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DATES TO REMEMBER...

December 8
Cluster Meeting, Pub Stage Room, 9am

December 9
Student Affairs Holiday Party, International Center, 2pm-4pm

December 15
Student Life Holiday Party, Sea Lodge at La Jolla Shores, 3pm

UPCOMING CLUSTER MEETINGS
January 19, March 2, April 13, May 25

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**EMLOYEE NEWS**

**MEET THE NEW EMPLOYEES**

**NOVEMBER**

1. Noelle Chartier, Guardian
2. Amy Thomas, UEO
3. Heather McNight, University Centers
4. Bob Baran, University Centers
5. Carrie Cobb, AS
6. Lori Guardian-Durkin, SPBO
7. Michael Foulks, Guardian
8. John Payne, University Centers
9. Bill Howe
10. Mark Kinsey
11. Seth Klonsky
12. Clarissa Lonn
13. Judi Griffith, UEO
14. Greg Montoya, University Centers
15. Carlos Ruiz, University Centers
16. Julia Adame, SLES
17. Mark Griebling
18. Artsy Gordon
19. Deb Gordon
20. Lori Guardiano-Durkin

**DECEMBER**

1. Gary Ratcliff, University Centers
2. Rickey Vignati, Student Life
3. Judi Griffith, UEO
4. Greg Montoya, University Centers
5. Carlos Ruiz, University Centers
6. Julia Adame, SLES

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**Racheal McGaha**

**Human Resources Specialist, Student Programs Business Office**

Racheal began working for SPBO in early November. She has been working in the Human Resources field for over 10 years. She is excited to be joining the SPBO team and look forward to connecting with students and staff. Racheal is originally from Modesto, CA and enjoys the outdoors, especially hiking. She loves to read and is currently reading a book on personal development.

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**Julia Adame**

**Associate Director, Center for Student Leadership, Engagement and Service**

Julia has been part of the USD staff for 9 years, but this is her first position in the SLES Center. Prior to joining the staff, she was a Graduate Research and Study in the Department of Psychology. Being part of the SLES Center is exciting for Julia because it allows her to be part of something creative where she will be involved in the creation of the Center’s foundation, which will have a direct impact on students. One of Julia’s goals in life is to be able to fly in every way possible, and she hopes to accomplish this goal soon.

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**Deb Gordon**

**Manager, Commuter Student Services and Student Center, University Centers**

Deb joined the staff of the University Centers at the beginning of September. Prior to joining the staff, Deb worked as a Research Assistant at the University of La Verne. She is currently working on her EdD in Human Resources and Student Development. Before her employment at La Verne, Deb worked for 5 years at Emory University in Atlanta, GA. Deb is originally from Port Jefferson, NY and is currently working on her EdD in Organizational Leadership at the University of La Verne.

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**Mark Griebling**

**Accounts Receivable Clerk, University Centers**

Mark joined the staff of the University Centers at the beginning of July in the area of Business Services. Prior to joining the staff, Mark worked for Viterbo Energy Services, a third party billing company for a number of years. The position of AR Clerk appealed to Mark because it fit with his experience and background in accounting, billing, and auditing, and because of the employer at La Verne. Mark is a native of San Diego and was born in Colorado but moved to San Diego with his family when he was very young. Mark enjoys spending time with his two daughters, Sarah and Emma, and keeps them very busy!

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**Bill Howe**

**Director, Center for Student Leadership, Engagement and Service**

Bill became the first staff member dedicated to the new SLES Center in early September. Bill brings years of experience and expertise in the area of leadership to the position of Director. Prior to beginning at UCSD, Bill started the program for the Advancement of Leadership in San Diego. Prior to that, he worked with National University where he developed a doctoral program in Leadership and with the University of San Diego where he was a professor of Leadership Studies. Bill also worked with Leadership Studies of Richmond in Virginia to found the University of Richmond’s Leadership Studies, the first school of leadership in the country. The position of Director appealed to Bill because of the ability to work in the area of leadership for a public university. Bill loves San Diego because he enjoys being able to hike in the mountains and swim in the ocean all in the same day. Bill is a000year-old daughter, Amora. He is a Christian, who is a dedicated shopper and traveler and hopes to go to Greece sometime soon.

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**Mark Kinsey**

**Assistant Technical Manager, Student Life University Centers**

Mark began working for UCSD in the fall of 1997. He has owned his own audio/video consulting and programming company. He also has a wide range of experience working with audio/video technology for SeaWorld and Hubbs-SeaWorld, an independent research facility. At SeaWorld, Mark worked with sound for shows, electronics for many exhibits, and even went to work with the penguins. This experience with SeaWorld spiked his interest in Mark because of the diversity of the events and the jobs the area works with and the ability of the students who work for this department. Mark is a volunteer for Search and Rescue in the San Bernardino County Sheriff. He is part of a cave rescue team that does all types of rope rescue needed in the mountains or caves in the area.

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**Seth Klonsky**

**Production Manager, University Events Office**

Seth began working for UEO in the middle of October, just in time to help with the Bill Maher and Margaret Cho events his first week of work. Seth is very familiar with this type of work from three years of working as a production assistant for UEO while he was a student at UCSD. Seth is excited to be back at UCSD after working for a training seminar management company. He is looking forward to working with Student Life staff to develop relationships with community organizations, promoters, and off-campus entities, with the hope of providing additional programs and events to bring more co-curricular events to the area. Seth is very familiar with the campus and the community and is excited to be able to help with the Bill Maher and Margaret Cho events this fall.

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**Clarissa Lonn**

**Student Organizations Advisor - Greek and Social, SOLO**

Clarissa joined the SOLO staff at an exciting time of year, the beginning of Greek Recruitment, also known as the beginning of Greek Fall. This year she is working with the Greek Life community and is excited to see the benefits and growth of Greek life at UCSD. Clarissa is originally from Modesto, CA but grew up in the Boston area. She is originally from Massachusetts and received her undergraduate degree from University of Massachusetts at Worcester Polytechnic Institute in communication and public relations. She is currently working in the area of leadership development. While in Massachusetts, she also completed her masters in Public Administration from Clark University. Before coming to UCSD, Clarissa became very involved with Greek Affairs, including serving as the Chapter Advisor for her sorority, Phi Sigma Sigma, to help her students thrive. She is now excited to be working with Greek Life again and is looking forward to helping her students find their place in the Greek community at UCSD.
NEW EMPLOYEES cont.

Gayle Morelan Jones
Marketing Coordinator, Associated Students
Gayle began working with AS this past summer in early July, after four years at UCSD where she worked for IRPS and Electrical and Computer Engineering. This position with AS appealed to her based on the opportunity to work with students, the variety of the work, and the opportunity to use her skills, especially her Masters in Instructional Technology that she completed this past July. Gayle loves learning, being around people, and enjoys designing web pages. She keeps very busy with her husband and 16 year old daughter, and her side business working as a Mary Kay consultant. Gayle was recently recognized for her achievements and hard work with Mary Kay when she was the recipient of a new car this past month. Gayle is originally from Point Arena, the home of the Staff Association and the Veteran’s Association, and also in the community with her Mary Kay team for organizations such as senior centers.

Darlene Salmon
Assistant Director Performing Arts, University Events Office
Darlene’s new position, which she began in September with UCSF, allows her to combine her love of the performing arts with her love of working with students. At the University, Darlene has been working for UCSF for 14 years with the Academic Environment Program coordinating the Faculty Mentor program and undergraduate research conferences. Though she has been at the University for a few years, Darlene has a background in the performing arts. She has a Bachelor in Fine Arts from Boston University and worked for the Kennedy Center in Washington D.C. as the production coordinator, after graduate school. Darlene is a native San Diegan but has lived many other places. She has a daughter Elizabeth who is a seventh-grader and is a competitive figure skater and flute player.

Azizi Stephens
Executive Assistant, Associated Students
A graduate of UCSB, Azizi joined the AS staff in early September. After graduating from UCSB Azizi lived in the Bay area for two years where she worked as a paralegal. She and her fiancé moved to San Diego in September, and this position gave her the perfect opportunity to begin a career with the University. Azizi enjoys working with students and helping them to be active participants during their college experience. She was very involved as a student and was active in a dance organization and cheerleading while at UCSB. Azizi is still an avid dancer and takes classes in hip-hop, African dance, and salsa. She will also be very busy this spring as she is getting married in June.

Rickey Vignati
Executive Assistant, Student Life
Rickey began working with Student Life on November 1st, after four years at UCSD first in the School of Medicine and then in the Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs Office. Rickey is looking forward to working with Student Life and the opportunity to be a part of the heartbeat of campus where she gets to interact with students and the many departments that fall under Student Life. Rickey is a native San Diegan who has lived in many different places including Italy and other parts of Europe. She is fluent in Italian and French and is a doubles player in tennis.

DEPARTMENT UPDATES

ASSOCIATED STUDENTS

A.S. Student and Staff Lunch, which was held on November 3 was a great opportunity for Council members to update the group on past events and upcoming programs.

A new finals tradition, the Midnight Pancake Breakfast will be held on December 6 in the Cove. Staff will make studying for finals easier by serving students pancakes during their study break. There will be helpful study items given out, including highlighters and bluebooks.

THE CENTER for STUDENT LEADERSHIP, ENGAGEMENT, and SERVICE

The Center for Student Leadership, Engagement, and Service (SLES) was pleased to welcome Julia Adame aboard as Associate Director in October. Julia and Bill Howe will work together to model collaborative leadership and to move the Center further along in its implementation stage. At present they are completing a comprehensive leadership development model, working on content for the SLES web site, initiating a SLES newsletter, planning a leadership forum series, compiling a list of leadership and service opportunities available at UCSD, and working with a Steering Committee comprised of students and staff who are providing valuable suggestions for Center operations.

STUDENT ORGANIZATION & LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

SOLO is very excited to announce that Clarissa Lonn has joined the staff as advisor to the Greeks and Social Organizations. Clarissa comes to us from Worcester Polytechnic Institute in Massachusetts where she completed her Master’s Degree. Clarissa is originally from Modesto, California, so she has moved much closer to home!

We are losing our dear Ellen! Ellen Erenea has accepted a position with University Extension and will be leaving SOLO November 19th. We will miss Ellen but wish her the best in her new venture.

Emily Marx is finalizing plans to take 10 students to Brazil for an Alternative Spring Break program. They will be working an orphanage and doing health education in the community.

UNIVERSITY EVENTS OFFICE

With seductive hip-swiveling movements and rapid-fire gestures, the Brazilian dance company Grupo Corpo opened the ArtPower! Performing Arts Season in October at Mandeville Auditorium. The Grupo Corpo performance was “an organic summation of cultural influences and creative experimentation. The company “blends balletic movement, humor and sensuality in a delightfully insouciant style.” -San Diego Union Tribune

Sparking artistic discovery and learning, ArtPower! sponsored a master class taught by the Brazilian dance company Grupo Corpo and hosted a post-performance student reception for its campus partners. The challenging but lively master class left students in the Theatre and Dance Department saying “It was a completely unique style of dance that I have never before encountered” and “I only wanted the class to be longer!” Students from Thurgood Marshall, Sixth and Revelle Colleges, and the Department of Theatre and Dance were invited to a special reception after Grupo Corpo’s performance. After a captivating display of loose-bodied movements and voluptuous sashays, students mingled with the Grupo Corpo dancers and enjoyed desserts from the Art of Espresso. To find out more about ArtPower!’s exciting programs visit www.artpower.ucsd.edu.