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ACTIVE SHOOTER ON CAMPUS

And Emergency Preparedness Brown Bag Sessions

The UCSC Staff Development Committee is co-operating with the University of Texas Police Department and The Department of Environmental Health and Safety to introduce an exciting presentation of "Active Shooter on Campus" and "Emergency Preparedness" in several locations across campus. This Active Shooter film is in response to the Virginia Tech shooting and other such incidents. Sessions have been spotlighted by news channels 2 KPRC, FOX 26, and CW 39.

What Would You Do? Is the question asked and addressed by Sergeant G. Arenas and the thought provocative film shown during the session. It is a memorable event that commands the attention of the audience. Additionally, Kevin Roberts of EH&S discusses emergency preparedness and the University of Texas' current procedures for responding to emergencies.

How prepared are you? All staff, residents, fellows, students, and faculty are encouraged to attend. So pack your lunch and plan to meet from 12:00pm to 1:30pm for an opportunity to be informed and prepared. Sessions are scheduled all across campus. Please contact your UCSC representatives for locations and information regarding sessions in your area, or go to our website. Refreshments are available at the presentations.

To Our SUPPORTERS

Thank You!!

The UCSC Says Thanks!

To all faculty and administration who have supported the University Classified Staff Council in its endeavors this year. The council depends on your support and patience throughout the year. [Thank you again for another GREAT year!](#)



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Dr. Kaiser - President



President Larry R. Kaiser, M.D.

The UCSC welcomes Dr. Kaiser, our newly elected President to The University of Texas.

Dr. Kaiser was the top candidate for the position here at the health science center. During the interview process, the council was impressed by his statement that he manages from the bottom up. This indicates he sees himself as serving the UT community in his role as President.

We are all excited to have him on board.

Welcome Dr. Kaiser!

\$5,000 Awarded in Eight Scholarships

During this year's workshop, the UCSC Scholarship Committee awarded scholarships to graduating high school seniors who are children of classified employees of the health science center. This year the committee awarded a total of \$5,000 in eight scholarships.



UCSC 2008 Scholarship winners pose with their family and W. Dennie Clemons Spinks, chair of the UCSC.

This year's recipients were:

Nancy Huang
 Bryan Collins
 Allison Podbielski
 Leah Glaser
 Belgin Palaz
 Emily Baddock
 Shan Jiang
 Patricia Wright

CONGRATULATIONS WINNERS!

Dr. James T. Willerson - Departure

The UCSC would like to express its appreciation to Dr. James T. Willerson:

Dr. Willerson has always been supportive of our mission to represent, inform and mentor the classified staff of the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston. The example he sets with his dedication to his work and to this university will continue to bear fruit for many years. His persistence in achieving growth for this organization has been tremendous. The health science center has grown in size as well as stature because of his uncompromising pursuit of excellence.

The UCSC congratulates him on his upcoming appointment as President of the Texas Heart Institute, succeeding Dr. Denton Cooley. We think he will be an asset to that institution as he has been to ours.

Best wishes to you Dr. Willerson!
 UNIVERSITY CLASSIFIED STAFF COUNCIL

The UCSC 13th Annual Workshop

"Creating Waves of Success; Finding Seashells Along the Way"



The UCSC workshop held in Galveston's San Luis Resort & Convention Center May 12 was a great success. Most importantly, all of the attendees were challenged, informed, and entertained. Mike Hourigan was the featured speaker; a certified speaking professional and author of "Riding the Waves Without Getting Wet". He presented strategies for managing and coping with change.

The workshop also featured a questions-and-answer session with Dan Stewart, assistant vice chancellor for Employee Benefits and Health Services at The University of Texas System and Scholarship presentations by the UCSC scholarship committee.

Why a workshop? **What** are the benefits? These questions were answered by three of this year's council representatives.

Workshops offer staff a chance to learn better approaches to life & new knowledge for their job. Attending is educational & builds new social contacts that assist them in the office. Attendees are refreshed also from being outside their normal four walls.

Suzanne J. Paramore, Secretary

Workshop advantages for classified staff:

- Face-to-face interaction with other co-workers.
- Employees express issues they would like UCSC Council to consider.
- Speaker(s) leave us with ideas to take back & use in the workplace.
- It is enjoyable to spend time with other UT employees & improves relations.

Jeannice Theriot, Chair Elect



This is a wonderful opportunity to join together & support each other. We mingle & visit with old friends & new. The hope is that you will leave feeling invigorated & refreshed to help create a happier, healthier you!

When you return to work, share with your peers what you have learned.

Dennie (Wanda) Clemons, Council Chair

3 Good Reasons to Attend! See you @ Workshop FY09!

Reflections on a Successful Year

This past year has been awesome for the UCSC and classified staff as a whole. Our annual Staff Recognition Committee conducted the annual workshop and it was a huge success with 2 awesome speakers. Our Staff Development Committee collaborated with UT Police Department and Environmental Health and Safety to learn what to do should shots be fired on campus. The Scholarship Committee raised funds to award 8 scholarships totaling \$5,000 this year and they are already raising funds for next year's recipients. Our Communications committee has been exceptional and very successful with our UCSC and UTHSC-H co-branding campaign. Our Elections Committee worked diligently to recruit great leaders to join the UCSC so that we may forge forward representing all university classified staff. I am extremely proud of our Officers, Coordinating Committee, and the UCSC members. We couldn't have accomplished all of this without any of them.

Dennie (Wanda) Clemons, Chairman

UCSC Scholarship Dollars at Work

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 previous scholarship winners. In this publication we are featuring Ward Jablonski a 2007 scholarship recipient.



Sheryl Murphy said that her son, Ward Jablonski, had a great first semester at college. Ward got a 3.4 GPA, joined the University Debate team, pledged and was accepted into the Triangle Fraternity (an honors fraternity for engineering majors). He also has started a work-study position with the Assistant Dean for the Cullen College of Engineering.

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Welcome New Members!

Election efforts for FY09 were successful in recruiting many new representatives for the upcoming fiscal year. We have new and re-elected members joining us for the exciting adventure of University Classified Staff Council representatives.

WELCOME to James Hightower, Perry Ball, Michele Stanton, Sonia Estrada, Bobbie Ware, Herlinda Estrada, Kim Hang Lam, Beth Ardion, Rebecca Chappa, Maria Rodriguez, Rebecca Baddock, Shilly Lozano, Bonnie Martinez, Jacqueline Mitchell, Joan Payne, Nancy Shipley, Carol Helton, Norma Martinez, Felicia Wilson, Shawndra Y Pickett, Cherry Roberts, Victor Cavazos, Barbara Kelly, Ana Garza-Ibarra, Cicely Guidry, Alegra Johnson, and Cynthia Martinez.

Congratulations and best wishes to all as you embark on your journey with the UCSC. New members will be assigned to one of five standing committees at the annual UCSC retreat.

Unfortunately, we also have to say goodbye to some outstanding representatives who are rolling off the council. Goodbye for now to Rodney Ball, Sheila Donnell, JoAnn Mendoza, Frankie Rodgers, and Maria Segovia. You will all be sorely missed.

Farewell from Dennie

Thank you all for the unique opportunity to be a two-time chair of the UCSC. There are great opportunities on the horizon and we are stepping out to greet them. We have a new President and will soon have a new Chief of Human Resources. There are new Deans and department chairs. What an opportunity for change!

As the year comes to a close I encourage you to take the opportunity to get involved in making this the best place to work in the medical center. Every day you have you can decide how your day will begin. Strive to believe in yourself and take a moment to smile. Become passionate about everything you do. 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 and write your name in the history of our great university.

Sincerely, I thank you for allowing me to serve you. Make fiscal year 2009 the best year ever.

Dennie (Wanda) Clemons, Chairman

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