

U.C.S.C. @ Work

Late Summer 2009

Pass In Review

As chair of UCSC I am amazed at how time has flown by – literally! The work of the Council has been significant, and I hope rewarding, to all the members who gave their time and talent in service to their co-workers. I would like to review with you the efforts that were provided this year by your University Classified Staff Council.



UCSC –

- sponsored a presentation from UT System on UT retirement programs with regard to the U.S. market crisis
- staffed work stations for the Fund Fest and STAR Awards events
- provided input on revisions to HOOP policies and procedures
- worked with HR on several meaningful issues to classified staff
- provided information/feedback on health benefit changes; facilitated a UT System survey on benefit cost increases
- produced an annual workshop focused on healthy food choices and factors that contribute to heart disease, stroke, and skin cancers
- raised and provided over \$5,000 in awards for college bound children of HSC classified employees (*see this year's recipients listed on page 3*)

I mention above efforts that have visibly effected the HSC community. However, there is other work, though less visible, which has been critical to the success of our operation. The work of each of the Council officers, representatives on other councils/committees, and those who handled web, communication media, and our annual elections and retreat – all of your efforts have gone into making our Classified Staff Council a model that has been considered by other UT campuses. I would like to take this time to congratulate and extend my true appreciation to all of you for making my year as Chair a successful one through your outstanding service.

Thank you!
Jeannice

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Farewells

Unfortunately, we have to bid farewell to some outstanding representatives who are rolling off the council this August. The council has greatly benefited from all of their time and contributions.

We hope they enjoyed their term as a council member and they consider returning in the future.

Goodbye to Isabel Alvarado, Beth Ardoin Watson, Rose Mary Betancourt-Trevino, Rebecca Chapa, Diane Ferguson, Veve Fisher, Angelia Henry, CeCe Lim, Ulysa Page, Krysti Suarez, and Megan Williford!

YOU WILL ALL BE MISSED!



The UCSC 14th Annual Workshop

You be in Charge: Health Matters

The annual UCSC workshop was held June 11th on campus at the Brown Foundation Institute of Molecular Medicine for the Prevention of Human Diseases (IMM building). The theme of the event (*You be in Charge: Health Matters*) focused on the UTHSC-Houston Individual Wellness challenge.

The event began with introductions from Cindy Chapa, Chairman of the UCSC Staff Recognition Committee and Jeannice Theriot, UCSC Chairman, followed by a welcoming address by Dr. Larry R. Kaiser, UTHSC-Houston President.

This year the featured speaker was David L. Meinz, MS, RD, FADA, CSP. He gave a dynamic presentation. Other speakers included UTHSC-Houston faculty members, Dr. James C. Grotta, M.D. of the Department of Neurology, Dr. David D. McPherson, M.D., Chair of the Department of Internal Medicine, and Dr. Julie Lindenberg, DNP, APRN, FNP-BC of the School of Nursing.

The educational awards were presented to the 2009 recipients (see page 3) during lunch. Door prizes were given out to attendees. The event ended with a vendor show full of goodies.

This workshop offered classified staff an opportunity to learn better approaches to a healthy life. Overall, the workshop was very informative and successful. If you were unable to attend this year's workshop, plan to join us next year!

Many thanks to the sponsors:

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Pictures submitted by Nancy Shipley



And the Winner is...

The UCSC Educational Awards Committee is pleased to announce the results of the recent drawings.

Congratulations to **Dr. Mary Ann Smith**, Assistant Professor of the Division of Environmental and Occupational Health Sciences at the School of Public Health. Dr. Smith is the winner of the Houston Rockets Basketball drawing.

Congratulations to **Kim Edmonson**, Manager of Reimbursement Operations of the Department of Pediatric Surgery at the Medical School. She is the lucky recipient of the Coca Cola Movie Basket.

All proceeds from these drawings support the UCSC Educational Awards.



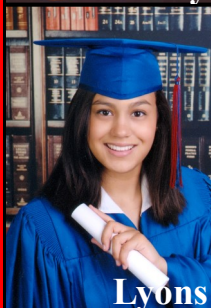
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2009 UCSC EDUCATIONAL AWARD RECIPIENTS

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 \$5,500 in six scholarships.

- 1st place winner of a \$1000 award, Amit Desai, son of Dhiren Desai, Medical School. He will be attending The University of Texas at Austin.
- 2nd place winner of a \$950 award, Deven Kirby, daughter of Susan Kirby, Medical School. She will be attending Houston Community College.
- 3rd place winner of a \$ 950 award, Chelsea Lyons, daughter of Sherry Lyons, Records Mgt (OCB). She will be attending University of South Carolina.
- 4th place winner of a \$900 award, Phillip Jablonski, son of Shirley Murphy, Medical School. He will be attending The University of Houston.
- 5th place winner of a \$850 award, Christian Kelly, son of Edward Kelly, Dental Branch. He will be attending Texas State University.
- 6th place winner of a \$800 award, Taylor Tapscott, daughter of Shirley Tapscott, Medical School. Taylor will be attending American University.

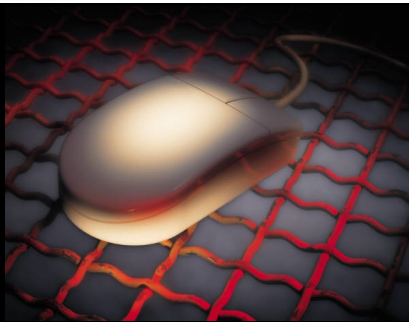
CONGRATULATIONS!

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Pictures below submitted by Nancy Shipley



TECH TIPS



Many events such as seminars, workshops, grand rounds and socials are frequent during the academic year. Typically, e-mail reminders need to be sent out several times before the event occurs. You can use Outlook 2007 to write your email reminders now and mail them in the future!

First, click on the "NEW" button on your Outlook screen. Enter the names of the recipients. Then, click on the "OPTIONS" tab. Within that menu click the arrow and corner icon located beside "MORE OPTIONS". On the "MESSAGE OPTIONS" screen that pops up, select the box next to "DO NOT DELIVER BEFORE" and fill in the preferred date and time. Close the "MESSAGE OPTIONS" box and just click on "SEND" as you usually would.



ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The fiscal year is coming to an end and UCSC has had an amazing yet busy year. The council could not have been successful without the leadership of the officers and committee chairs. The members of the council wish to express our most sincere gratitude to the following:

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