College of Business Administration and Public Policy (CBAPP) Third Annual Awards Luncheon

Nearly $40,000 was raised in support of student scholarships and faculty support in the College of Business Administration and Public Policy (CBAPP) at this year’s annual awards luncheon. The event was held on November 5 and had the largest attendance ever with over 400 friends and donors participating. The luncheon featured opening remarks from university president Mildred García, a keynote address by Roberto Orci, a writer of the summer blockbuster “Star Trek,” and presentations of the Dean’s Medallion Awards to Michael Lang, an executive vice president at Fox Entertainment Group, as Executive of the Year; Michael Rouse (MBA ’83), a vice president with Toyota Motor Sales, U.S.A., Inc., as Alumni of the Year; and AEG as Organization of the Year.

The CBAPP advisory board of local business leaders established the luncheon and the Dean’s Medallion Awards to publicly recognize community and business partners who have played and continue to play a role in raising the prestige of programs in the college and throughout the university. Through strong partnerships with and support from local industry, the college is able to offer its students not only the theoretical frameworks they need, but access to real-world experiences that will help them succeed, CBAPP Dean Jim Strong said.

Upcoming Events

**Nov 19:** Teacher Preparation Information Session, Thurs, Nov 19, 5-7pm, Loker Student Union (.pdf 192k).

**Nov 20 thru Dec 6:** Play, Lunch: The 8th Grade Bridge Project, Nov 20 & 21, Dec 4 & 5, 8pm; Dec 6, 2 pm, Edison Studio Theatre.

**Nov 21:** Southern California Conference for Undergraduate Research, Sat, Nov 21, 8:30am-5pm, Loker Student Union.

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Tiiu Ashcraft and Russell McMillin, University Art Gallery.

**Dec 3:** MCC's Annual Kwanzaa Dinner. Thurs, Dec 3, 6-8pm, Loker Student Union. Kwanzaa is a week-long holiday celebrated throughout the world, honoring African heritage, marked by candle-lighting of the kinara (candle holder), pouring of libations, and culminating in a feast and gift giving. It is observed from December 26 to January 1 each year. Come join the Multicultural Center in its annual celebration of this community-focused holiday.

**Dec 10:** Diversity Chat and Film: Health Care in America - Right or Privilege. Thurs, Dec 10, 2-5pm, Multicultural Center. In recent months, the issue of health care in America has become a major topic of discussion. The Multicultural center will provide a facilitated discussion about this important and timely
Nancy Carlson: Alumna Leads Faith-Based Hospital With a Mission

Nancy Carlson (Class of ’94, B.S., nursing; M.P.A, ’96) was inspired to enter the nursing profession after watching how medical professionals cared for her firstborn daughter, who was diagnosed with cystic fibrosis.

“I think you can find your calling as accidentally as I did,” Carlson says. “I started watching the nurses, talking to them and taking over a lot of her care in the hospital. I realized that I needed to get my nursing degree so that I could have, frankly, more understanding of her care and what was needed.”

However, the chief executive officer at Providence Little Company of Mary Hospital (PLCM) in San Pedro found after ten years of clinical nursing experience, that she could have a larger impact on the care of patients in a leadership position.

“I really liked watching the patient I was directly caring for get better under my watch,” she recalls. “But I realized very quickly that you can make more differences in a management role for a broader number of patients and staff. I got hooked on being able to make a difference for more people and being able to do things the way I felt they should be done.”

Carlson’s eldest daughter died at age 7, on the same day she received her nursing exam results from the Board of Registered Nurses. Nevertheless, she persevered in completing her associate of arts degree in nursing at Santa Monica College and working night shifts at Daniel Freeman Hospital in Inglewood while caring for her surviving daughter, who was also diagnosed with cystic fibrosis and is now 33 years old.

“Others would call it fate,” she says. “But in spite of what a lot of people would consider some challenges to be able to focus on school, it didn’t matter. It was clearly something I had an affinity for.”

Carlson says that after her first administrative position at Daniel Freeman Hospital in Marina Del Rey, she realized she needed to upgrade her education along with her professional experience and enrolled at California State University, Dominguez Hills to earn her bachelor’s degree in nursing, and eventually, her master’s degree in public administration.

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Professors in the College of Natural & Behavioral Sciences Receive Research Grants

Karen Mason, associate professor of psychology, recently received a three-year grant of $426,000 from the National Institute of Health (NIH) to fund her research on ethnic disparities in the psychosocial and neurocognitive predictors of health; Kenneth Ganezer, professor of physics, secured a research award from the National Science Foundation’s Particle Astrophysics Program for $330,000; and Jerry Moore, professor of anthropology, was awarded $14,290 from the Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research that will bring together an unprecedented collaboration between archaeologists in Ecuador and Peru.
Alumni Notes

Paula Borstel (B.A. ‘06, M.A. ‘08), was accepted by the National Science Teacher Association (NSTA) as an Agilent Foundation – NSTA Fellow in the NSTA New Science Teacher Academy for 2009-2010.

Jurline Redeaux (B.A. ’93), recently established a transitional housing facility in Watts after seeing a need for humane transitional housing for families with children. She partners with several community agencies, including Jordan’s Disciples in Los Angeles. She relies on her 21 years of experience as a social worker in screening potential residents, taking into consideration not only the client’s needs but also their compatibility with other residents to maintain a safe and positive home environment.

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