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○ Dear UCLA Regents Scholars:

Welcome to another year with UCLA's one and only Regents Scholar Society! We hope your summer went "well" (whether "well" entails amazing productivity or utter freedom is up to you). We look forward to seeing all of you at any of our events this year.

So what exactly does a club entitled Regents Scholar Society do? Well, for starters, you are all in it! And there is no membership fee! (Now, does that not sound lovely?).

○ Every person you ask will give you a different answer as to what RSS is all about. Some say it's about fun. Others say it's about networking. Perhaps it's about all of the above, and then some. We all agree, though, that it is a source of camaraderie in an occasionally overwhelming campus.

Feel free to explore what we offer. Whether it be stimulating conversations or intrinsically rewarding events, RSS (we believe) has something for everyone. Know that even after you have stopped participating (or paying dues... :-D) in every other club on campus, RSS will still have a place for you.

○ Participation is by no means mandatory, but is strongly encouraged. Besides, what better place to begin exploring and developing your interests than among a family of friends?

Best regards,
E-Board

Summer is Over. Finally!

Nathan Kwok / President

It used to be the end of summer was the saddest time of the year for me. It meant the end of freedom and the beginning of obligation and work. Nowadays, it is the other way around. Fall means a return to freedom and escape from the daily grind of a summer job. It also marks the beginning of another exciting year for the Regents Scholar Society. Although “getting involved” is infinitely clichéd, joining the society has turned out to be one of my most rewarding experiences in three years at UCLA. Not only is it composed of remarkable people, the dynamic of teamwork and friendship that surrounds everyone in-

involved is truly amazing.

Coming off another spectacular retreat in the mountains of Frazier Park, the society is ready to take it to the next level. A council has been formed uniting Regents Scholars from all over the state, and this coming spring will mark the third annual conference of Regents Scholars, bringing delegates together from every UC. We also have a full plate of up-



coming fun events, including the first-week social and first general meeting. I encourage everyone to come out and meet the talented new Executive Board as we kick off a new year!

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IAPB: Change from Within **Brian Bilford** / Internal Vice President



First off, I'd like to welcome all the new Regents Scholars into the RSS family. For those who haven't already heard my enthusiastic (and s o m e w h a t loud) praises of

UCLA and RSS at Scholars' Day, I'd like to reiterate myself in print. RSS kicks ass, and every single new Regent should at least make some minor effort to give it a shot. Join a committee or two (or four), or maybe even take on a supporting officer position... most of all, just get to know the people in the club (come to winter retreat, it's awesome). We're not the flaming nerds you think we are. Or at the very least, you'll grow to love flaming nerds.

This is an exciting year for RSS! The inter-UC Regent bond is growing stronger, seminar series is taking off, and we're rethinking the purpose and direction of the society. If you want to help direct the society as you see fit, there's no better place to do that than from **within**, on the Internal Affairs Publicity and Banquet committee. We need cool people to

help plan the banquet, help out with general meetings, and basically assist me on running the day-to-day operations of RSS. What kinds of things does IAPB plan, you may ask? Well, it starts and ends with a bang: induction ceremony and banquet. There's nothing like a free faculty center filet mignon dinner to remind you how cool it is to be a Regent starting at UCLA. Last year's banquet was a pirate theme, and there's nothing more amusing than the three head nerds of RSS acting in a pirate play (our throats are still sore from the arrr-ing). You'll also be hearing from me on a weekly basis in our bulletins, and will most likely get very sick of my voice as I run our six general meetings.

Possibly most importantly, I'm looking for at least three brilliant party-planners to help out as official “Retreat Coordinators.” While it's

quite a bit of effort, there's nothing more fun than taking \$1500 to plan an awesome weekend for thirty nerds. How do I know this, you may ask? Well, it's how I got my start in RSS, as well as my fellow E-board members John and Adam. So not only is it a great experience, it seems to be a springboard to E-board ;-). But nothing you've described seems to be my forte, you say? Then tell me what it is you do well, and I'll find a good use for you! And of course, fun (and a title) always comes along with work. So stop by and say hi! Or email me at IVP@uclarss.org to ask me anything you want, or just to say “Hey Brian I think you're cool.” Hey, a nerd can dream, can't he?

P.S. I put the word “ass” in just to see if our resident sweetie-pie Peony would edit it out. Teehee.

An Affair to Remember

Rosa Langley / External Vice President

Here you are, ready to dive into the adventure of the new school year. Your #2 pencils are sharpened, you've ordered your books, and you've purchased enough Easy Mac to feed an army. But if you think books and microwaveable foods are all it takes to make a great year at college, you are mistaken. What will really make this year kick some major butt is your involvement in RSS External Affairs.

We have a lot of awesome events happening this year, including Luncheon Series, Dinner with the Regents/Faculty, Seminar Series, and Conference. Luncheon is a fancy afternoon meal where Regents Scholars eat with a distinguished guest. Similarly, Dinner with the Regents provides selected members a chance to meet the University of California Regents, a very powerful group of people indeed. Dinner with the Faculty was a huge hit last year—Scholars get to invite their professors to a free dinner. Spaces are limited, and External Affairs Committee members are invited before general members. Conference is an opportunity to meet other Regents Scholars from

throughout the UC system.

It takes a lot of people to plan large-scale events such as these, and that's why I want YOU on my committee. As a member of the External Affairs Committee, you will be eligible to become a supporting officer, which looks great on a résumé. I am looking for two energetic and organized people to fill the Luncheon and Seminar Director positions. Other leadership positions include Dinner with the Faculty Coordinator and Conference Liaison.

External Affairs is the embodiment of what RSS is all about. When we interact with faculty and distinguished community members, we cultivate leadership



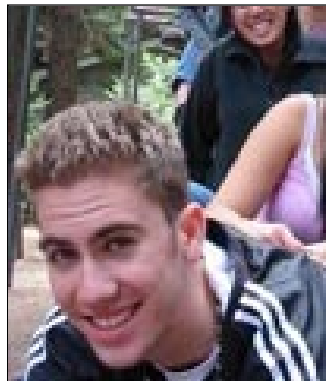
skills and develop friendships with the most fascinating minds at UCLA. Planning conference also opens doors by creating a forum for networking (and partying) with all the Regents Scholars in the University of California system. Don't pass up this opportunity. Make it count. Join External Affairs, and make it a year to remember.

From the Treasury: Let's Talk Money

Adam Miller / Treasurer

"Money makes the world go round." Well, maybe that's not entirely true. Let's put it this way: "Money lets you do LOTS of cool stuff!"

Hi, my name is Adam Miller and I am the Treasurer for RSS. For the past couple of years I have gotten involved as a Retreat Coordinator and the Educational Programs Director (not to mention a devoted meeting and event attendee). Nowadays, I spend my time writing and depositing checks, keeping track of the



financial state of the society, and making sure that the club adheres to its generous budget. One might ask, "But Adam, where does all of the club's money come from?"

Good question, wish I had thought of it myself. UCLA gives each Regents Scholar a scholarship in order to facilitate the achievement of success by each individual recipient. By aiding this se-

lect group, the university makes an investment which has promise to be reciprocated both onto the school and to the rest of society. Likewise, RSS has corporate sponsors which are willing to make a similar investment. With Bank of America as its core patron,

the Regents Scholar Society is able to devise some impressive events (and have a lot of food at every meeting *grin*).

If the financial aspects of the club interest you, come talk to me or Kristel Siongco, our Corporate Relations Director. If the financial aspects of the club *really* interest you, then join the Funding Committee! RSS is always interested in finding new corporate sponsors. If you enjoy dressing up, attending job fairs, and asking strangers for money then this is a great opportunity to get involved!

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Not Just a Notetaker **John Vaszari / Secretary**

at officer meetings and then types them up for future reference? (Which reminds me, I have a little bit of work to do after I'm done with this). Well first of all, what makes my tenure as Secretary important is that I am breaking a long-standing tradition in RSS of the Secretary being a female. This is an extraordinary step in the male secretarial movement that has been sweeping the nation. I am man! Hear my keyboard roar!

Secondly, there is a lot more to my job than simple note taking. As the RSS Secretary, I will be in charge of our beloved test file, from which you as regents scholars can request copies of all the old midterm and final exams we have on file to help you study for your current class. We have a pretty good collection at the

moment, but I would love to see it grow many times over in size this year, and this relies on you guys turning in your old tests when you get them back. Also, I have just begun work on a huge undertaking, scanning the entire test file into Adobe Acrobat format so that it will be much easier on everyone in the sending out exams. I believe to one out this, please consider this a formal plea to anyone and everyone!

"I am a man! Hear my keyboard roar!"

The other thing I am going to be working on this year is organizing a comprehensive

database of all the pictures that have been taken of anything RSS over the years. As time goes by, things have a way of being forgotten, and I am taking it upon myself to make sure that our history will always be remembered long after we have all graduated. Again, the success of this project will largely depend on the participation of you, the RSS member. Whenever you go out to our great events that Jason plans this year, take lots of pictures and then send them to me!

So if this article has inspired you to help out in any way, search me out at our first general meeting. I will most likely be the guy doing the stupidest, most embarrassing thing in the room. I look forward to meeting all our new scholars!

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Outreaching to More People **Peony Liu / Outreach Director**

Much as I'd like to claim that *Outreach* is the reason you're here, I know that it is not completely true. I mean, there's also the \$, the campus, the \$, the students, the \$, the food, the \$, vibrant Westwood Village, oh, and did I mention the money? ;-). I like to think, however, that the tremendous effort Outreach committee members exerted to give you a three dimensional view of UCLA also strongly influenced your decision. Positively. Toward UCLA.

We aim to draw the best and brightest of high school seniors (that was you) here. How? Well, mentors are currently the core of Outreach. They write letters, make phone calls, host prospective scholars, and advise which classes to take (and which to avoid).

But exciting changes debut this year as well. Many incoming scholars may remember our Overnight Stay Program (OSP), which featured

a tour of campus, a taste of dining hall food, and a trip to Westwood. The goal this year is to make OSP even more organized and dynamic.

Also, we're expanding our Alumni database. Kristin McCully heads this project and needs lots of help. You'll be pioneers of a huge endeavor.

I admit: I have big shoes to fill, and with such small feet (not just metaphorically; I wear size 5), I welcome *any* help possible, whether it is an encouraging word or a shouldering of a task.

More information will come as the year progresses.

In the meantime, come chat with me! As a Molecular, Cell, and Developmental Biology and French & Linguistics double major, I'm interested in just about everything. =).

Don't forget: send all ideas to outreach@uclarss.org!



Wait, What? School's About to Start Again? Evelyn Hsu / Communications Director

Well, we all know what that means... time to get friendly with the RSS web page at www.uclarss.org! That's right! The web page has a lot of cool stuff that you don't want to miss, like a calendar, committee pages, quarterly study lists, pictures, profiles, and more! Why don't you want to miss this, you ask? Because you just don't, I answer.

Calendar - How else are you going to keep up with all the events and meetings we'll be having? Be sure to check this regularly, as everything we do is on here, and boy do we do a lot of stuff.

Committee pages - If you're looking for a chance to get involved, check out the committee pages. It has descriptions of our committees and what we do; if you're not sure on how you can help, email the officers, and we'll be more than happy to steal your soul. I mean, we'll find a way for you to help us!

Study lists - Each quarter we organize a

study list; this is a good way to meet people and/or to form study groups. It's also useful to sit next to someone you know who will help you stay awake in class.

Pictures - Who are those funny looking people? What are they doing? Look around our photo gallery for pictures of the RSS family and past events. Aren't we a good lookin' bunch?

Profiles - Fill out a profile (it's harmless, I promise!) so that fellow members can get to know you a little better. You can also browse the profiles already there and find out people's deepest darkest secrets! Or their favorite



color. Whatever.

And More - There are a lot of other resources on the web page so browse around and help yourself.

Also, be on the lookout for weekly emails about the club and its activities. If you aren't getting these emails, sign up for them on the web page (under the **Resources** section).

Visit www.uclarss.org!



Activities Galore

Jason Shen / Activities Director

My name is Jason Shen and I am the Activities Director. I'm in charge of, yeah, you guessed it, activities. I can confidently say that the Activities Committee is the most fun committee in RSS. I mean, would you rather be keeping track of the RSS budget or planning a trip to

Six Flags (no offense to Adam). Plus, I'll try to bring munchies to my meetings. Yes, free food... gets 'em every time.

I'm also looking for supporting officers: some-one athletic to be in charge of athletic events and someone altruistic to be in charge of community service events. So join the Activities Committee. Yes, you.

Let's Talk Money: Part Two Kristel Siongco / Corporate Relations Director

Ahem... (in a faulty Schwarzenegger accent) my name is Kristel Siongco and I am the Funding Coordinator. When I'm not busy flexing, I will pump...YOU up to raise money for RSS! We'll whip those companies into shape or they will be terminated... hmm wait (back to normal). Before I scare any of you off, I'm a third year who loves movies, shopping, eating, and having fun.

Basically, RSS primarily relies on sponsorships to fund the variety of programs we offer. Our most recent revelry was nothing short of *Pirates of the Caribbean*. We ate, drank (water of course), and partied. Does this sound fun?

Can I get an AARRR!? OK, point is, the Funding Committee is crucial and any member who joins will feel good knowing that he has made an event possible. So to all of you, come out to the first-week social and you'll see I'm *really* not that weird...or am I? Until then, HASTA LA VISTA, BABY!!!



Quirky Professors, Famous People: This Way Please!

Van Hoang / Educational Programs Director

Why hello there fellow Regents Scholars! Allow me to present myself, Van Hoang, as this year's Educational Programs Director. With such a long title, you must me wondering what exactly encompasses my job description. Well I am in charge of putting on and making sure the quarterly RSS Distinguished Lecture Series turns out to be a big success. This process includes hunting out a quirky yet interesting professor or "famous person" to come speak to us about their field of specialty. Then after that it's my job to set up the date and room and be in charge of other minor details to make sure the event runs smoothly. We want to promote educational activities among RSS members and the UCLA community, and that is why the Lecture Series is open to the *entire* UCLA campus. So feel free to bring a friend! Or lots of friends!

My Educational Programs Committee will be joined with the External Affairs Committee led by the External Vice President, Rosa Langley. I strongly encourage you to become a member of this committee because we have many exciting events to plan this year and we

are always in need of another set of hands to help. If you'd like to help plan a lecture or know of a potential lecturer, don't hesitate to email me at epd@uclarss.org at any time. I would love to hear your input and any new ideas to make our Lecture Series an ongoing success.



And if you're interested, here's a little info about myself. I am a third year Biology student, so if you're in the major, let me know and we'll chat. In my free time I like to hang out with my fellow RSSers and walk my dog. I'm a regular face at every RSS meeting and social event,

so you're bound to run into me. If you want to know more then all you have to do is ask.

Our first lecture will be in the first few weeks of fall quarter, so keep your eyes and ears open. You'll hear our friendly reminders at the first general meeting as well as see the colorful flyers across campus courtesy of our Publicity Director, Tiffany Duong. So until then enjoy the rest of your summer and I am looking forward to seeing you all at the first week social!

Calling All Creative Minds

Tiffany Duong / Publicity Director

WOOOHOOO! I believe its time to PUBLICIZE! Now, being that I'm the coolest person ever, you'll do as I say: tell anyone and everyone just how cool RSS is and how even nerds like *That's all it takes -- be excited, be yourself, be loud.* to have fun all it takes cited, be loud. fany, but c a l l e d from horsie #1 to t-t-ma-ma, so almost anything will do. I'm colorful, enthusiastic, and a little vertically challenged. I like being loud and letting the inner kid in me show. My task here is to use whatever means (and I mean **WHATEVER** means) necessary to let both RSS and all of UCLA know when something's coming up.

Whether it be banquet, a lecture, dinner, or just a field trip, we want to get as many people as possible to come, cuz we all know that's how opinions are shared, friends made, and ideas borne. I'm looking for some people who are loud and excited, and just want to get more people involved with OUR school. We'll make signs and plaster campus with flyers. Since we're in charge of signs and posters AND flyers, we can design-em, color-em, and cut-em any way you want. Creative minds, come here.

We also get to help design the official RSS-gear *ooh, aaah.* Basically, we get to do lots of fun stuff to get our name out there. If any of this calls to you, come chat, I promise I don't bite =).



Summary of Supporting Officer Positions*

Internal Affairs, Publicity, and Banquet:

Banquet Coordinators
Retreat Coordinators
Graphic Designers

External Affairs and Educational Programs:

Luncheon Directors
Seminar Directors
Inter-UC Council Liaison

Funding:

Resume Book Coordinator

Secretarial:

Study List Coordinator

Activities:

Community Service Directors
Athletic Events Coordinator

* List is by no means comprehensive. Please speak to individual E-board members for more information about committees and other positions.

Upcoming Events for Fall Quarter

September

29 (M): First-Week Social; Sunset Rec

October

2 (R): First General Meeting; 7-9 PM; JD Morgan Center

8 (W): Induction Ceremony; 2-6 PM; Faculty Center, California Room

November

5 (W): Second General Meeting; 7-9 PM; Career Center

Also Look Out for

- RSS Bonfire
- Individual committee meetings
- Fall Lecture
- Fall Seminar
- Winter Retreat (sometime Winter Break)

For updates, check Calendar at www.uclarss.org

Letter from the Editor

This is Peony Liu, Newsletter Editor, reporting live from... the OC. As this year's Newsletter Editor, I am responsible for distributing the *Bulletin* to your

homes on a quarterly basis.

Well, not *me*, personally. Nor do I handle *all* logistics of producing a newsletter. While you *will* be reading much from E-

board regarding event updates and recaps, this newsletter exists because of you. Yes, you. So *please send any suggestions and fresh ideas to*

outreach@uclarss.org. There's only so much one mind can do.

One important note: the newsletter you hold was copied, collated, and addressed by me. I

will definitely need any manual labor available when the time comes. And it doesn't have to be *labor*, per se; we could call it... a collating party! ;-).

Another note: due to the demands of my position as Outreach Director, I will begin training of next year's Newsletter Editor earlier (around Winter quarter). So if you want to get involved and to know what's going on before most people, here's your chance!

Last note: a pdf version of this newsletter is available at www.uclarss.org under **Resources**.

P.S. The word "ass" remains in Brian's article (page 2). The *Bulletin* is not known for its formal tone. =>.

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