

# NEW HORIZONS

## UCLA Office for Students with Disabilities

### A WORD FROM THE DIRECTOR

#### ***Kathy's Korner***

Welcome to all new and returning students. It is hard to believe that summer is over and we are starting academic year 2009-10. I hope you enjoyed your summer. I encourage you to take a few minutes to read this edition of New Horizons. This kick-off issue is meant to assist you in having a very successful quarter.

#### **Please Make an Appointment**

We urge you to make an appointment with an OSD staff member to arrange for the services that you will be using this quarter. Remember, "the early bird gets the worm." Students tell me over and over again that this makes all the difference in having a successful quarter.

#### **Your Feedback**

Each Spring quarter, we send you a Student Evaluation of Services for the academic year. We really appreciate you taking the time to complete it and return it to us, as we are able to get an idea of how the year went for you and perhaps make some adjustments on how we do things. However, we have noticed that some of you wait until you are filling out the evaluation to tell us about a problem you have had. The unfortunate thing is that we are unable to help you if you wait until the end of the year. So, I would urge you to tell us as soon as possible if you are having a problem. This way, we can do our best to address it. We are here to assist you. Be sure to drop by to let us know how things are going.

I hope you enjoy reading this issue of New Horizons. Please let us know if you would like to contribute an article or if you would like us to cover a particular topic by contacting Deb Owen at [downen@saonet.ucla.edu](mailto:downen@saonet.ucla.edu). Come by the OSD to say hello and to let us know how things are going. We are here to assist you. Have a great quarter!



the Sproul building sites. The Office of Residence Life (ORL) central office functions will be relocated to Bradley International Hall in renovated office and meeting space. The four new residence halls should be completed and ready for occupancy Fall quarter 2013. See Campus Construction for more updates.



### CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Construction continues on the replacement UC Police Department at the corner of Westwood Plaza and C. E. Young Drive. There is no sidewalk for pedestrians on the west side of Westwood Plaza from just north of the Ronald Reagan UCLA Hospital and the Strathmore Building.

There is a major, new project just starting at the Residence Halls. The area of impact is primarily Sproul Hall, De Neve Plaza and De Neve Drive. There is no vehicle access to the Sproul/Sunset turnaround during this three year project. Additionally, De Neve Drive is one way (North and North-east) from C.E. Young Drive (near De Neve Plaza and Sproul). The sidewalk along the south side of Sproul and Covell is closed as is the on-street parking in this section of C.E. Young Drive.

Rieber Residence Hall is closed for upgrades and repairs. This project is scheduled to be completed in about 18 months. There is very little, if any, impact, to access to Rieber Vista or Rieber Terrace.

Work is finishing on the Spieker Aquatic Center off De Neve Drive at the Sunset Canyon Recreation Center.

The sidewalk from just north of the vehicle entrance to the Sunset Village Parking Structure to the access road to Sunset Recreation Center is closed.

The construction of the Life Sciences Replacement Building near Manning Drive and C. E. Young Drive – what once was Hershey Hall – is nearing completion. The sidewalk on the east side of C. E. Young Drive from Manning Drive to the Botany Building is closed.

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#### **Northwest Campus Housing In-Fill Project**

UCLA is developing additional undergraduate student housing consisting of 1,525 beds, a 750 seat dining room and support space in four new buildings within the Northwest zone of the campus. Two of the sites are located in the space between De Neve Plaza Evergreen building and Rieber Hall. The other two sites are located adjacent to Sproul Hall. The existing Office of Residential Life building will be demolished Winter quarter 2010 to make room for

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Check out the Capital Programs frequently-updated web site for construction impacts:

[www.capital.ucla.edu](http://www.capital.ucla.edu)

Click on "Construction Impacts" under Projects

If you have any questions about specific construction projects or access to any building or area on campus, please call the OSD at (310) 825-1501 for detailed information.

*New Horizons* is available in Braille, on tape cassette and on the OSD web site. Contact the OSD to request a copy in an alternative format.

### Returning Students... HAVE YOU MOVED?

Please remember to let the OSD know each time you change your address in order to continue to receive important mailings regarding priority enrollment, proctoring, van transportation, etc.

### Changing your address with the Registrar's Office DOES NOT change your address with OSD.

You can call the office, e-mail us, or come in and fill out a "change of address" slip.

### SCHEDULE TO REQUEST PROCTOR TEST-TAKING ACCOMMODATIONS, OSD RESOURCE ROOM

For students needing exam accommodations, the **Student Request for Exam Assistance** must be completed and signed during the first two weeks of the quarter. Come to the OSD Resource Room, 181 Powell, between the hours of 8:00 am and 4:00 pm to request exam accommodations. After week two, you'll need to make an appointment to set up your accommodations. Please do not delay in making your request because you need more information or don't know the exam dates. There will be a computer available should you need additional information about your classes.

The OSD Resource Room is located in 181 Powell on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor. To enter, you may go up the steps across from Kinsey or enter on the ground floor and use the elevator. There are two ground floor entrances: there is one accessible by ramp on the east side of the Library that has an automatic door and is nearest the elevator going up to the 1<sup>st</sup> floor. The other entrance is behind Powell and across from Moore. You can take the stairs up to the 1<sup>st</sup> floor or enter by way of the door located on the southwest corner of the building and go down the hall to the elevator.

### OSD Resource Room Information

Powell 181  
Phone: (310) 825-2651  
FAX (310) 267-2008

#### Resource Room Staff:

Linda Stolt, Assistant Director/Proctor Coordinator  
Tony Buffo, Alternative Format/Asst. Proctor Coordinator  
A.J. Mason, Resource Room Assistant

### Parking Clinics

Tuesday, Sept 22 2 to 3:30  
Wednesday, Sept 23 10 to 11  
Friday, Sept 25 2 to 3  
Others, if needed, to be announced on:  
[www.osd.ucla.edu](http://www.osd.ucla.edu)

The 2008-09 Annual Report will soon be available at OSD and on our web page.  
[www.osd.ucla.edu](http://www.osd.ucla.edu)

### OSD Services

Whether you are a new or continuing student, the OSD is here to assist you. There are many academic support services that the OSD has to offer regularly enrolled UCLA students with documented permanent and temporary disabilities. These disability-based services include:

#### *Notetaking*

Provided for students with a wide variety of disabilities, there are three approaches to this service: ASUCLA Lecture Notes, Volunteer Stipend Approach, and Classroom Assistant. The approach selected for a particular student will be determined after discussion with the Auxiliary Services Coordinator and based on verified need.

#### *Proctoring*

As an academic adjustment, a student with a disability may need alternative test-taking conditions. Depending upon the disability documentation, faculty consultation and the requirements of the academic program, appropriate testing accommodations for students may include: the exam printed in large print or Braille; additional time for the exam; one-on-one assistance such as the proctor reading the test questions and/or writing the student's answers. Please contact the Proctor Coordinator for further information.

#### *Transcription*

Provided primarily for eligible students with learning disabilities, visual impairments or disabilities impacting manual dexterity, this service involves the conversion of information in any format into another format (tape to transcript, text to Braille, handwriting to typed material, etc.).

#### *Reading/Scanning*

The OSD will first facilitate membership in RFB (Recordings for the Blind and Dyslexic) for eligible students. If the readings are unavailable through RFB, then readings may be done live or onto a tape. Scanning involves using a computer to scan the material and convert it to a word processing program which can, in turn, be converted into Braille, large print or a speech synthesized reading program.

#### *Technology Resources for Students with Disabilities*

The Office for Students with Disabilities maintains a **Resource Room** in Powell 181 that is used by students for distraction-free testing and use of special adaptive equipment and devices. There are several computer workstations with adaptive software that are used for scanning, reading, editing, large print, voice recognition and other activities. In addition, there are computer labs throughout the campus available to students who do not need adaptive technology.



The Office for Students with Disabilities maintains a close working relationship with the **Disabilities and Computing Program** which researches and field tests adaptive technology as it comes out and makes recommendations to students and campus departments. Students can receive and advice on the most useful software for their individual needs. Students may contact this program (206-7133) on their own or be referred by the Office for Students with Disabilities.

#### **Priority Enrollment/ Registration Assistance**

Priority enrollment is available to undergraduate students whose disability impacts their ability to get from class to class quickly, students who need to arrange for service providers or students who must take a reduced course load. Students requiring disability-based registration assistance may contact the OSD for more information.

#### **Mobility Assistance Program**

##### **On-Campus Van Service**

This service offers academically-related rides to students with mobility disabilities which impact their ability to travel around campus. Van service is provided from 7:20am to 5:40 pm, Monday through Thursday. Friday hours are 7:20 am to 5:00 pm. Contact the OSD to ask for the Campus Transportation Options flyer which contains information regarding evening and weekend rides and much, much, more.



#### **Parking**

All students with permanent or temporary disabilities or medical conditions must apply for parking directly at the OSD. Please contact the OSD by phone (267-2004) in order to arrange for an appointment. Students with Department of Motor Vehicle Disability Placards or Plates must bring their placard ID to their appointment.

Students without DMV disability plates or placards must have a Disability Verification Form completed by a health care professional in order to apply for parking. This form can be obtained from the OSD. Parking is granted only if a disability-based need is stated in the documentation.

The Mobility Assistance Coordinator will authorize appropriate parking. The application then needs to be taken to Parking Services for payment, processing and issuance of a permit and gate key.

#### **Campus Orientation**

Students with visual impairments may request a campus orientation and mobility session with the Mobility Assistance Coordinator.

The student will learn to traverse the campus as he/she would during a regular day - - going from the classroom to labs, lecture halls, or bus stops.

#### **Program for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Students**

##### **Interpreting/Captioning**

In order to participate fully in classes and activities, students who are deaf may receive Sign Language interpreting or real-time captioning. Interpreters use American Sign Language to interpret what the teachers and students say. Realtime captioning allows deaf students to read the verbatim lecture on a laptop computer as the professor lectures.

Real-time captioning uses the same method and equipment used by court reporters.

#### **Program for Students with Learning Disabilities**

The Learning Disabilities Program serves students with documented specific learning disabilities, attention deficit disorder, acquired brain injury, and students with psychological disabilities. Based on their disability-related needs, students may receive extended time for exams, notetakers, tutorial services, textbooks on tape, adaptive technology, alternative testing format, disability-related counseling and may participate in learning strategies workshops, support groups and the peer mentor program.

#### **Technology for Students with Learning Disabilities**

Reading machines and voice-synthesized editing programs are available in our **Resource Room**, Powell 181. These aids may be used to compensate for reading and writing difficulties. Please contact a Learning Disabilities Specialist to determine your eligibility to use this assistive technology, and for a demonstration.

#### **Other Services at the OSD**

Other services offered by this office include: Housing Assistance, Disability Management Counseling and Information and Referral, among others.

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## **Want to Connect with Other Young Artists?**

Join our network of artists with disabilities! Since 1994 the National Arts and Disability Center (NADC) has been providing **FREE** services to advance the careers of artists with disabilities. We would like to speak with you about your career goals as an emerging artist. Call or email us today to find out how to:

- ❖ Connect you with other young artists with disabilities
- ❖ Connect you with other artists
- ❖ Find information about events and activities
- ❖ Learn about possible careers in the arts
- ❖ Locate the resources you need
- ❖ Join our Facebook Group: Rising Artists with Disabilities (RAD)

Contact us:

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<http://nadc.ucla.edu>

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## **Chancellor's ADA/504 Compliance Office**

1. Monitors and coordinates compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 which prohibits discrimination based on disability in all University activities;
2. Offers guidance and evaluates efforts to provide access to campus facilities and programs;
3. Develops procedures to identify and correct access deficiencies;

4. Disseminates information regarding compliance-related issues and recommends appropriate remedial actions;
5. Coordinates the implementation of the ADA Transition Plan; and
6. Fields complaints alleging campus noncompliance with the ADA and Section 504.

The Compliance Office is located in Murphy Hall, Room A-239. For more information please contact: (Voice) 310-825-1514, (TTY) 310-206-3349, (FAX) 310-825-3688, (Web) [www.ada.ucla.edu](http://www.ada.ucla.edu)

## UCLA Committee on Disability

The UCOD, formerly the Chancellor's Advisory Committee on Disability (CACD), was established in 1982 as an advisory group by the Chancellor to create and maintain a more accessible campus environment. The COD is comprised of student, faculty, staff, alumni, community, and ex-officio members. The Committee's charge is to analyze and identify problems, propose solutions, and make recommendations on matters of particular concern to persons with disabilities.

**Meeting Times: The 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month (except August & December) 2-4 pm  
Faculty Center**

The committee is currently seeking Faculty, Staff, Alumni, Graduate and Undergraduate voting members. Please contact the UCOD if you are interested.

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Many of you will be taking the GRE, GMAT, PRAXIS, TOEFL, or some other high-stakes examination this year. To help you prepare more effectively, the Office of Disability Policy at Educational Testing Services (ETS) has developed a new brochure, "Tips for Test Takers with Disabilities." This brochure can be found on the ETS Office of Disability Policy website at:

[www.ets.org/disability](http://www.ets.org/disability)

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(310) 825-1501

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## Disabled Student Union

This student organization offers peer support and plans programs and events aimed at raising the Campus awareness about disability-related issues. Contact them at:

[www.studentgroups.ucla.edu/dsunion](http://www.studentgroups.ucla.edu/dsunion)

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