Happy New Year from Staff Assembly!

Date: Thursday, January 31, 2019
Time: 11:00AM – 2:00PM
Location: John R. Wooden Recreation and Sports Center (Collins Court)
221 Westwood Plaza
Los Angeles, CA 90095

Register to attend via the Small Business Resource Fair Eventbrite.
Sign up to volunteer at SBRF, lunch will be provided. Volunteer assignments will be sent Friday, 1/18.

Start 2019 with some fun L@L opportunities!
Join us to learn the basics of mindfulness for self-care and stress management with UCLA Mindfulness Awareness Resource Center (MARC).

MARC was created to bring to a renowned mental health research institution the ancient art of mindful awareness in a scientifically supported and rigorous form. Mindfulness is the art of openly and actively paying attention to experience in the present moment. This approach has scientific support as a means to reduce stress, improve attention, boost the immune system, reduce emotional reactivity, and promote a general sense of health and wellness.

**Date: Thursday, January 17, 2019**

**Time: 12:00pm - 1:00pm**

**Location: JD Morgan Athletic Center Press Room**

[RSVP for this Learn at Lunch.](http://archive.staffassembly.ucla.edu/newsletter/1819/1-9-19-newsletter.html)

This month we are partnering with the UCLA Faculty Center to learn about how this place can enhance your daily life on campus. Conveniently located on the eastern side of the campus, the UCLA Faculty Center has served the Bruin community for nearly 60 years, originally serving as a members-only club where faculty meet up and dine with colleagues. It has continued its traditional role of being a gathering place for faculty for business and pleasure, but has in recent years extended its eligibility requirements to welcome all UCLA staff.

**Date: Wednesday, January 30, 2019**

**Time: 12:00pm - 1:00pm**

**Location: UCLA Faculty Center**

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Welcome back from the Chancellor

Office of the Chancellor

To the Campus Community:

Welcome back and happy new year! As winter quarter begins, please take a moment to read the latest campus update on my website.

I wish you all the best for a successful year ahead.

Sincerely,

Gene D. Block

Chancellor

Ascend Town Hall

You are invited to attend Ascend 101: Intro to Ascend, a Town Hall Meeting for UCLA’s campus-wide initiative that will transform the University’s financial systems with Oracle Cloud technology in the summer of 2020.

Anyone who is involved in financial transactions and/or budgeting at UCLA will be impacted by Ascend, so your attendance and participation is crucial.

This hour-long Town Hall will cover:

- The Ascend Project goals, timeline, leadership and implementation process
- Upcoming changes to UCLA’s Chart of Accounts, expense reimbursements and purchasing
- Change Management resources
- Open Q&A session

Additional information about Ascend can be found on the project website, which also includes a project launch video, highlighting key takeaways for the initiative.

Please select one of the following Town Hall dates and register to attend:

Tuesday, January 22nd
9 – 10 AM
RPB Auditorium (by Jules Stein Eye Institute)
100 Stein Plaza
Los Angeles, CA
Register to Attend 1/22

Tuesday, January 29th
1 – 2 PM
Ackerman/Kerckhoff – Charles E. Young Grand Salon
308 Westwood Plaza
Los Angeles, CA
Register to Attend 1/29

Mindful Music
UCLA Meyer & Renee Luskin Conference Center

Wednesdays from 5:00 – 6:30PM
Come warm up to some smooth jazz this January and February with Mindful Music the Meyer & Renee UCLA Luskin Conference Center.
Recharge in the cozy dining room, lobby or heated patio, while dining on the small plates menu or enjoying one of the signature cocktails, taking in the relaxing ambiance of the performers. For more information, visit the Luskin Website.

Path Forward to Retirement

The path to retirement, while exciting and full of promise, can be unexpectedly bumpy. In partnership with UCLA’s Campus Human Resources (CHR), the UCLA Emeriti/Retirees Relations Center (ERRC) is pleased to offer a three-part workshop series to help UCLA staff navigate the road to this next life chapter.

These workshops are designed for staff who are within five years of retirement:

1. UC Retirement Plan and Retiree Health Benefits

   Wednesday, January 16

   8:30 – 11:30AM or 12:30 – 3:30PM
2. Preparing Financially for Retirement  
   **Wednesday, January 23**  
   **8:30 – 11:30AM or 12:30 – 3:30PM**

3. Work/Life Transitions  
   **Wednesday, January 30**  
   **8:30 – 11:30AM or 12:30 – 3:30PM**

For more information and session descriptions, including links to register, please view this information document. You are encouraged to register for all three classes; however, if you have already taken CHR's “Planning Your UC Retirement” workshop, you do not need to register for session #1.

**Athletics UC Staff, Faculty, and Retiree Appreciation**

UCLA Athletics would like to thank all UC Staff, Faculty, and Retirees for their hard work by offering discounted tickets to the game against the Colorado Buffaloes on Feb. 6 at Pauley Pavilion.

**Date:** Wednesday, February 6, 2019  
**Time:** 6:00PM  
Upper level tickets $19  
Lower level tickets $29  
Get tickets.

**UCLA School of Theater, Film and Television’s 2018-19 Theater Season**

This weekend catch *Maria Bello’s The Sun Ladies VR Project*  
Directed by Aya Saleh  
**Date:** January 11th-12th  
**Location:** The Theater Lab, 1473 Melnitz Hall
Other upcoming shows:

- *Medea*, directed by Sylvia Blush *(Feb. 1-2, 5-9)*, Little Theater
- *The Kitchen*, directed by Michael Hackett *(March 1-2, 5-9)*, Freud Playhouse
- *Rebel Genius*, directed by Brian Kite *(March 8-9, 12-16)*, Little Theater
- *Lost Childhood*, directed by Peter Kazaras *(May 17, 19, 21, 23)*, Freud Playhouse
- *New Play Festival: The Answer to Your Prayers*, by Jeffrey Limoncelli *(May 23-25)*, 1340 Macgowan
- *New Play Festival: All the Oxytocin in Your Fingertips, of “What’s Your Favorite Band”?*, by Cary J. Simonwitz *(June 6-8)*, 1340 Macgowan
- *Scorched*, directed by Aya Saleh *(May 31-June 1, June 4-8)*, Little Theater

For more information, visit the [TFT website](http://www.StaffAssembly.ucla.edu/).