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NEWSLETTER

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14th Annual Spooky Halloween Competition



Staff Assembly invites you to join the Halloween festivities and win lunch for your staff by entering your department into the 14th Annual Halloween Decorating contest. On Wednesday, October 31st, Staff Assembly will visit each participating department or office to judge their Halloween spirit based on decorations and costumes. The winning department will win a gift card from Woodstocks.

If your department would like to enter, please provide your department name, location, and the name of a contact person to Greta Carl-Halle at greta@cs.ucsb.edu by Wednesday, Oct 24th.

The individual Halloween Costume Competition will be held at 12:15pm in the Hub at the UCen that day. Gift cards will be given out as prizes. There is no need to register ahead of time for the costume competition. Just show up! Happy haunting!

Halloween Contest Information

- **Department Decorating Competition**
 - Entry deadline Wednesday, October 24
Contact Greta Halle -- greta@cs.ucsb.edu
 - Contest Wednesday, October 31
- **Individual Halloween Costume Competition**
 - Time: judging starts at 12:15pm
 - Location: inside UCen at the Hub

2018 Fall Town Hall Meeting

Thursday, November 1
2:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Corwin Pavilion

The meeting will begin with refreshments. Presentations start at 2:15 pm.

Agenda topics will include:

- Staff Engagement Update
- Design, Facilities & Safety Services Update
- Housing, Dining & Auxiliary Enterprises Update
- Ocean Road Housing Project

October is National Cyber Security Awareness Month!

The goal of National Cyber Security Awareness Month (NCSAM) – celebrated every October – is to ensure that all Americans have the resources they need to stay safer and more secure online.

2018 NCSAM resources are available for the UC Community on the [Systemwide Information Security site](#).

Tickets at Work

Access to 20 – 60% off on movies, hotels, shows, concerts, sporting events and more.

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8th Annual Staff Winter Warmer and Arts & Crafts Bazaar



Friday, December 14, 11:00am-1:00pm
Campbell/Cheadle Hall Plaza

Mark your calendars for the 8th Annual Staff Winter Warmer and the Arts and Crafts Bazaar. Warm refreshments will be served and UCSB staff artists will be selling their own hand-made arts and crafts. This wonderful, yearly event is sponsored by Staff Assembly, Chancellor's Staff Advisory Council, Professional Women's Association and Academic Business Officers. More information will be available as the date nears.

Staff Spotlight: Barbara Starks Gilkes



Barbara Starks Gilkes, *Assistant Dean*
College of Letters and Science

How long have you worked at UCSB?

I've been at UCSB ten years, although I have 18 years with UC. I spent the first eight years working with the systemwide Education Abroad

1. Go to [Tickets at Work](#) to enroll.
2. Fill out the information to become a member (use your work or personal email address).
3. For Company Code, use "UCSB18".

What is Staff Assembly?

Staff Assembly is UCSB's chapter of the system wide Council of University of California Staff Assemblies, or CUCSA. UCSB's Staff Assembly is sponsored by the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Administrative Services and its mission is to support the research, teaching, and community service mission of UCSB by serving in an advisory capacity to the Chancellor, Vice Chancellors, senior officers, and other campus organizations seeking staff consultation.

At UCSB, there are no membership fees to join. All career staff are considered to be a part of Staff Assembly and you can attend any of the meetings. We meet once a month during the noon hour. Please visit our [website](#) for more details.

Program (EAP) as the Regional Director for programs in Latin America and Spain.

Where were you prior to coming to UCSB?

I came here from the State University of New York at Stony Brook where I was the Director of Study Abroad and International Exchange. I like to say that I moved from east of New York City to west of Los Angeles; it makes people double-think their geography. :)

What do you like best about your job?

I love working in the College: it's so diverse and entwined with the campus mission, and I get to work with units from all over campus. I actually came to UCSB with the goal of working in Letters and Science precisely because of its diversity and its vision of combining a strong liberal arts education with the opportunity for research.

From my current position I have a great vantage point to see how truly hard-working and dedicated people on this campus are: students, faculty, and remarkable staff. I enjoy that people share their skills and insights with one another, so there isn't a constant frustration of re-inventing the wheel. My favorite part of the job is having a colleague in a department tell me I've really helped them. That's when I think I'm doing things right.

What special hobbies do you have?

I like to do woodworking. I learned that my great-grandfather was a woodworker by trade, so I decided to take it up myself. There's always so much to learn, and I love the look and feel of finished wood. Also, when working with power tools, I focus fully on the project at hand, so it's a good mental break from work.

What is your claim to fame?

I volunteer with a group of mostly retired engineers who make wooden toys that they donate every Holiday Season to the Unity Shoppe. My Mom likes to say that I know real-life Santa's elves!