



Dean Linda Sarna with Loretta Jones.

UCLA longstanding partner, Loretta Jones, is awarded the UCLA Medal.

Founder and executive director of Healthy African American Families and a longstanding partner of the UCLA School of Nursing, Loretta Jones received the UCLA Medal, the university's highest honor, on December 4. Loretta has been widely lauded for her commitment to improving health equity in underserved communities. She played a pivotal role in the development of the Center for Vulnerable Populations at UCLA and has mentored many faculty and students through the years.

[Read](#) more about the medal ceremony and Loretta's many accomplishments.

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Distinguished Alumni Awards Luncheon and Silent Auction

Saturday, May 5, 2018

Mark your calendar for the 2018 Distinguished Alumni Awards Luncheon and Silent Auction.

Award nominations are now open. Click [here](#) to nominate someone deserving today.

We are proud to continue the tradition of recognizing our alumni for their nursing leadership and achievements.

*Pictured above are the 2017 award winners.

NEWS



Congratulations, Professor Jan Mentis!

School of Nursing professor Janet Mentis has been named President Elect of the Hartford Center of Gerontological Nursing Excellence (NHCNE). Her research focuses on improving the care of older adults and she is internationally known for her work on hydration.

Janet has described the NHCNE as a vehicle that brings together international scholars, educators and clinicians who are devoted to improving the care of older adults.



Congratulations, Mary Lou de Leon Siantz, MN '71!

Mary Lou de Leon Siantz, PhD, RN, FAAN, was recognized by the NHHF at their Hispanic Health Professional Student Scholarship Gala on December 14. She was honored for her leadership and commitment to serving the health needs of the growing Hispanic communities in the U.S.

Dr. de Leon Siantz is the founder of Advancement of Multicultural Perspectives on Science (CAMPOS) at UC Davis. She earned her Master of Arts in Nursing in Child Adolescent Psychiatric Nursing and Community Mental Health from UCLA.



Margo Minissian, MSN '05, PHD '17 is a runner-up for the Martha Hill new investigator award.

At the American Heart Association annual meeting, Margo Minissian, PhD, ACNP, was a runner-up for the Martha Hill new investigator award - the most prestigious award for a new PhD. Congratulations, Margo!

Dr. Minissian is a nurse scientist, cardiology nurse practitioner and clinical lipid specialist at the Barbra Streisand Women's Heart Center at the Cedars-Sinai Heart Institute. She received her MSN as an acute care nurse practitioner and clinical nurse specialist, and completed her PhD in biological research- both at UCLA.



Top 5 Reasons Why...

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Submit your puzzle answers to us along with your contribution, and the first 100 people will receive a free UCLA School of Nursing mystery item!

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- ▶ [Dr. MarySue Heilemann's work using culturally tailored digital messaging to reach Latinas regarding mental and emotional health was highlighted on *Salud America*.](#)

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