks

From March until May, students at school districts across the Capital Region will battle for a spot at the Sacramento Area Youth Speaks (SAYS) Slam Finals Stage. These young people have something to SAY. Are we listening?

We invite you to experience the power and potential of youth voices for social change in the **3rd Annual Capital Region SAYS Slam Finals** from **6-9pm** on **Friday, May 13, 2011** at *Freeborn Hall, UC Davis*. For more information, visit http://says.ucdavis.edu.

for environmental studies

Please see the campus sustainability website for the complete reports and awards.

Congratulations Lin King!

Please join us in congratulating Lin King on his new position as Recycling and Refuse Manager at UC Berkeley. It is a great opportunity for him, an outstanding addition to the sustainability staff at Cal, and a tremendous loss for us. Lin has been with the UC Davis Recycling program since it began and has helped build it to what it is today. He has served as the Chair of the Sustainability Workgroup and Chair of the Campus Council for UC Staff Assemblies. Lin's first day on the new job will be March 21st. Congratulations!

Ticket Information/Cost:
Purchase Tickets: 530.752.1915 or at the Freeborn Ticket Office on campus.
Adults: $14 (22+)
UCD Students/Youth: $7 (11-21)
10 and Under: $5

SAYS is a program within the UC Davis School of Education CRESS Center. SAYS fosters creative approaches to literary arts education and literacy development both within and beyond the walls of school. The SAYS program involves students, poet-mentor educators, and teachers in a praxis that educates and empowers. SAYS began in January of 2009 and grew exponentially; last year, we reached nearly 10,000 students and teachers! Come and be part of this inspiring movement! All welcome!

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!

Our Newest Staff Pin Partner - Cal Aggie Alumni Association (CAAA)

Staff Pin Holders can take advantage of our latest partnership with CAAA! Staff Pin Holders are offered $5 off an annual CAAA membership. Are you an alum? Or friend of UC Davis? CAAA members can enjoy additional benefits and discounts, as well as access to the Vintage Aggies Wine Club and Aggie Adventures. Learn more about CAAA at www.alumni.ucdavis.edu.

Click here to join using membership offer code STA11.

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. 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 2pm on the Friday prior to the next publication date.** The **new 2011-2012 Publication Calendar** is available at http://staff.ucdavis.edu/News/publication_calendar_thru_6_12.pdf.