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Winter 2008

STAR Awards Luncheon

Jeannice Theriot



This year's **STAR Awards Luncheon** was held on February 21 in the ballroom of TMC Marriott Hotel. Employees were recognized for their contribution to the mission of the UT Health Science Center by their loyal service to the University for the past five to thirty-five years. From those attending, compliments were made about the quality as well as health food selections, how smoothly everything seemed to run, and amazingly, it started and ended on time. And, although Dr. James Willerson was troubled by a cold, he was present to express his appreciation and to distribute the 30- and 35-year awards. Mary Maher was also given praise for correctly pronouncing all the names of the 5 to 25 year recipients! Rose Mary Betancourt-Trevino and a cast of volunteers were recognized for producing yet another enjoyable luncheon for those who attended.

Also among those celebrating at the luncheon were the recipients of the 2008 STAR Team Award, and the Michael J. Jimenez Leadership In Action Award.



This year's **STAR Team Award** went to the 12-member "All About Youth" study team led by Dr. Cynthia Markham. They are part of the Center for Health Promotion and Prevention Research at the School of Public Health. The team could be summed up by the following excerpt, "We aren't just a place to work—we feel like we are family."

Because this year's STAR Team results was so tight, special mention was given to the "Rising Star" runner-up—the staff of Academic Technology led by Dr. William Weems.



The **Michael J. Jimenez Leadership In Action Award** was presented to Ted Pate, Ph.D., professor in the Department of Integrative Biology and Pharmacology at the Medical School. Dr. Pate has been with the UTHSCH for the past 35 years and currently coordinates the Basic and Advanced Cardio Life Support Training Center for the Dental Branch.

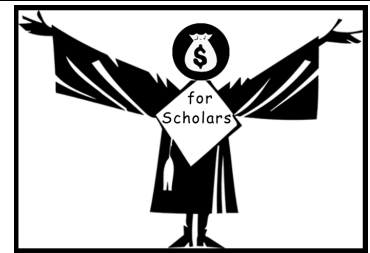
In the words of his nominator, Dr. John McMahon, "Ted has shown the same theme of sense of service, quiet leadership, and unselfish support over many, many years in many settings and demonstrates core values that we would like our faculty and students to have."

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Thank you !



The UCSC—and everyone who ever bought a Silent Auction item or Boo Bag goody—did a great job this year!

Over \$ 2,000 has been raised towards this year's **"Dollars for Scholars"** program. This will enable the UCSC to offer multiple scholarships to children or dependents of our classified staff who are starting their first year at college this year.

To see where your dollars have been going—check out Lisa Byrd's article on page 3.

**Thanks to
all who
participated!**

A Few Words from the Chair

Wanda "Dennie" Clemmons

Have you ever really stopped to think what runs our university? Imagine...

You're sitting at your desk with papers piled high. More people than you can count asking you to do one more thing (immediately). Now think a minute...Do you realize that when you completed that task that you just helped a teacher/educator to secure another grant to heal a patient or possibly rescue a struggling student/resident or cleaned up someone else's mess to prepare for a new philanthropy opportunity or maybe even did something that helped a researcher/principal investigator find a cure that will save lives. Wow...we *are* the university. Our actions and reactions tell others who we are and who we are willing to become. We aren't waiting for the university to change...we're bringing change to the university.

There are great opportunities on the horizon and we are stepping out to greet them. In the words of Dr. Kenneth Shine from UT System, "successful teams require outstanding leadership," something the UCSC has benefited from for many years thanks to dedicated members who wanted to make UT★Houston a better place to work. We will continue to focus on "leadership that educates, encourages, energizes and guides our constituents".

The UCSC members are here for you. We currently represent you on the President's Advisory Search Committee, HOOP Advisory Committee, Employee Advisory Council and Southwestern Insurance Advisory Council for UT System, HR Advisory Committee, Leadership Forum, Executive Council, Committee on the Status of Women, and the Strategic Planning Committee.

There are five committees under the UCSC and all of them are forging forward:

Staff Recognition Committee is gearing up for the annual UCSC Workshop exclusively for classified staff and you'll find more details within this newsletter.

Scholarship Committee raised funds all year for scholarship awards to be presented at the workshop.

Staff Development Committee is coordinating the annual John Trolinger Lecture Series.

Elections Committee is currently seeking nominations to fill vacancies in Administration, Dental Branch, Medical School, and the School of Health Information Sciences. Annual UCSC elections will begin in late May to mid June 2008.

Communications Committee has just completed the publication of this awesome newsletter and pledges to produce one in the spring, summer, winter and fall.

As of this year, the UCSC will coordinate the UT Houston Food Drive for the entire university. We also support the Dress for Success Clothing Drive and many other university endeavors.

Every day you have the opportunity to decide how your day will begin. Strive to believe in yourself and take a moment to smile. Become passionate about everything you do and become acquainted with those you work with.

Classified employees have a strong voice and our value is recognized by the leaders of our university. I encourage each of you to do your part, go above and beyond your abilities, and write your name in the history of our great university.

Presidential Advisory Search Committee

Patsy Sanchez

I am honored to have been nominated by my boss and selected by the University Classified Staff Council to represent all classified staff on the Presidential Advisory Search Committee. It has been a privilege to work for Dr. Willerson and to have served on the University Classified Staff Council. While on the UCSC, I was able to meet classified staff from different schools and components and heard their recommendations on how this could be a better place to work and to grow. I would now like to present those items to the selected candidates and help choose a new president who will have passion as well as be a voice for the classified staff at all the schools and institutions. I would also like our new leader to bring our six schools and other components closer together so all classified staff can benefit equally as a whole. Thank you for this opportunity to serve on this important endeavor.

UCSC Scholarship Dollars at work

Lisa Byrd

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Many times you are asked to donate to this cause or that cause without really knowing where your dollars are going or if they are being used in a manner you would expect or approve. Well, the UCSC would like to give you a small glimpse at what your "Dollar for a Scholar" donations have accomplished. In order to do this, we contacted the parents of two previous scholarship winners.



Debra Samuels, parent of Justin, says Justin is doing fine and enjoying college. He attends Texas A&M University and is majoring in Industrial Distribution Engineering. He attended summer school this past summer and had made quite a few friends.

Hwa Sue Lam-Nham says her son Daniel is majoring in Psychology and is a student at University of Washington at Seattle. Daniel made the honor roll and his grade point average is 3.5. Daniel also volunteers in a hospital 30 hours per week.



The UCSC says kudos to both of these UCSC Scholarship recipients!!

The scholarship program is open to all high school graduating children and dependents of our classified staff. The deadline for all applications is March 14, 2008. All winners will receive their scholarship at our Classified Workshop on May 12, 2008. For more information, please check our website at www.uth.tmc.edu/ucsc/scholarship.htm.

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Application for Workshop

13th Annual University Classified Staff Workshop Monday, May 12, 2008 Registration Form

Registration is limited to **275** people. Once you have submitted this registration form, you will receive an invitation if you are eligible. If you have previously attended a UCSC Workshop, your name will be placed on a waiting list.

Registration will be open from March 3, 2008, through April 18, 2008.

Name: _____

Title: _____

Department: _____

Work phone: _____

Fax: _____

Email: _____

Yes No Have you previously attended a UCSC Workshop?

If yes, what year? _____

Yes No Would you be interested in a Hotel Room on May 11, 2008?
(group rate possible)

**Please fill in and return to:
Stephanie Adams, UCT 901**

UCSC is not responsible for mileage

***Please remember to get permission from your supervisor before signing up for the workshop.**



Scholarship Committee Silk Floral Arrangement Sale



Want to send someone a Birthday floral bouquet,
Mother's Day, Boss's Day, Administrative
Professional Day, or Thank You bouquet?

Floral Bouquets \$15.00

Flower Pen \$3.00 (2 for \$5.00)

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