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Staff Assembly News

TGFS Merchandise Now On Sale through April 27th!

Some t-shirt sizes will have limited availability after April 15th.
We will sell limited supplies of merchandise at the TGFS Picnic as well.

Online Sales Now-Wednesday, April 27th At 5:00 pm. Order by Credit Card.

Merchandise Website: http://conferences.ucdavis.edu/confreg/index.cfm?confid=534

Items for sale:

- **$10.00 TGFS T-shirts** Available in women's sizes XS-Plus 2X and unisex sizes S-XXXL in pale pink and sand colors. Some sizes will have a limited availability after April 15th.
- **$2.00 TGFS 2011 Button**
- **$10.00 Gunrock Bingo Square**, only 100 squares will be sold, squares will be selected for you. Win a trip for two with Hotel to Disneyland or Sea World!
- **$1.00 Raffle Ticket.** Raffle Prizes will all be listed on our website as they come in.
- **$5.00 Staff Pin.** The only time you can pay with a credit card for a Staff Pin!
- **$35.00 Six Flags UC Davis Family Picnic** , Saturday, August 6th, 2011
  - Includes admission to the park all day plus all-you-can-eat barbeque lunch
  - See details below, **pay with a credit card now through April 27th**
- **$5.00 Discount Parking Voucher for Six Flags Family Picnic**
- **$12.00 Plaza Reserve Seat, Oakland Athletics Vs. SF Giants UC Davis Day**, Sunday June 19th, 2011, 1:05 pm
  - See details below, **pay with a credit card now through April 27th**
- **$42.00 Plaza Club Seat With Included Gourmet Deli Meal, Oakland Athletics Vs. SF Giants UC Davis Day,** Sunday June 19th, 2011, 1:05 pm
  - See details below, **pay with a credit card now through April 27th**

TGFS Tickets Now on Sale-Attention Department Heads

Thank Goodness For Staff (TGFS) Picnic tickets are now on sale! The TGFS Picnic will be held on Wednesday, May 11th, 2011 at Hutchison Field from 11:00 am-1:30 pm. Release time for staff is appropriate for the duration of this event.

College Deans and Vice Chancellors honor their staff every year by paying for tickets to the TGFS Picnic.

- We ask that each College, Division, or Department designates one individual to be the contact person/representative to purchase TGFS tickets on behalf of their organization.
- Department Heads should announce who their ticket representative is.
- Staff should contact the appropriate department, college or division representative for ticket ordering.
- The ticket representative will need to know if people prefer the vegan choice, and should keep a tally of all orders and purchase tickets at once.
- Tickets must be recharged to a DaFis Account number.

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**
- **Smooth As Silk**
- **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!

- Departments may purchase tickets for their student employees using department funds, and are encouraged to do so in order to thank their student employees.
- Picnic Volunteers will need to have a ticket for their meals.
- **No individual ticket purchases will be processed.**

Ticket Sales registration to be used by the designated department ticket buyer:
http://conferences.ucdavis.edu/confreg/reg/index.cfm?confid=528

View Our TGFS 2010 Slide Show

UC Davis Staff, are you ready to enjoy a wonderful picnic full of fun, games, prizes, contests, entertainment, and delicious food?

Check out our slide show from last year to get geared up for TGFS 2011 on May 11th at Hutchison Field! **Just click PLAY>**

http://www.housing.ucdavis.edu/browsinghousing/tgfs2010/index.html

Campus Departments: Host a FREE Vendor Table at TGFS and/or Sponsor Our TGFS T-shirts with your Organization's Logo

Staff Assembly would like to invite your campus organization to join our Partnership Showcase!

Join our celebration by hosting a free vendor table showcasing your organization!

Your department can also sponsor the t-shirts with your departmental logo at the GOLD or SILVER level using an interdepartmental bill!

WHERE: UC Davis campus at Hutchison Field
WHEN: Wednesday, May 11th, 2011 from 11:00 am to 1:30 pm.

REGISTER ONLINE AT: http://conferences.ucdavis.edu/confreg/index.cfm?confid=533

The Thank Goodness for Staff (TGFS) Picnic and celebration is a staff appreciation event attended by over 5000 staff members annually. This event celebrates the hard work and contributions of all of the staff at UC Davis.

The TGFS Picnic is a great way to advertise your organization and broaden your customer base. The vendor tables in our Partnership Showcase will be in a prominent location in immediate view of all 5,000 attendees. Our UC Davis staff members work directly with campus organizations on a daily basis. Participation in this event gives your organization a great opportunity to build collaborative relationships with staff. All participating vendors will be highlighted on our TGFS website.

If you would like to participate in the 2011 TGFS Vendor Showcase, please do the following:

1. Please sign up online no later than Friday, April 15th, 2011. Registration is easy with our new online process!
2. Contribute a raffle prize of your selection. You can bring this to the picnic, mail it to our address below, or we can pick it up in the Davis area. Raffle prize suggested value is $50, which can be gift certificates, a gift basket, or a combination of gift items.
3. Our TGFS Celebration is a Zero Waste event. Please ensure that your materials fit the Zero Waste standards outlined in the attached information.
4. Consider sponsoring the T-shirts for TGFS with your organization's logo! This year

TGFS Fun Coming Soon:

- TGFS Idol contestant sign-up
- Gunrock Bingo
- Guess the Weight Contest
- Bus Info

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

we are taking interdepartmental bills online!

5. Remember to have your department order you a meal ticket. Don't order them on this site, the meal tickets here are for off-campus vendors only. (Staff price is just $2 ordered through your department.) Our vendor assistants can coordinate boxed lunches for you.

REGISTER ONLINE AT: http://conferences.ucdavis.edu/confreg/index.cfm?confid=533

TGFS Sports and Recreation: Registration Information

- **TGFS Volleyball:** Play starts April 11, **Registration through tomorrow only, April 7,** Click here for VOLLEYBALL registration form, prices, and info: http://staff.ucdavis.edu/tgfs/tgfs-volleyball
- **TGFS Golf Tournament and BBQ:** Saturday, May 7th, Registration April 4-29, Click here for GOLF registration form, prices, and info: http://staff.ucdavis.edu/tgfs/golf
- **TGFS Bowling:** Play will be April 25-29, and May 2-6, Click here for BOWLING registration, prices, and info: http://staff.ucdavis.edu/tgfs/bowling
- **TGFS Fun Run/Walk:** Tuesday, May 10th, Click here for FUN RUN/WALK registration and more info: http://staff.ucdavis.edu/tgfs/fun-run
- **TGFS Tennis Tournament:** Saturday, April 30th, register by April 18th. Click here for TENNIS registration, prices, and info: http://staff.ucdavis.edu/tgfs/tennis
- **TGFS Summer Softball:** Play starts July 5th, Registration June 20-24, Click here for SOFTBALL registration, prices, and info: http://staff.ucdavis.edu/tgfs/tgfs-softball.html
- **Awesome offer: Free entry to the ARC with your Staff ID during TGFS Picnic Week, May 9-13th**
- **Save the date for UC Walks Event, a UC system wide wellness event, Wednesday, May 19th, details will be announced soon**

Enter Our TGFS Logo Contest!!

Calling all artists and designers! Enter your original design in our TGFS Logo Contest for a chance to win $50, a free t-shirt with your logo, and your artwork displayed on TGFS merchandise and promotional materials for TGFS 2012! All contest rules and information is posted on our TGFS website at: http://staff.ucdavis.edu/tgfs/logo-contest. Deadline to enter your creation is Friday, April 22, 2011. Staff at the picnic will get to vote for their favorite logo, and the logo with the most votes will be our 2012 logo and theme for TGFS!
Click to see the 2011 TGFS Logo!

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 and a volunteer button! 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

Pin Partners Event at Gunrock Pub Wine Flight *Tonight*

Join us tonight at 5:00 pm-6:30 pm for a special Pin Partner event where Staff Pin Holders receive $2.00 off the $10 entry fee to wine tasting titled, Spring is in the Air. Enjoy wines paired with Easter Dinner inspired tastes! Staff Pins will be for sale at the event for $5.00, and you can buy one at the door and receive your $2 off!.

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

The first Wednesday night of every month Gunrock Pub offers a special themed wine tasting. We pour a flight of four wines, along with some delicious pairings, featuring regions, topics and some of today's finest winemakers, many of whom are UCD graduates. But that's not all! We also offer terrific deals on the wines for you to take home! The cost is just $10, and no reservations are required. Join us from 5:00pm - 6:30pm the first Wednesday of every month for a delicious and delightful time! 2011 Schedule

Soaring to New Heights Tickets Still on Sale until Sold Out!

Ticket sales **are** actually still going for Soaring to New Heights because there are a limited number of spaces left! Tickets are being sold through the Campus Events and Visitor Services Ticket Office (located at Freeborn Hall, 530-752-1915) on a first come, first serve basis UNTIL SOLD OUT. The cost for each ticket is $5. Cash, checks payable to UC Regents, and personal credit cards will be accepted. Phone orders will incur a $5 charge for the entire order.

Once ticketing for the capacity of Freeborn Hall has been reached, no additional tickets will be available. No tickets will be sold at the door.

Department/Unit representation at these events is highly recommended.
Release time with supervisory approval is appropriate.

We hope you will join us in this exciting Principles of Community event, sponsored by the Office of Campus Community Relations and the Staff Diversity Administrative Advisory Committee.

For complete information about the upcoming Soaring to New Heights program, please see http://occr.ucdavis.edu/soaring, or call The Office of Campus Community Relations at 530-752-2071.

UC Davis Day with the Oakland A's vs. San Francisco Giants Baseball Sunday, June 19th at 1:05 pm

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, May 25th.
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)

Staff and Staff Dependent Scholarship Deadline: June 1st

Applications are available on the Staff Assembly Website.

Citations for Excellence Award Nominations Due June 1st

Nomination forms are now available on the Staff Assembly Website.

Campus News & Events

Rewind Picnic Day 2011, Saturday, April 16th

Visit the Picnic Day website to plan your day at the 97th Annual UC Davis Open House. Enjoy all the fun activities happening on campus! Celebrate responsibly and take the Picnic Day Pledge! http://picnicday.ucdavis.edu/

2011-2012 Campus Community Book Project – *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian* by Sherman Alexie

The 2011-2012 Campus Community Book Project (CCBP) will focus on the semi-autobiographical novel, *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian*, by award-winning author, poet and film-maker, Sherman Alexie. Alexie will speak at the Mondavi Center for the Performing Arts on April 11, 2012.

A National Book Award-winning author, Sherman Alexie has been named one of Granta's Best Young American Novelists and has been lauded by *The Boston Globe* as "an important voice in American literature." He is one of the most well-known and beloved literary writers of his generation, with works such as *Reservation Blues* and *War Dances*, and has received numerous awards and citations. He also wrote the screenplay for the film, *Smoke Signals,* which was based on a short story from his book*, Lone Ranger and Tonto Fistfight in Heaven*.

Alexie's book is the tenth Campus Community Book Project sponsored by the Office of Campus Community Relations. As with previous books, *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian* will provide a catalyst for exploring ideas and issues relevant to our contemporary lives. In his novel, Alexie tells the heartbreaking, hilarious, and beautifully written story of a young Native American teen as he attempts to break free from the life he was destined to live.

In 2007, Sherman Alexie was awarded the National Book Award for his semi-autobiographical novel.

Campus and community members are encouraged to incorporate the book into campus and community programs and to adopt the book for 2011-2012 courses across the disciplines. Members of the University and greater community are also invited to be a part of the CCBP Program Planning Committee, which will convene in May 2011. If you are interested in being a part of the book project planning team, please contact Mikael Villalobos, Chair of the

Vitamin D and Immune Function Study for Men & Women

USDA, ARS Western Human Nutrition Research Center invites healthy men and women, ages 20 – 49 (men) and 20 – 45 (women) to participate in a 12-week, Vitamin D research study. The study will investigate if the current average vitamin D intake is adequate to maintain a healthy immune system, or if a higher intake is required. Participants must not be taking vitamin D supplements, and not had a tetanus booster in 5 years. Visits are on the UC Davis campus **or** at Ticon-1 at UCD Medical Center, Sacramento. Also, adults receive a tetanus booster, assessment of Vitamin D status and monetary compensation. For more information, call (530) 752-5177 and press #1. Also, visit our website

Culture Days 2011 Continues

UC Davis celebrates its multiculturalism with a round of special days and weeks every spring, with this year's calendar leading off with Native American Culture Days through Friday April 8.

After that will come Asian Pacific Culture Week (and Asian Pacific Culture Night), La Raza Cultural Days (and La Gran Tardeada), Mixed

Campus Community Book Project at mbvillalobos@ucdavis.edu.

The book is currently available at the UC Davis Bookstore at the discounted price of $9.99. Limited copies will also be available for loan at the Office of Campus Community Relations.

Tomales Bay Writers' Workshops Fellowships Announced

The Albert and Elaine Borchard Foundation, in conjunction with the Creative Writing Program at the University of California, Davis, and program director Pam Houston, is offering three fellowships to the Tomales Bay Writers' Workshops, held each October in Marin. Fellowships cover the cost of tuition (which includes room and board). One fellowship each will be awarded for poetry, fiction and nonfiction/personal essay. The event brings aspiring writers into close community with award-winning, nationally known poets and writers, and respected editors and agents for four days of intensive conversation about craft.

Keynoting this year's event is Emmy-winning Jamaican poet, writer and singer **Kwame Dawes,** author of *Back of Mount Piece, She's Gone* and the interactive Pulitzer Center's *Hope.* Faculty for this year's workshops includes:

- Novelist and poet **Dorothy Allison,** *Bastard Out of Carolina, Cavedweller* and the forthcoming *She Who*
- Poet **Jon Davis,** *Preliminary Report* and *Scrimmage of Appetite*
- Novelist and memoirist **Fenton Johnson,** *Keeping Faith, Geography of the Heart* and *Crossing the River*
- Fiction writer **Melinda Moustakis,** *Bear Down, Bear North*
- Novelist and short story writer **Benjamin Percy,** *The Wilding, Red Moon, The Language of Elk* and *Refresh, Refresh*
- Fiction writer and memoirist **Danzy Senna,** *Caucasia* and *Where Did You Sleep Last Night?*

The Tomales Bay Writers' Workshops
October 19-23, 2011, Marconi Center
Tomales Bay, Northern California

Fellowship deadline is May 6. Awards will be announced by July 1. For more information, visit UC Davis Extension's website at www.extension.ucdavis.edu/ah

The Edge Performance Festival Begins Friday April 15

The UC Davis Department of Theatre and Dance presents The Edge Performance Festival, an exciting new dance and theatrical event. Combining what were formerly separate productions along with new events this begins an invigorating new campus tradition. The festival features Main Stage Dance, Undergraduate One Act Plays, Solo Explorations, Festival Cabaret and The Rocky Horror Picture Show Sing-Along,. The Edge Performance Festival will take place over two weeks with some of the events occurring on the same evening. All are at Wright Hall beginning Friday, April 15, and continuing through Saturday, April 23. Tickets are $10 per event, in advance or at the door and a $30 Festival Pass allows ONE ENTRY to all events, in advance or at the door. (The pass excludes admission to The Rocky Horror Picture Show Sing-Along. All Sing-Along tickets are priced at $10.) See Edge Festival photos: http://theatredance.ucdavis.edu/season/archives. Read the Edge Festival press release: http://theatredance.ucdavis.edu/season/pressroom. Tickets and more information: http://theatredance.ucdavis.edu/season/prod_details.aspx?p=33.

Hard Body Hints for Home"

Wednesday, April 20th, 12:00 - 1:00, Active Seminar/ Hickey Gym. UCD PE Instructor and

Heritage Week and Black Family Week (and Black Family Day), all of which, like Native American Culture Days, are organized by students.

Please see the Cross Cultural Center website for more information and schedules.

SUSTAINABILITY CORNER

Call for articles-Staff Voice Sustainability Issue April 20

We are now accepting articles promoting sustainable practices on campus for consideration in the next Staff Voice Sustainability Issue – deadline for submissions is **3PM Friday April 15th**

Please email your submissions to: staffvoice@ucdavis.edu

From a Yard to a Garden

You might be surprised to learn how much food can be harvested from your own yard. Back by popular demand, local gardener and author Spring Warren will share her and her family's transformative experience of growing their own food on a very small patch of land in suburban Davis. Come learn ways to make space, plant creatively and reap the harvest of your own garden. It's sustainable and economical.

Part of the WorkLife and Wellness Brown Bag Series. Pre-enrollment is not required.

Instructor:
Spring Warren

Date/Time/Location:
April 7, 2011
12:00-1:00
Cabernet Room, Silo

Natural Bodybuilder, Andrea Khoo, will instruct us on some simple tips and tools for toning and strengthening at home. No need for a gym membership...you can just use simple tools to achieve your summer "Hard Body." This is free and open to all, but you must sign an activity waiver. More Aggies On The Move information/classes can be accessed at http://www.hr.ucdavis.edu/worklife-wellness/aggies-on-the-move

Campus Recreation's Rec Pool Opens for Spring Season, April 17

Celebrate sunny weather and rising temperatures early this year with Campus Recreation at the seasoning opening of the Rec Pool. Beginning Sunday, April 17 the Rec Pool opens to all for lap swimming, sunbathing, diving, and recreational swimming. Entry is free for students and ARC members and $4.50 ($4 for youths 3-17 years old) for the General Public. The Rec Pool is open 1-6 p.m. Monday-Thursday, and 12-7 p.m. Friday-Sunday.

The Rec Pool opens early this spring season and Campus Recreation wants to celebrate with you. Continue the fun of the 97th annual Picnic Day by spending Sunday, April 17 relaxing in the sun and swimming at the Rec Pool with your friends. Janna Tolla, Assistant Director of Aquatics exclaims, "The staff and I are excited for the opening of the Rec Pool; it signals the start of summer for all of us. Come join us on the 17th for some relaxation in the sun after Picnic Day." The premium aquatics facility provides a variety of amenities including two lap lanes, two diving boards, showers, an a large grass area for sunbathing. In addition, the facility is available for birthday parties and other gatherings.

The Rec Pool also offers adult classes. Take beginning or intermediate swim lessons in the evening or renew your American Red Cross Lifeguard certification on a weekend. This spring look forward to live music from local bands and the California Aggie Marching Band-uh! plus a belly flop contest.

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.