

LEADING UCLA'S WORLD-RENOWNED HEALTH SYSTEM

UCLA continues to be a world-renowned force in health, research and education. *U.S. News & World Report* consistently ranks UCLA Health as one of the top five hospitals in the nation and the best in the western United States. The David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA is nationally recognized as sixth among medical schools. The UCLA School of Nursing is considered one of the highest-rated graduate schools in nursing and houses the most competitive undergraduate degree on the UCLA campus.

Standing at the helm of these premier health divisions are three Women & Philanthropy University Leadership Members: Kelsey Martin, MD, PhD, dean of the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA; Linda Sarna, PhD, RN, FAAN, dean of the UCLA School of Nursing; and Johnese Spisso, MPA, president of UCLA Health, CEO of UCLA Hospital System and associate vice chancellor of UCLA Health Sciences.

At the forefront. "Everyone here is dedicated to doing their best for patients and families, 24/7," says Spisso, who oversees the operations of UCLA's hospitals and clinics. Trained as a registered nurse, Spisso is a nationally recognized academic healthcare leader with more than 30 years of experience. Martin, who provides strategic vision and operational leadership for the medical school, also conducts critical research in neurobiology. And Sarna, an internationally known researcher for her work in tobacco control with nurses, led the campaign to make UCLA the first non-smoking UC campus.

The North Star. While each leader's day-to-day responsibilities and schedules vary, they collaborate often and are driven by the same common goal for the future: healing humankind and delivering kindness. "That's really the hallmark of our care," says Spisso, who does rounds at least once a week at each of the facilities. "Patients expect UCLA to provide excellent quality and safety. But what makes their experience memorable is that they're treated with kindness and compassion."

"Our students exemplify this compassion," says Sarna. "Some have overcome incredible odds; others have experienced their own or loved one's health issues and are committed to joining a caring profession."



Left to right: Linda Sarna, Kelsey Martin, Johnese Spisso

"We embed it into our scholarship and within our clinical, community engagement, education and research missions," adds Martin. "All that we do has to be motivated by a humanitarian impulse because we are here to improve health – that has to be our North Star."

"Health is a fundamental human right."

– Dean Kelsey Martin

Generosity. As UCLA continues to conduct lifesaving research, provide state-of-the-art patient care and offer an unparalleled education, the three women reflect on the importance of giving.

"We could not do what we do without the generosity of the community," says Spisso. "If you really want to work on things that change the world, the work we're doing at UCLA Health is a good investment."

"Some students would not be able to attend UCLA without philanthropic support," says Sarna, adding that a scholarship made all the difference for her as a student.

"Philanthropy allows us to build programs and people," adds Martin. "We need to do everything we can to ensure that everyone in the population can enjoy good health."

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE: WE SHARE ONE COMMON VISION



One of our goals at Women & Philanthropy is to recognize the visionary women on campus who are leading the way in their fields. We celebrate that almost 60 percent of UCLA deans are women and more than 30 percent of UCLA’s faculty campuswide today are women. It’s our honor to introduce you to these leaders in our newsletter

– to give you a glimpse of their extraordinary expertise, perspective and passion for what they do.

In our last issue, you met the three female deans of law, engineering and business. In this issue, we’re thrilled to introduce you to Johnese Spisso, Kelsey Martin and Linda Sarna, who are at the helm of UCLA’s health care enterprise. We hope you enjoy hearing their thoughts about their shared goal of healing humankind, one patient at a time.

Clear across campus, Teri Schwartz is also passionate about improving humanity. As dean of the UCLA School of Theater,

Film and Television, Teri shares with us her vision for inspiring change for a better world through the arts, one storyteller at a time.

You will also meet longtime members Marilyn Darley, whose support has helped move forward UCLA’s research in post-traumatic stress disorder, and Judy Levin, whose devotion to UCLA has impacted numerous areas of campus, and particularly the realm of education. They are just two of our many dedicated members who are impacting future generations through their legacy, one life at a time.

As you read through these profiles, I hope you join me in feeling a sense of pride that we are part of a vital group of women all working together toward one goal: to better humanity. I look forward to seeing you at one of our upcoming events!

Naomi Ellison
President, Women & Philanthropy



TERI SCHWARTZ: THE POWER OF STORYTELLING

Teri Schwartz believes in the power of a great story. Not just to delight and entertain – but to enlighten, engage and inspire change for a better world. As dean of the UCLA School of Theater, Film and Television, she leads with this clear vision and deep conviction.



“Our students, who hail from every region locally and globally, have the unique platform to use the power of story to tear down the walls that have long separated us by building bridges of understanding across diverse

cultures both here and abroad,” says Schwartz, a UCLA alumna (’71), successful film producer and visionary in the field.

Under Schwartz’s dynamic leadership since 2009, UCLA TFT has consistently ranked as one of the most prestigious entertainment and performing arts institutions in the world, offering an unparalleled curriculum that integrates

the study of live performance, film, television, animation and the digital arts. This past year alone, alumni earned \$3.2B at the worldwide box office; more than 30 alumni had films at the Sundance Film Festival; faculty and alumni received 20 Ovation award nominations for outstanding work in theater; and an alumna recently became the first African American woman named president of a major television network: ABC.

While UCLA TFT continues to garner accolades across every medium and platform, the school is only in the midst of telling its story. Schwartz is collaborating with diverse areas on campus, including medicine. The school is also at the forefront of the emerging field of social impact entertainment, using the power of entertainment and performing arts to inspire social change.

“I believe that storytelling as expressed through film, television, digital media and theater is as important to our lives as science and medicine,” says Schwartz, the first female dean to lead UCLA TFT. “More than ever, at this critical intersection in our human history, we need the power of story to help us illuminate the human spirit; to help us make sense of our lives and the world around us; to be used for good and to inspire positive social change.”

Please plan to join Women & Philanthropy in attending UCLA TFT’s production of Carrie the Musical on June 10th at 2:00 p.m. To find out more about how you can support the school’s inspiring work, contact Fred Bush at fbush@tft.ucla.edu or (310) 206-5999.

MARILYN DARLEY: INSPIRING STRENGTH AND HOPE

Hers is a story of hope coming out of unfathomable tragedy. In 1987, Marilyn Darley’s daughter and only child Irene was murdered by a stalker. For five years, she and her husband worked relentlessly to put the killer behind bars.

“During that time, I was severely depressed,” shares Marilyn, who received lifesaving treatment from Dr. Mark Goulston, a UCLA professor of psychiatry at the time. “He kept telling me, ‘you’re a victim, but I’ll make you a survivor,’ and that’s what he did.”

Marilyn decided to help other victims of trauma. Working closely with Dr. Robert Pynoos, director of the UCLA Trauma Psychiatry Service, she created the Irene Fund.

“Mrs. Darley is an extraordinarily compassionate, dedicated person who responded to horrible tragedy by becoming a strong force in helping others,” says Dr. Pynoos, whose mother is a founding member of Women & Philanthropy. “The Irene Fund allows UCLA to increase care for children and families, including for those exposed to violence, bereaved children and military families. And it allows us to support our next generation of researchers and clinicians.”

“Psychiatry gave me the strength to go on in my life,” says Marilyn, who decided to include a gift to the UCLA Trauma Psychiatry Service in her estate plans. “I’m leaving everything I have to UCLA in my will because I want others who experience trauma to get the lifesaving help that I received.”

To find out how you can support the Irene Fund and UCLA’s Trauma Psychiatry Service, please contact Alan Han at ahan@support.ucla.edu or 310-825-1546.

JUDY LEVIN: FINDING JOY IN GIVING BACK

Judy Levin still remembers the alumni scholarship recipients she met at a luncheon in 1978. They were young, bright and inspiring. So she did what naturally came next.



“I walked in to the Alumni Association, and asked, ‘do you need a volunteer?’” says Judy. She eventually became president of the Alumni Association Board; served on the Foundation Board and the Board of Visitors of the Graduate School of Education; was on the UC Board of Regents for four years; and will soon serve as chair of the UCLA Fund Northern California Chancellor’s Society.

“I find great joy in giving back to this school,” says Judy. She graduated in 1964, her daughter in 1994, and her husband Bill is a three-time alumnus.

While Judy and Bill have supported many areas on campus, they recently decided to designate an IRA to UCLA’s brain surgery research programs. “More than 40 years ago, Bill had a lifesaving brain surgery at UCLA, and we’ve wanted to give back in a significant way,” shares Judy, who has also designated several other IRAs to various areas on campus, in particular the Graduate School of Education.

“Leaving your IRA to your children has huge tax implications,” she says. “Why not give the full benefit of it to a wonderful organization that will use it to impact lives? Those of us who’ve benefited from UCLA owe it to those behind us to keep this institution strong and vital.”



Dr. Robert Pynoos and Marilyn Darley



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