2020 Staff Scholarship Ceremony

June 16, 2020
UCLA Staff Assembly is an organization “for staff, by staff”. Through educational, social, and community programs, we foster staff engagement in support of UCLA’s mission. The benefits include leadership opportunities, networking, personal and professional development, recognition, and campus involvement to name a few.

All staff are encouraged to be a part of our community.
2020 Centennial Staff Scholarships

Centennial Scholarships

• 39 - $500 (presented by University Credit Union)
• 8 - $500 (presented by UCLA Retirees’ Association)
• 3 - $500 (presented by Semel Healthy Campus Initiative)

... for a total of 50 scholarships this year

During the Centennial Year at UCLA, Staff Assembly, in partnership with UCU, UCLARA and Semel HCI, has awarded 100 Centennial Staff Scholarships in total.
Thank You!
Thank You!

UCLA Retirees’ Association
Exploring the many paths to a successful retirement
Thank You!
The Staff Assembly Centennial Scholarships
“This scholarship will help me continue in my studies of culinary arts, ergonomics, and safety. From all that I know about our department's mission statements, this will add value to our community.”

Constantine Maureas

For staff, by staff
“Thank you for the amazing opportunity! I am incredibly humbled and honored. I hope to use this opportunity to become the most effective version of myself.”

Jordan Senko
“The funding will allow me to get closer to attaining my FNP certificate.”

Michelle Santizo
“Thank you for the generosity and support, and I am honored in being one of the recipients for this Staff Assembly scholarship. By awarding me this scholarship, you have lightened my financial burden of my tuition, for my Bachelor's degree in Fire and Emergency Management. Once I've completed my degree, I will use my knowledge and skills to one day be in a leadership position with UCLA Fire, and to contribute in making UCLA even safer using to fire education, engineering and enforcement.”

Jamie Ellazar

For staff, by staff
“The staff assembly scholarship will provide means to pay for books and supplies. This scholarship will allow me to have the necessary tools to complete school work, so that I can implement what I have learned at UCLA Health.”

Terrin Clark

For staff, by staff
“Given the current state of affairs, I am very grateful to receive this scholarship as it can help me deepen my knowledge in medical nutrition therapy so I can better help my patients.”

Carol Chen
“This will positively impact my career by continuing my education and helping me to become a well-rounded RN.”

Leandra Gracia
“This scholarship will give me access to a course offerings at UNEX related to my field and career, such as taking a class related to Geographical Information Systems which will enhance my ability in regards to spatial analysis. This will allow me to be a more effective transportation planner at UCLA.”

Abdallah Daboussi

For staff, by staff
“This education that you are helping me receive will have a positive impact on my career because it will add value and confidence to me that I can use to add value to my guests’ experiences and memories”

Robert Calash

For staff, by staff
“The UCLA Staff Assembly scholarship will have a positive impact on my career because it supports my ability to participate in an education leadership professional development opportunity this fall. Through this training, I look forward to continuing to make meaningful contributions to the UCLA community in my professional role; and I am immensely grateful to UCLA Staff Assembly for this award.”

Tiffani Garnett

For staff, by staff
“Thank you very much for this scholarship. This course will help me prepare for my future medical education I intend to pursue soon.”

Matthew Estrada
“With this scholarship, I plan to enroll in a UCLA Extension course that will help me develop a new skill! With the new skill of programming, I hope to be a more well-rounded person and bring new and improved developments to my department.”

Ana Arellano
“This award will go towards the tuition for my graduate degree and lighten my financial load.”

Paige Hall
“This award will give me the opportunity to take courses at UCLA, which will have a positive impact in my career. I look forward to learning more and incorporating new skills in my position. Thank you!”

Kimberly Alvarado-Rodriguez

For staff, by staff
“This will provide me with a chance to improve my communication skills/habits and polish my leadership abilities. It is also an opportunity to practice thinking on my feet while gaining valuable experience in running time-efficient meetings.”

Melissa Burdette
“I will continue to create a safe environment for all people in the theaters we manage.”

Daniel Gutierrez
“As a Database and Project Manager for the Grants Submissions Unit, I am looking forward to using this scholarship towards the "Data Science Fundamentals" course offered through UCLA Extension. This course will complement my duties by helping me learn programming, data visualization tools, and statistics to extract, analyze, and deliver valuable insights to my team.”

Syed Quadri

For staff, by staff
“I am very thankful for this scholarship which will allow me to pursue a certificate through UCLA Extension. I hope that by completing coursework in sustainability I can make an impact on the constituents I support.”

Cory Rosas

For staff, by staff
“This scholarship will allow me to complete UCLAx's Data Science Certificate! I'll be able to share the power of analytics with fellow UCLA researchers and improve the lives of students across the higher education field.”

Jairett Epperson

For staff, by staff
“Thank you for awarding me a Staff Assembly Scholarship! This will help lighten my financial burden by covering some of my text books and allow me to focus more learning and less on tuition expenses. You have also inspired me to pay it forward. Thank you so much!”

Vanessa Fernandez

For staff, by staff
“I am extremely pleased and honored to receive this scholarship. Not only will this help me financially during these tough times, but it gives me a career opportunity that could pay dividends in the future.”

Scott Alexander

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“This scholarship will further my career as a Child Development and Family studies graduate because it will help offset the costs of materials and tuition. Most importantly, it motivates and validates my efforts to pursue higher education.”

Carmen Huerta Ramos

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“As a self proclaimed life long learner, I find joy, inspiration and purpose in helping others on their career and educational journeys. To do so effectively requires renewing and replenishing knowledge and spirit. This scholarship will help me to access such an opportunity and then give back to students, staff and faculty via my position and volunteer service at UCLA.”

Precious Robinson

For staff, by staff
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Precious Robinson
“The Human Nutrition course will provide me with more knowledge & scientific evidence to assist me in my career as executive chef at UCLA. On a daily basis this will enable me to provide nutritional information for our members and staff on the importance of a healthy diet, primarily for health reasons. This will provide a positive understanding on the importance of nutrition in the kitchen including accurate information labeling on menus.”

Richard Heller

For staff, by staff
“This scholarship will help me offset the costs of my graduate studies. I can use this scholarship to purchase my textbooks or pay towards my tuition, that is a great help in more ways than one.”

Daisy Hernandez
“I appreciate and thank you for supporting continuing my education. This shows that I'm supported in my endeavors and future.”

Danika Pierce

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"I'm so excited and honored to be a recipient. This will go a long way in helping me complete the last quarter of my Patient Advocacy Certificate Program, offered through UCLA Extension. I've had an opportunity to explore several unique areas of the UC system in order to fine tune my focus, and completing this certificate will help bring to fruition my goal of returning to the UC Healthcare System where I've realized is where my passion lies—helping people. Thank you again."

Christine Spriggs

For staff, by staff
“This scholarship will help me to go further into the field of Human Resources Administration. I want to help people live a good work life that leads into a healthy and happy retirement life.”

Cherisse N Rutledge

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“This scholarship will help me build a better and more specific skillset in order to continue to serve the UCLA community in a leadership role.”

Ashley TerHorst
“This scholarship will help to offset costs to achieve my EMT certification, hone existing skills used everyday, as well as learn new skills which will not only benefit the patients I encounter, but allow me to share with my colleagues which will benefit my department as a whole.”

William Zylla

For staff, by staff
“This scholarship will allow me to take a course about health care law to continue to evolve my career growth in health care. “

Julissa Marin
“I am so excited and thrilled to be awarded this scholarship because it will allow me to take a UNEX course (Creating High-Performance Teams) that will be applicable immediately to my role as a program manager for a capstone program, which manages many MBA teams, but also prove useful throughout my whole career.”

Riana Olson

For staff, by staff
“Professional and academic growth are goals for the whole of my life. Working for UCLA has exposed me to a much larger world and incredible avenues for growth. I look forward to the knowledge to come and the opportunity to share what I have learned with my colleagues.”

Joseph P. Gibbs

For staff, by staff
“Attending graduate school while working is a challenge, and I am incredibly grateful to the University Credit Union for making it easier. I will be using this scholarship to purchase books for the upcoming academic year as I grow as a healthcare leader.”

Bianca Natt

For staff, by staff
“I plan to take professional development courses that will help me grow my job skills set and my confidence so I may build a successful career here at UCLA.”

Melissa Jamero

For staff, by staff
“Educational materials will be extremely helpful heading towards my career goals of Senior and Principal Cardiac Cath Lab Radiologic Technologist. There are multiple certification exams I need to pass in order to move up professionally in Interventional Cardiology at UCLA. I am grateful for this scholarship and thank the committee for selecting me as a recipient.”

Andrea Reyes
“This will be a great opportunity to enhance my career and begin exploring new areas of growth as the world of media and communications quickly evolves.”

Citlalli Chavez-Nava

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“I am excited to learn and am looking forward to applying these new skills at my job. I am excited to continue working with students in improving their writing and critical thinking skills.”

Monica Mendoza
“This scholarship will immensely help me understand some of the cutting edge efforts underway to understand how machine learning and big data analysis can be utilized for betterment of human health and society in general. The endeavor is to define a solution that would be useful not only for advanced western economies but also for developing countries where resources are scarce and demand is large to solve such problems.”

Parag Kshirsagar

For staff, by staff
“This scholarship will provide me with the tools to advance my career with an eye towards exploring new and innovative ways to incorporate into our programming. Thank you for this opportunity!”

Antoinette Molina
“This scholarship will help pay for a course that will help develop additional skills to most effectively treat our UCLA athletes. “

Toral Desai

The Staff Assembly
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For staff, by staff
Staff Assembly Scholarship Review Committee

Thank you to our 2019-2020 Scholarship Review Committee!
Staff Assembly Board of Directors

Thank you to our 2019-2020 Executive Board!

Welcome to our 2020-2021 Executive Board!
Thank You!