

## Staff Assembly News

### Thank You For Your Service And Don't Be a Stranger

June represents the month of graduation where we say a fond farewell to thousands of students who we have helped to navigate the university, life away from their parents, and survive the rigors of academia. Many of us became surrogate parents, confidants, and mentors as a result and we will miss them. June also represents the month of retirement. Many staff members are working their last few days here with many retirement celebrations planned.

Staff Assembly thanks all of you for your service and hopes you keep us in mind in the following ways... [\[Read more\]](#)

### UC Davis Summer Family Picnic at Six Flags, Saturday, August 6<sup>th</sup>

Join us for a fun filled UC Davis Family Picnic at Six Flags Discovery Kingdom, Vallejo, on Saturday August 6th! Park opens at 10:30 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 25<sup>th</sup>, or until the event is sold out.

Order form at: [http://staff.ucdavis.edu/1six\\_flags\\_picnic\\_flyer\\_2011.pdf](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)

### **SOLD OUT!** UC Davis Day with the Oakland A's

Thanks everyone for buying tickets! We have sold out of the A's game! All tickets will be sent out this week. Over 230 tickets were sold, and it should be a terrific game and a great way to spend time with friends, family, and have a nice Father's Day! We'll see you this weekend at the game!

### UC Davis Staff Assembly Pin Partners

- 3<sup>rd</sup> 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!

## Campus News & Events

### Bargain Barn Free E-Waste Drop-off a Big Success

### Grape Powder Study for Overweight Men and Women

USDA, ARS Western Human Nutrition

On Tuesday, June 14, the Bargain Barn held their second Free E-waste Drop-off Event for campus departments. This event was twice as successful as the last event that was held in February. With over 75 customers they took in six times the amount of e-waste that they would normally collect in a single week. Wow! Be on the look-out for the next event in October.

## Summer Youth Camps at UC Davis Camps for all ages begin June 20

With summer fast approaching, don't miss the chance to sign your kids up for a fun-filled summer with Campus Recreation's Summer Youth Programs. Summer camps are held on the UC Davis campus and include a wide array of activities. With camp dates ranging from June 20 through August 19 there's sure to be a camp for everyone.

This summer, your child can experience one of the many exciting camps Youth Programs has to offer. If your child enjoys music and melodies, the Band Camp provides high-quality musical instruction from the UC Davis California Marching Band-uh! and its director, Thomas Slabaugh II. Flag Football Frenzy teaches youngsters the basics of flag football and good sportsmanship. If your child wishes to practice more athletic games, other clinics offer sport-specific strategies as well. Designed for young athletes, the Boys' Lacrosse Clinic aids players in developing offense and defense skills, and a love for the game. Youth Programs Summer Camps have something for everyone. To see a complete listing of this summer's camps, visit [campusrecreation.ucdavis.edu](http://campusrecreation.ucdavis.edu).

Campus Recreation now offers convenient online registration for all Youth Programs activities. Register online today for your child's favorite summer camp from the comfort of your home at [campusrecreation.ucdavis.edu/youth](http://campusrecreation.ucdavis.edu/youth).

## Call for Nominations - 2012-2013 Campus Community Book Project (CCBP) Seeking Book Nominations

The UC Davis Campus Council on Community and Diversity (CCC&D) invites all members of the campus and greater Davis community to nominate books related to the topic of **civility/civil rights** for the 2012-2013 annual Campus Community Book Project (CCBP). The 2012-13 theme encompasses a number of issues, including civil rights, civility or acts of incivility, and the practice of civil discourse in the midst of diverging points of view.

The bias and hate incidents that have happened in the last year throughout the UC system were among the reasons why the Campus Council on Community and Diversity felt that civility/civil rights was a worthwhile topic.

The Campus Community Book Project aims to foster dialogue among students, faculty, staff, and residents of the surrounding areas about important social issues. It also promotes learning about varied perspectives and ideas concerning the chosen topic.

We welcome nominations of books that meet the criteria of being:

- compelling and thought provoking to stimulate dialogue about contemporary questions that have many possible answers;
- well-written and accessible to a general audience;
- short enough to be read within the time frame usually allotted for coursework;
- provocative and intriguing to as many members of the community as possible, to invite diverse participation and integration into discussion groups and courses across the sciences,
- social sciences, and humanities.

Any published work that is still in print in paperback including non-fiction work, plays, novels, collections of short stories or essays is eligible. An additional consideration for recommended title is the possibility that the book's author will be available to speak as part of the Mondavi Center's Distinguished Lecture Series for the 2012-2013 season.

To make a nomination, contact Mikael Villalobos, Administrator of Diversity Education and Chair of the Campus Community Book Project at [mbvillalobos@ucdavis.edu](mailto:mbvillalobos@ucdavis.edu). Please include the book title and author, plus a short description and explanation of why this book

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](#)

## Seeking Male Volunteers

Researchers in the Department of Nutrition and Internal Medicine are seeking Men for a research study. We are investigating the effects of beans on acute inflammation and sense of fullness. Participants must be over 21 years of age, overweight, and not have major medical problems. Participation includes attending three 6-hour study visits on campus and keeping a food diary between visits. Compensation will be provided if enrolled in the study. For more information, call 530-754-5994 prompt #3, or email [beanstudy@ucdavis.edu](mailto:beanstudy@ucdavis.edu).

## Soy Nut Study - still enrolling!

UC Davis Nutrition Scientists are looking for postmenopausal women and men over age 45 for a research study looking at the effects of soy nuts on health.

### We need volunteers who:

- Are postmenopausal women and men over age 45
- Are nonsmokers
- Have high blood pressure OR on a blood pressure medication
- And 2 or more of the following: high waist circumference,

represents a worthy selection. **The CCBP Selection Committee will begin reviewing nominations at the end of July, so book recommendations are requested by July 15, 2011.**

If you are interested in serving on the CCBP Selection Committee, which will review the nominations, please contact Mikael Villalobos. The committee meets through the summer and more frequently in the fall as it proceeds to final selection.

The Campus Community Book Project is sponsored by the Office of Campus Community Relations, the Campus Council on Community and Diversity, and the Offices of the Chancellor and Provost.

## **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.

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.

## **The New West Village Open for Tours**

The West Village, currently under construction at Hutchison and 113, is the premiere community for UC Davis faculty, staff and students slated to open its door for the first time this fall. The Ramble will be home to 654 students in its first year, while Viridian will comfortably house 192 UCD faculty, staff, and students. The West Village is centered around a 15,000 square foot rec center boasting multiple pools, state-of-the-art fitness center and yoga studio, and study lounge with multiple conference rooms, among other superior amenities. At the core of the community is a strong green movement focused on a zero net energy development. The West Village offers a "maximum living, minimum impact" approach to Davis living. Tours of the 4 bedroom Ramble model and the expansive community rec center are available Thursdays and Saturdays from 1 to 4. Viridian would like to extend an open invitation to the UCD community to attend their weekly Davis-area happy hour. Enjoy complimentary hors d'oeuvres every Thursday from 5 to 7 at various locations around town. Details of the different weekly locales will be announced on the Viridian Apartments Facebook page and emailed to their prospective residents and patrons. Please join us. [www.ucdaviswestvillage.com](http://www.ucdaviswestvillage.com)

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 [soynutstudy@gmail.com](mailto:soynutstudy@gmail.com) or call (530) 754-5994 press #1

## **♻️ SUSTAINABILITY CORNER ♻️**

### **How Else Can You Improve Campus Sustainability?**

Turning off the lights, bringing a reusable mug, riding a bike and purchasing efficient equipment can help our campus achieve its goals.

UC Davis offers programs that help make many such sustainable choices easier. Showers, emergency rides home and complimentary parking passes for off-days can make the decision to ride your bike to campus more convenient. Campus units can replace their older printers for more efficient new models for free. Motion sensors in some campus spaces turn off the lights for you, and eateries provide drink discounts if you bring your own mug.

Your challenge: Take action on campus and at home — and find out how UC Davis can help - [learn more](#)

### **Commuting from the Bay Area? Try the Poolbusters Vanpool!**

The Poolbusters vanpool has been operating successfully for over 25 years as a collective of faculty, staff and students who vanpool to UC Davis from the San Francisco Bay Area. The

vanpool leaves from the El Cerrito Plaza BART station at 7:40 am and arrives on campus at 8:40 am. The vanpool departs campus at 5:10 pm. The Poolbusters vanpool vehicle is air conditioned, and has comfortable, reclining individual seats with arm rests and reading lights. You can sign up for the vanpool on a part time or fulltime basis at the current rate of \$16 per day. For more information about the Poolbusters, or other UC Davis vanpools, please contact Transportation Demand and Marketing Coordinator, Leslie Mancebo at (530)752-6453 or [lmancebo@ucdavis.edu](mailto:lmancebo@ucdavis.edu).

## 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](http://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](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 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](http://staff.ucdavis.edu/News/publication_calendar_thru_6_12.pdf).