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What's Going On?

WOW! It's November already and I

know I've said it before, but time seems to be moving faster. Given that mis-perception, let me share this. Earlier this month we changed our clocks back, (Fall back). I say to you family, let that not be the only thing that changes. We must continue to move forward, with the change we wish to see, starting with ourselves. Last month



asked you to think about some things in regards to how you want your year to be. I asked you to think about what you were willing to do to make it better. How's that working for you?

Let me take a moment to encourage all of you, to keep moving forward with whatever it is you're doing, be it job training, writing for publication, taking care of home, raising children, being supportive and encouraging to our students and one another. Sometimes, something as simple as a hello can make a significant difference in someone's day.

Be encouraged, I certainly am. One small reason is a change in my attitude. Today, I was fortunate enough to run into and spend a moment with one of our family members, Tiffany Willoughby-Herard, who I had not seen for a little bit of time. It was good to connect, even for that brief moment and find out what's going on with each of us. That brief exchange and knowing what each of us is working with, was a blessing indeed. She shared her current book project is close to being published, so we agreed to keep that success in our prayers. For myself, I have recently transitioned positions from Student Affairs to Athletics and am excited about the new challenges and opportunities that await. So, what's going with you? I invite you to share your story with the family. We know we are a presence here, but all too scattered to recognize and appreciate the impact we can have on each others lives with just the simple things. I remain grateful and blessed for each day that presents an opportunity for me to do something to better myself. I am hopeful we as an organization can rise up and do marvelous things that will clearly have an impact on the campus and our individual lives. One of those "marvelous things is to collect dues for the quarter, or if possible for the year. Here's a tid-bit of info I want you to consider, and I'm open to feedback on how to make this work. Do you realize that if the folks on the list serve actually became paying members at \$25/quarter or \$100/yr, we would generate \$10,000.00! That's right, \$10k. Can you imagine what we, as an organization, could do to help ourselves? We could provide professional development training to admin staff to increase skill sets that help make them competitive in an ever changing work environment. We could provide scholarships to students or provide supplemental funding for faculty and staff to travel to a conference not covered by their department. We could start a library of resources ... The possibilities are out there, if we just take a moment, make a choice to move forward and get engaged. Be a part of "What's Going On", won't you?

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*"Coming together is a
beginning, keeping
together is a process,
working together is
success"*

Henry Ford

Spotlight: Dr. Stephen Tucker



Dr. Stephen Tucker is conductor of UCI's Symphony Orchestra and an associate professor in music, teaching conducting, orchestration, and analysis at the Claire Trevor School of the Arts. Tucker's performances at the school include symphonic concerts, opera presentations and performances with the Dance Department.

Before joining the faculty at UCI he pursued his doctoral studies at UCLA, where he was conductor of the Musical Theatre Workshop and assistant conductor for Opera UCLA. Prior to that, he held positions as music director of the Neumark Ensemble, a Southern California chamber orchestra and chorale, and the Southern California Young Artists' Symphony, leading numerous concert performances with both organizations.

Maestro Tucker has made conducting appearances in Bratislava, Slovakia, Budapest, Hungary, and, most recently, in Taipei, Taiwan. His five-week Taiwan stint was the inaugural exchange between National Taiwan Normal University and UCI, as part of a new "Sister School Agreement" between the two universities. In Taiwan, Tucker taught conducting and performed in the famed National Concert Hall in Taipei.

In 2005, Maestro Tucker made his Avery Fisher Hall, Lincoln Center debut, conducting Beethoven's *Choral Fantasy* and Ravel's *Concerto for the Left Hand*. He has made additional appearances in the U.S. as either guest conductor or cover conductor for the Los Angeles Master Chorale, the Long Beach Symphony, and the Pacific Symphony. Dr. Tucker's varied musical background and repertoire, equally rich in choral and symphonic works, make him a sought-after conductor for orchestral concerts and opera presentations. He holds diplomas from the Vienna Conservatory, International Conductors' Institute, and Conductors' Institute at Hartt School of Music, a bachelor of music degree from Thayer Conservatory (Atlantic Union College), and both a master's and a doctor of musical arts degrees from UCLA.



November 2012

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| 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 School of the Arts Open House – 5:30pm-9pm | 9 | 10 Men's Basket- ball vs. Nevada – 7pm |
| 11 | 12 Veteran's Day Holiday | 13 | 14 BFA General Membership Meet- ing 12pm | 15 | 16 | 17 NAACP General Membership mntg. 12pm BB Jazz Concert – Huntington Beach 7pm |
| 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 Thanksgiving Holiday | 23 Thanksgiving Holiday Black in OC 4th Friday's Social | 24 |
| 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | |

Special Events:

For additional events or specific event information please click the link of the event or visit the calendar page on our website at <http://sites.uci.edu/bfsa/calendar/>. You can also find out more about what's happening around the OC community by clicking on the link below.

<http://www.meetup.com/Black-In-Orange-County/events/73879372/>

Where are they now?

I need your help! This section is a place where we can highlight, brag about, share the successes of some outstanding alumni that have graced these halls and grounds. Business folks, Dr.'s, Lawyers, Teacher's, Administrators, Entertainer's, Homemakers, and the list goes on. The challenge is, I can only account for so many. So, if you know someone who graduated from here, check with them first, but we'd like to share what's going on with them in this space. You can send their information, or have them send it, to gparham@uci.edu.

THANKS

Campus and Community Resources

Campus

Ombudsman: <http://www.ombuds.uci.edu/>

Employee Assistance: <http://www.cascadecenters.com>

Teaching, Learning, Technology Center: <http://www.tltc.uci.edu/>

Black Faculty and Staff Association: <http://sites.uci.edu/bfsa>

http://www.facebook.com/uci.bfsa?ref=tn_tnmn

Office of Equal Opportunity and Diversity: <http://www.oeod.uci.edu/>

Community

NAACP: <http://naacp.org>

OC Black Chamber: <http://ocblackchamber.com>

100 Black Men of Orange County: <http://www.100bmoc.com>

THE Greenlining Institute www.greenlining.org/academy

National Coalition of 100 Black Women of Orange County

<http://www.nc100bwoc.org>

Christ Our Redeemer <http://www.corchurch.org/>

Black In OC http://www.blackinoc.com/Home_Page.php

The Black Market <http://www.theblackmarket.com/index.htm>

