Chief’s Story
Chief Cisneros presents at ‘What Matters to Me and Why’

E.M. Coffee Talk
Anne LeSage speaks about her passion

Acuna Chicken Sandwich
The story behind this delicious culinary creation

Alcohol Awareness
Officers educate students on drinking responsibly
Officer Bessolo, Officer Solomon, and Officer Juarez speak to a group of fraternity members in Arroyo Vista.

Fraternity Alcohol Education
Officers urge fraternity members to stay safe when consuming alcohol

With over four different fraternities in attendance, Officers Bessolo, Solomon, and Juarez spent a quiet evening educating them on practicing safe alcohol consumption - not only for their own safety, but also the safety of their friends. Sharing common pitfalls that students have made before, they advocated the fraternity students to celebrate responsibly because one wrong decision can result in a DUI or even serious injury. Officer Juarez recounted a story where a student was arrested twice in less than twenty four hours for driving under the influence. “It’s not worth it”, said Officer Juarez, “because now that student and his parents will have to deal with the expensive legal fees associated with his two DUI offenses.” Officer Bessolo explained that when it comes to alcohol, everyone has a different tolerance level so it’s invariably prudent to eat before a night of drinking because the food will help absorb the alcohol to lessen its effects whereas drinking on an empty stomach will inebriate someone at a much quicker rate. All too often, the officers have caught students driving inebriated as they make a quick visit to the local Del Taco, and more often than not, it results in a DUI. With the popularity of ridesharing services these days, the officers encouraged students to be wise by making use of the services because it’s the safest alternative to getting behind the wheel. After the presentation, the group moved outside to the basketball court to perform mock field sobriety tests and run through an obstacle course with drunk driving goggles. The officers also took time to answer personal questions and engage in fun chit-chat with the students. •
Officer Juarez tells the story of a student who was once arrested twice for a DUI - in less than twenty four hours.

Officer Solomon looks on as he awaits his turn to share safe practices when celebrating with alcohol.

A student listens intently as the officers educate them on the consequences of driving under the influence.
Right: Officer Bessolo explains the importance of eating before drinking to slow down the body’s absorption of alcohol.

Bottom: While wearing the drunk driving goggles, two students run through an obstacle course.
Left: Officer Juarez performs a mock field sobriety test.

Bottom: The officers had a fun, yet informative, conversation with the students after the presentation.
Students often come to UCI facing tough decisions as they navigate through college, delicately balancing their studies and their social life, which is why educating them is an important component of the job for UCI police officers. Proactively doing an outreach initiative, UCIPD visited the Sigma Kappa house one evening to speak to forty young women about alcohol and drug safety to help raise awareness on partying responsibly. Sergeant Sloan and Officer Ramirez captivated the audience as they put on a comedic performance while speaking on safety guidelines and the consequences of poor choices. Officer Ramirez had the room laughing throughout the presentation as she humorously recalled observing many of the common tactics students would attempt in order to hide alcohol or pretend to be sober. In the event a student makes a wrong decision, Officer Ramirez described some of the irreversible effects it may have for their future careers and sometimes even their lives. Towards the end of the presentation, many questions were asked, which resulted in a phenomenal dialogue and heart-to-heart conversations. “Look, I know what it’s like to be in college because I’ve been in your exact shoes”, said Officer Ramirez, “I’m not here to ruin your lives. I simply want you to be smart in your decisions and to be safe.” Sergeant Sloan and Officer Ramirez wished the group the best of luck in their studies and reminded them that the doors at UCI Public Safety are always open to them if they need advice or simply want to chat.

“\textbf{I simply want you to be smart in your decisions and to be safe.}”
Top: Sergeant Sloan and Officer Ramirez told the group of young women that UCI police officers are not here to ruin their lives, but rather to remind them to be safe and smart in their decisions.

Left: The presentation was engaging as the officers used humor to connect with the audience.
Top Left: Sergeant Sloan encouraged everyone to visit the police station if they need advice or want to chat. “Our doors are always open to you.,” he said.

Top Right: A group photo to remember the evening.

Right: The Sigma Kappa house hosted the informative presentation.

Bottom Left: Students asked engaging questions which resulted in an open dialogue between officers and the group.
Annual Holiday Toy Drive

UCI Public Safety received hundreds of donations from the UCI community to benefit children in Orange County.
UCI Public Safety concluded 2017 with another successful Toy Drive in large thanks to our UCI community who generously donated hundreds of toys and teddy bears to our department. It seemed that no expenses were spared as we received a wide range of toys from dolls and action figures to remote controlled drones. During the second week of December, UCI Public Safety personnel and UCI athletes gifted the toys to children at the UCI Medical Center. Loading them into classic, red Radio Flyer wagons, our team made their way to children’s bedsides to surprise them with a toy and a special visit from Peter the Anteater. Children, hospital staff, and parents were overjoyed with our group’s visit and many of them used the opportunity to take photos with our police officers and Peter the Anteater. Seeing the children smile made our cause more special knowing that we can enhance the holiday joy during this season for the young children who aren’t able to spend it at home. The remaining toys were gifted to children at Crime Survivors, Beckman Laser Institute, and a halfway house in Orange County. ▪
Top: The UCI Public Safety team takes a photo with all the donated toys and teddy bears.

Left: Security Officer Evans (left) and Officer Ortega (right) pose with Peter the Anteater.
Right: Corporal Chiu quietly delivers a toy to a sleeping infant.

Bottom: Chief Cisneros speaks to a reporter about the history of our Toy Drive and the importance it serves during the holiday season.
We are pleased to announce the formation of a Public Safety Division at the Medical Center to help streamline operations, combining our dedicated medical center security and police professionals within one division. On November 1st, Lieutenant Frisbee, Sergeant Park, and Manager Jen Vallejo started preparing for the implementation of the Public Safety Division, which will be within Director Leon Roach’s Planning Administration Team. UCIMC security professionals were welcomed to the UCI Public Safety family on November 16th and the establishment of a unified UCI Health Public Safety Division provides our security, police, detectives, dispatchers, and administrative professionals the opportunity to improve the lives of people in our community. Our team will provide exceptional public safety services through prevention, intervention, education and enforcement (P.I.E.E.).

Please welcome our newest 22 team members:

**Security Supervisors:**
- James Crofts
- Danny Agramont
- Daniel Aguilar

**Security Officers:**
- Maximilian Cobo
- Otto Curras
- Manuel Enriquez
- Christopher Evans
- Jose Gallardo
- Christopher Garcia
- Gary Jackson
- Hector Lopez
- Christopher Lubatti
- Derreck Mackie
- Marcus Martin
- Daniel Melendez
- Neal Nelson
- Douglas Northcott
- Flavio Ramos
- Neon Rivas
- Daniel Salinas
- Luis Sanchez
- Juan Villanueva

*Left to Right: Christopher Garcia, Daniel Agramont, Peter the Anteater, Neon Rivas, and Otto Curras.*
Top: Chief chats with UCIMC Security Officers.

Left: UCIMC Security Officers were welcomed to the UCI Public Safety family on November 16th.
What Matters to Me

...and why

Choices made, difficulties encountered, commitments grasped, and joys revealed.
Offered since 2012, this informal lunchtime series, ‘What Matters to Me and Why’, is designed to build and strengthen bonds between people who teach, learn, and work together daily, and to foster understanding of how each of us embrace UCI values. Chief Cisneros was invited to be the guest speaker for the month of October where he gave the audience an inspirational story and the reasons he chose to be in policing rather than a career in architectural design — his primary area of study while serving as an undergraduate at Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo. Interwoven throughout his story, he shared memorable highlights over his many years in law enforcement. The lecture began with his upbringing where his mother made significant sacrifices to provide him and his brother with a comfortable life. He humbly credits her with playing an integral part for shaping him to become who he is today. Despite her tough nature at times, he realized that all her actions served a greater purpose in his life which was to develop his character while also instilling a strong work ethic.

There is one story that serves as a consistent reminder as to why he works in this profession and it involved a private Linkedin message from a woman who he had helped eighteen years ago, a little girl that he had forgotten about until the day she reached out to him to thank him for his help. She emailed him to inform him that she’s in a much better place now because of what Chief Cisneros did to help her and her family. “Being able to assist people is my passion. I wake up with a smile on my face because I wake up to go do something that I love to do”, said Chief Cisneros. Additionally, Chief Cisneros believes that “Policing is about communities engaging with one another to solve problems, it’s not about the individuals.” Follow Chief’s lecture on Youtube to hear more about his incredible story.
**Right:** Rameen Talesh, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Student Life & Leadership, introduces Chief Cisneros.

**Left:** Chief captivated his audience with his policing stories and the mission of the UCI Police Department.

**Bottom:** The room was packed with faculty and staff interested to learn more about their Chief of Police.
This quarter, UCI Staff Assembly invited Anne LeSage to speak to staff and faculty about Emergency Management (E.M.), how she found her passion in this field, and what they can do to get involved. Being the lead expert on campus, Anne is responsible for not only leading emergency management, but also Business Continuity and Clery Act compliance initiatives. Some of her key programs include: emergency operations center development, facilitation of training and exercises for campus response teams, crisis communications, emergency notification and timely warning, and overall disaster preparedness efforts.

Prior to arriving at UCI, Anne acquired her first E.M. position at the Washington State Department of Health in Tumwater, Washington where she worked for three and half years before moving to the Dallas County Department of Health and Human Services. It was in Texas where she had the memorable experiences of working at Super Bowl 45 and the Dallas Mavericks Championship parade representing public health for the city and county Emergency Operations Center (EOC).

Anne has an impressive educational background with a Master’s Degree in Emergency Management from Jacksonville State University, a Master’s in Public Health from the University of North Carolina, Greensboro, and a Bachelor’s in Community Health Education from CSU Northridge. She is motivated in her role to preparing people, cities, and schools to appropriately respond to any type of emergency that they may face. At the end of her presentation, staff and faculty were highly encouraged to get involved with CSAR and Zone Crew where they can learn more about emergency preparedness.

Coffee Talk with Anne LeSage
UCI’s Emergency Management Director speaks about her passion.
Right: Anne tells her story of how she discovered her passion for Emergency Management.

Left: Listeners were captivated with hearing about her experiences and some of the major emergencies she’s been involved with.
Browsing through the UCI Pub & Grille’s menu, customers will notice the ‘Acuna Chicken Sandwich’, however, very few are aware that the sandwich, is in fact, named after one of UCI PD’s own police officers - Sergeant Acuna. Rated five stars by an independent ballpark reviewer, this incredibly delicious sandwich consists of a juicy grilled chicken breast, topped with melted Swiss cheese, crispy bacon, guacamole, and chipotle mayo, all tucked neatly between two toasted golden brioche buns. Served with a side of chips, this eight dollar sandwich is probably the best meal the pub has to offer, perhaps explaining why it’s listed as the first item on the menu!

The birth of this sandwich came one warm afternoon at a 2015 UCI baseball game when Sergeant Acuna, casually told Sean Tedder, Senior Food Services Director, that he wished to order a hamburger, but opting to stay healthy, he would replace the beef patty with a piece of chicken breast instead. Sean thought about it and asked him what else he would add. “Guacamole and jalapeños on the side”, said Sgt. Acuna. It was only at the next baseball game that to his pleasant surprise, the ‘Acuna Chicken Sandwich’ was offered to the public for the first time and proved to be an instant hit with ballpark patrons.

It’s wonderful that the sandwich was able to make it out of the ballpark and into the Pub & Grille for the entire UCI community to enjoy and hopefully share this fun story behind it.