

# *WAVES*

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# This Editor's Signing Off

Hello WACUHO,

I hope the summer has treated you well. It's back to the grindstone here at California College of the Arts. RA training starts tomorrow and students move-in shortly after that. Although it's always a little sad saying good-bye to summer, I am looking forward to meeting our new crop of residents and am excited about working with my new staff this year.

Speaking of good-byes, this is my last edition of the WAVES. I have truly enjoyed editing this publication and want to thank the organization for giving me this opportunity. I also want to say another big thank you for electing me Secretary this year! I look forward to continuing to serve WACUHO on the Executive Board.

Kafele Khalfani (our outgoing Member at Large, Central) will be taking the lead here at the WAVES. Please help me welcome him to the position — I know he's going to do an excellent job!

*Hallie*, editor

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## WACUHO Affirmative Action Statement

WACUHO recognizes the benefits which are derived from the inclusion of diversity in the Association. Significant contributions are made by members from all areas of higher education and at every level of responsibility. The quality perspective and experience shared by our members, inclusive of ethnicity, age, gender, religious preference, sexual orientation or differing abilities, adds a dynamic which enriches the character of the Association. WACUHO encourages all to actively participate in its programs, events and activities.

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# President's Message



Greetings WACUHO!

As I sit here in sunny and temperate Santa Cruz, I can hardly believe I am writing my final president's message. This year has passed quickly and has been a year of continuous change, but together, we successfully rode the waves to land here. This year has provided laughter and tears and never a dull moment as we tackled the challenges before us, as we welcomed new WACUHO family into the world, and also as we said goodbye to longtime members.

Thanks to the efforts of our Annual Conference committees, led by karaoke-enthusiast and budget-wonder Andy Plumley, our conference time in Palm Springs was educational and fun, rejuvenating our spirits, rediscovering our interests, and renewing our knowledge.

Our first year with a Technology Coordinator as part of the Executive Committee brought with it a change of servers, an increase in online registration opportunities, improvement in our ability to take credit card payments, and new recording equipment.

With the results last year's online survey, the Executive Committee focused our attention on future financial directions, our technological offerings, and once again at the way we divide our region. Another survey will be coming this year, and I encourage you to share your thoughts and expertise with the group.

What I truly enjoy about our association is that all members, seasoned and new, from large and small, public and private institutions are equally encouraged to participate. Of course as Peter Parker's Uncle Ben would say, "with great power, comes great responsibility," and it is all of our responsibility to help move WACUHO forward.

My thanks and eternal affection to Martin, Tim, Stuart, Alli, Robert, Hallie, Emily, Kafele, Lara and JB for making this past year a highlight of my professional career. After spending the last 6 years in and around the Executive Committee, I couldn't have asked for a better group to work with. I also look forward to working with our new Executive Committee in my new role as the Western District Representative for ACUHO-I until June 2008.

As I prepare to sign off, I ask you to think back with me to when I ran for the President Elect position. At that time, I mentioned how WACUHO was like avocado, taking my experience in this field to the next level. So, for my last recipe contribution, I give you ... my guacamole recipe. J

### ***Alex' Simple Guacamole***

*2 Avocados*

*½ of a Shallot, minced*

*½ Tomato, chopped*

*Garlic Powder & Season Salt to taste*

*Shredded Cheese (optional)*

*Mash avocados to desired consistency in a small bowl. Add shallot, tomato and spices. Let sit for 10 minutes (if you can resist snacking) to allow flavors to marry. Sprinkle cheese on top and enjoy!*

Thank you for the opportunity to serve the association and enjoy the summer!

Alex

# Up Close and Personal:

## An Interview with Charles L. Miller Award Winner Carol Roberts-Corb

Each year WACUHO bestows the Charles L. Miller Award on a current member who has through their dedicated service and outstanding leadership made significant contributions in service to the Association. This year's recipient was Carol Roberts-Corb, Associate Dean of Students at Concordia University Irvine.

Her numerous nominations from supervisors, peers and staff praised her commitment to the field, the association, and most importantly her students. The accolades ranged from "I can think of no other current Association member who has consistently, year after year, decade after decade, served on a WACUHO committee such as Carol," to "she has been a constant reminder to serve and lead with integrity and grace. She has been an amazing support, advocate, supervisor, and leader for the residential education and services office." One nominator remarked, "as I reflect back upon 28 years in Higher Education, Carol is among the top 1% of staff with whom I have had the privilege to work."



Carol's journey into residence life began while at the University of California, Santa Barbara in hall government. Carol's first RA, whom she called "just beyond all perfection", inspired her to apply. Carol had to make the tough decision when faced with an opportunity to study abroad. Luckily for us, she decided to stay stateside and became an RA in her junior year.

Carol would later become a Head Resident at UCSB before heading east to the University of Vermont to pursue her masters. After graduating, Carol accepted a position at the University of Southern California. She was immediately put to work on committees for CACUHO (the predecessor to WACUHO) and ACUHO-I, as USC was hosting both.

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She has served on numerous committees for both associations and when asked to do more always responds, "yes, I can!" There are few things within WACUHO that Carol hasn't done.

Carol has presented numerous times both regionally and nationally. She recounts her favorite program as a series of presentations that she did on sexual harassment and women's issues with colleagues from other institutions. "What I enjoyed most about

it was the collaboration of other excellent women. They were so wonderful to learn from."

During the course of our interview, Carol responded to many of my questions for advice and suggestions. Tidbits of that conversation are listed below:

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## Carol Roberts-Corb (continued)

### Advice for our mid-level professionals

“Develop a specialty or a specific area that you are passionate about and become an expert in it. Something that sets you apart from everybody else in Residential Life. So not only something that brands you or is on your resume or your horizons as a housing professional, but something that keeps you motivated and something that’s your own and that you can develop and get excited about.”

### Balance was a key issue for new professionals

“Make sure that you’re having a life...make sure that you’re developing friendships off campus with peers and getting to know people that aren’t necessarily involved in housing and residential life and student affairs.”

### Working 9 – 5...sorta

“One of my mentors always said when I started a new job to always make sure I only worked 40 hours a week, because she said if you go to a new campus and you are immediately working 60 or 80 hours a week that they’ll always expect that. There will come a time when you want to have more of a normal life. I always think of her whenever I change jobs and I need to very quickly establish my boundaries and have a good, balanced life.”

### Invest in your Future

“If you move in, you’re saving money. If you invest the money that you’d be paying in rent, but you’re not paying in rent, like starting a 401K or socking away that money, it will build up by the time you want to move out and you want to buy a house or buy furniture. You’ll have money for retirement, because if you start saving when you’re young it will help you out when you get older.”

### People to meet when you’re at WACUHO 2008 in Sacramento

“People should meet **Martin (Castillo)**, our President, and **Suzanne (“Seppy” Seplow)**, the President-Elect. You should certainly let them know if you are interested in serving the organization, tell them who you are and how you want to get involved...

Certainly if you are new you would want to go to new professional activities, because that is a great way to get involved.”

### On Winning at WANGO

“It wasn’t called WANGO back in the day. I can’t think of when it started to be called WANGO. I clearly remember my first CACUHO in 1985 on the Queen Mary, I won a dead bolt. I was very excited to win but as a live-in person I was like ‘What am I going to do with this dead bolt?’”

— Kafele Khalfani, Incoming Newsletter Editor

### Carol’s Institutions

Concordia University of Irvine

San Diego State University

University of California, Irvine

University of California, Santa Barbara

University of Southern California

University of Vermont

### Carol’s WACUHO Involvement

President, WACUHO

Vice President, WACUHO

Secretary, WACUHO

Member at Large, South, WACUHO

Diversity & Affirmative Action Committee

Exhibits Committee

Finance Advisory Board

Host Committee

Nominations Committee

Program Committee

Southern RAP Committee

Substance Abuse Committee

Western Training Institute

# ACUHO-I Foundation

The ACUHO-I Foundation would like to congratulate:

Eddie Bankston for receiving the Parthenon Award at the 2007 ACUHO-I Conference in Seattle! This is an award to recognize outstanding housing professionals with over 10 years of service. This is an honor to receive and in the 19 years of the foundation there have only been 12 individuals that have received this award.

Carol Roberts-Corb for receiving the Foundation of Excellence Award. Carol received this award for outstanding service to WACUHO!

I would also like to thank the following individuals and institutions for their generous donations to the Foundation:

Allen Pepe	Jim Brock
Andy Plumley	John Capaccio
Candace Savage	Larry Bassow
USA Today	Marty Takimoto
Connie Huyck	Phil Resch
David Wilcox	Preston Allen
Drew McAlister	Sue Matthews
Eddie Bankston	Suzanne Seplow
Harry Le Grande	Tim Trevan
Jack Gibbons	Univeristy of CA- Santa Cruz
Jeanette Bradeen	WEB Service Co
Jeff Urdahl	Wilfred Brown

It was great seeing so many of you at the WACUHO Regional Reception at ACUHO-I which was hosted by Martin Castillo and Alex Bellisario. I would like to send a special thank you to WACUHO, USA Today and AMF for sponsoring the reception.

If you would like more information regarding the ACUHO-I Foundation and the many opportunities available please contact me at [jeanette.bradeen@ucr.edu](mailto:jeanette.bradeen@ucr.edu).

— Jeanette Bradeen, WACUHO Trustee

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## Incoming Member at Large, North

Greetings WACUHO!

I hope everyone is having a great summer! I just wanted to formally introduce myself as your Member at Large North! So to all of you in the Northern region of WACUHO, you may be hearing from me soon. Please feel free to contact me with any questions, comments, or concerns regarding WACUHO at 831-459-3317 or via e-mail at [drilopez@ucsc.edu](mailto:drilopez@ucsc.edu).

I look forward to working with all of you and have a great rest of the summer!

— Adriana Lopez, Incoming Member at Large, North

# Evening and Weekend Programming at University of Nevada, Las Vegas

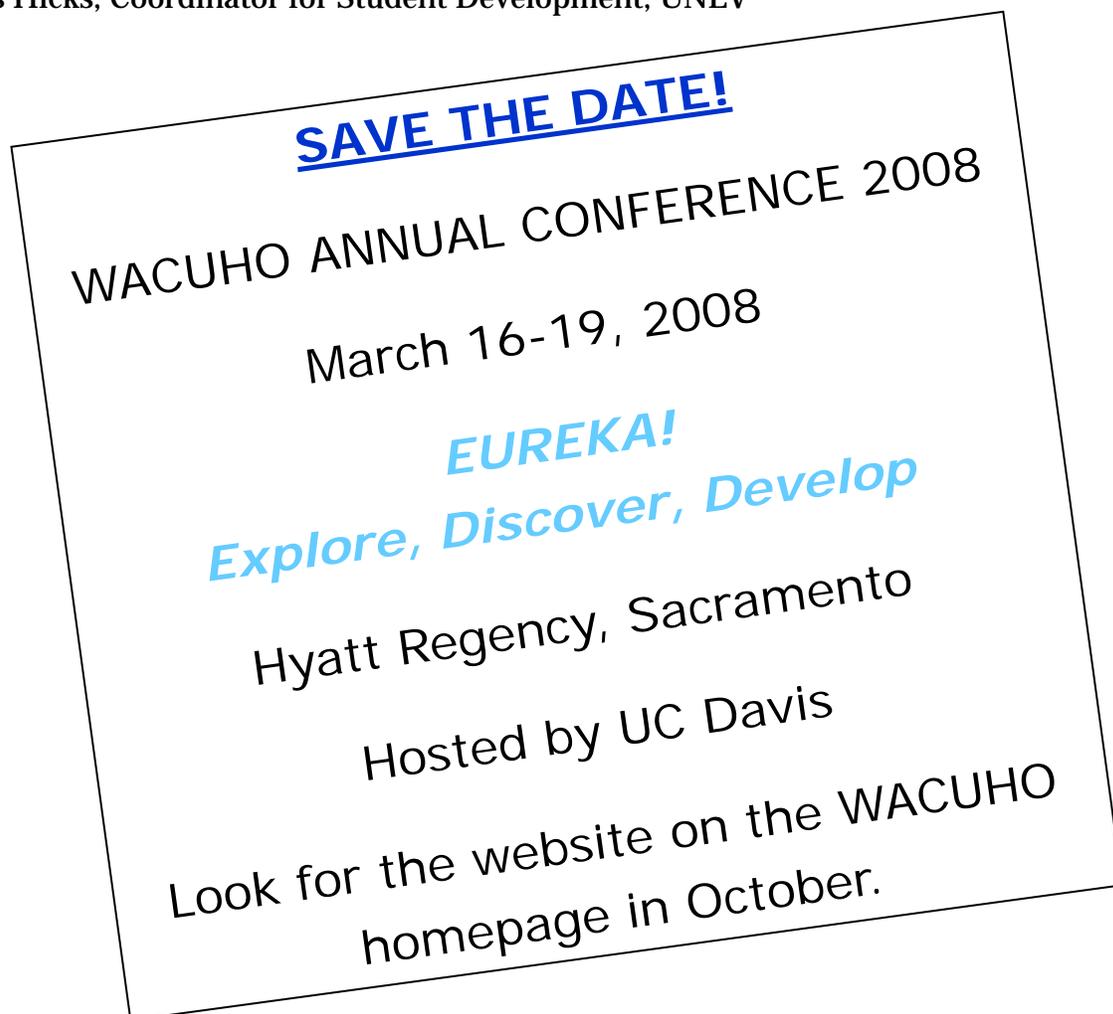
UNLV is conducting a survey of college and university efforts in evening and weekend programming. Our survey will be used to put together a recommendation for our Division of Student Life and help guide us in the further development of our current evening and weekend programming. We're interested in your responses whether you have evening and weekend programming or not.

Once our recommendation is completed we will forward our information to all interested institutions.

The survey takes approximately 5 - 15 minutes based on if there is currently a program in place.

[http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=1\\_2fGYmqWmPUeaopOvL0OdWg\\_3d\\_3d](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=1_2fGYmqWmPUeaopOvL0OdWg_3d_3d)

— Dennis Hicks, Coordinator for Student Development, UNLV



**SAVE THE DATE!**

WACUHO ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2008

March 16-19, 2008

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Hyatt Regency, Sacramento

Hosted by UC Davis

Look for the website on the WACUHO homepage in October.

## 07-08 New Professionals Committee

Hello out there to everyone in WACUHO-land!

Whether you're starting your first job right out of grad school, are new to the region, or even if you're a seasoned professional, we hope that this year's New Professionals Committee will be able find ways to connect us all.

The purpose of our committee is to create and maintain networking opportunities related to the needs and issues of new WACUHO members in all areas of housing. Some of these opportunities will be in the form of scholarships available to attend conferences and social events to meet other professionals in the region.

Please keep an eye out for scholarship deadlines throughout the year; starting with the Joan F. Mortell Scholarship for WTI (information will be available in the Fall). You will also see members of the New Professionals committee at the RAPs (Northern, Central and Southern) ready to welcome new advisors/supervisors to the region and at the Annual Conference creating opportunities for new professionals to interact with our seasoned WACUHO members.

The committee will have its first meeting at the beginning of October and shortly after that, we will advertise for our first social in December, with a second one in February, and a third at the Annual Conference in March.

If you are looking for ways to get involved and meet other people in the region, the New Professionals Committee can be the place for you!

— Emily Sandoval and Carolyn Meeker, Incoming New Professionals Committee Co-chairs

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## Get Involved with a WACUHO Committee

While summer time can be labeled as rest for some, it is also a time for planning. Have you been thinking of ways to enhance your professional involvement? Joining a WACUHO Committee can do just that. In addition, you are networked to valuable resources within the organization by making important connections with colleagues across the region.

It is not too late to join a committee for the upcoming academic year. Just go to [www.wacuho.org](http://www.wacuho.org) and fill out a committee appointment form. (You can also learn about the different committees at the WACUHO Website). Then, send the form back to me via email, fax, or snail mail. It is just that easy!!

We realize that summer is also a time for transition, and folks may not get this form. Please pass this on to any new staff members you have so that they can experience the benefits of WACUHO.

— James C. Smith, Incoming Vice President

# Welcome!



California College of the Arts welcomes **Janece Hayes** as the new Area Coordinator for Residential Life in their Continuing Student Community. Janece joins the staff at CCA after working as a Hall Director at University of San Francisco.



Chico State welcomes the following new-comers to their Residential Life staff this year:

## **Courri Brady**

Courri has been appointed as the Coordinator for Residential Life Programming. Courri previously held the positions of Residence Community Coordinator and Assistant Residence Community Coordinator at CSU, Chico and Assistant Resident Director and Resident Assistant at UCLA.

## **Nelson Gomez-Guzman**

Nelson has been appointed as the Residence Community Coordinator for University Village Apartments. Nelson joins us from Illinois State University where he held the position of a Residence Hall Coordinator for three years and a Graduate Assistant for Apartment Living for two years.

## **Bradley Wolf**

Brad has been appointed as the Assistant Residence Community Coordinator for Whitney Hall. Brad joins us from University of Central Arkansas where he completed his Masters of Science in College Student Personnel Services and Administration and worked as the Resident Student Association Coordinator for two years.

**You Are Invited to Santa Barbara!**



**WACUHO Annual Conference 2009**

April 5-8

Fess Parker's Doubletree Hotel

<http://www.fpdtr.com/index2.html>

Hosted by UC Santa Barbara

# 2007-2008 Executive Committee

Congratulations to the folks who were elected to serve the organization as members of the 2007-2008 Executive Committee at this year's Annual Conference!



**Kneeling (left to right): Hallie Lewis, Secretary; Robert Stephens, Technology Coordinator**

**Standing (left to right): Martin Castillo, President; James C. Smith, Vice-President; Kafele Khalfani, Newsletter Editor; Tim Trevan, Treasurer; Suzanne Seplow, President-Elect; David Hong, Member at Large, Central; Jacques Zalma, Member at Large, South; Adrianna Lopez, Member at Large, North**

## 2006-2007 Executive Committee Signing Off...

The 06-07 Executive Committee would like to thank the membership for giving us the opportunity to serve WACUHO in such a rewarding capacity.



06-07 Execs at the Annual Conference

Front (left to right): Alli Myers-St John, President; Lara Conrad, Member at Large, North; Hallie Lewis, Newsletter Editor; Emily Sandoval, Member at Large, South; Alex Belisario, President; Robert Stephens, Technology Coordinator

Back (left to right): Tim Trevan, Treasurer; Stuart Huggins, Vice-President; Kafele Khalfani, Member at Large, Central; Martin Castillo, President-Elect

**This officially wraps up the 2006-2007 WACUHO year.**

**I hope you enjoy the rest of your summer and that fall move-in goes smoothly. I look forward to serving the Association as Secretary in the upcoming year!**

*Hallie Lewis,*  
**editor**