President Mildred Garcia congratulates 2008/09 Presidential Scholars. Top, left to right: Dr. Mildred Garcia, La Tonya Allen, Claudia Rios, Heather Rushton, Rebekah Wolfgramm. Bottom, left to right: Doc Yoon, Lauren Benjamin, Vanessa Arredondo, Kristi Medearis.

President's Scholarship Reception

The annual President's Scholarship Reception was held Thursday, April 23 in the Dominguez Ballroom in the Loker Student Union on campus. More than 150 guests attended and joined CSU Dominguez Hills in honoring eight high-achieving students with the Presidential Scholarship, a full scholarship awarded to graduating high school students and community college transfer students.

Retired Los Angeles County Supervisor Yvonne B. Burke, a long-time advocate of higher education, was this year's Katherine B. Loker Friend of Education honoree, and Verizon was the recipient of the Corporate Partner of the Year award, honoring their consistent support of CSU Dominguez Hills programs.

More than $150,000 was raised for the President's Scholarship Fund from sponsors and donors.

Towalame Austin: Alumni Works Magic in Philanthropy as President of Nonprofit

Towalame Austin (BS 2004), president of the Magic Johnson Foundation (MJF) may be based in an office in Beverly Hills, but she remains connected to the underserved communities that the Foundation serves nationwide.

As president of the MJF, Austin leads the nonprofit's commitment to health,

Upcoming Events

May 28: Safeguarding Your Legacy and Family Income in Tough Times, 1:30 p.m. on campus at the Loker Student Union. This is a public service educational seminar that will help individuals better understand contemporary economic issues, various financial tools, and how to best protect your family and dreams. Lunch will be provided. Please RSVP to the Office of Development at (310) 243-3156 or email Patrick Stewart at pstewart@csudh.edu.

June 6: CSUDH Alumni Night -- Chivas USA vs. Seattle Sounders, 7:30 p.m. at the Home Depot Center. Ticket prices begin at $15. Receive a free Chivas USA hat with every ticket purchased. For more information contact Tara Weldon at (310) 630-4542.

June 26: Music, Movies and More Symposium. Meet some of entertainment's behind-the-scenes powerhouses who will educate participants on the future of the entertainment industry. The symposium will be held on campus from 11:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more information contact Patrick Stewart at (310) 243-3156 or email pstewart@csudh.edu.

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education and social needs of ethnically diverse urban communities. She is responsible for overseeing the operations and growth of the organization, in keeping with its three-pronged mission of HIV/AIDS prevention and awareness and education.

Austin has received numerous accolades for her work with the Foundation, including a commendation from the County of Los Angeles for community service, the Public Education Foundation's Lifetime Educational Achievement Award, and a proclamation from the City of Eastover, South Carolina. Austin obtained a degree in business administration and marketing at CSU Dominguez Hills while working at MJF. After more than a decade with the organization, Austin looks forward to more growth with the company that in the spirit of its mission, supported her throughout her education.

**Inaugural Labor and Social Justice Fair at CSU Dominguez Hills**

The first ever Labor and Social Justice Fair at CSU Dominguez Hills took place on April 30. The date was chosen because of its proximity to May 1, or May Day, an international holiday recognizing the achievements of the labor movement and commemorating the martyrs of Chicago’s 1886 Haymarket Massacre, who were fighting for the eight-hour work day. The Labor Studies Department, along with the Labor Studies Club, organized the event to highlight 30 years of the program at the university. Vivian Price, assistant professor of labor studies, says that the commitment of the students who organized the event speaks to the spirit of the labor movement itself. CSU Dominguez Hills is the only university in Southern California that offers a bachelors degree in labor studies.

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