Dance Marathon, a phenomenal fundraising event for Guardian Scholars, a program that supports former foster youth was held on February 25, 2012. This was UCR’s first Dance Marathon, and was organized by the Student Alumni Association in conjunction with the Golden Key International Honour Society, Riverside chapter. The SAA Director of Philanthropy, Jonathon Mansoori, also served as Executive Director and oversaw a committee made up of student volunteers throughout the campus.

Over 200 participants raised at least $25 to attend Dance Marathon. Dancers included students, faculty, and staff. The event consisted of six hours of dancing, games, raffle prizes, and awards including the individual that raised the most, the team that raised the most, and the most spirited team (which went to SAA!). All together, Dance Marathon raised over $15,000! To see a recap video, visit www.dancemarathon.ucr.edu. We hope you can participate next year!
Each quarter, the Student Alumni Association works with Student Life to paint the C with their members. Jane Kim, director of external relations, is the person in charge of organizing our trips to paint the C. With paint in hand, volunteers trekked up Box Springs Mountain to give the C its makeover prior to Homecoming. During Homecoming, SAA also hosts the hike with alumni. It was a great opportunity to network with alumni who are excited to be back on campus. Keep your eye out for future opportunities to paint the C by joining us on Facebook and visiting our website!
**BLOOD DRIVE**

Student Alumni Association hosts quarterly blood drives at UCR. In 2012, SAA was listed as the student group with the most blood drives! SAA works with LifeStream, which is the sole provider of blood for hospitals in the Inland Empire. Blood drives usually take place in the Olmsted Theater plaza. Cindy Hernandez, SAA’s medical career conference chair, works to organize blood drives each quarter. Visit our website to get the dates of upcoming blood drives, or email us at ucrsaa@ucr.edu for more information on donating or volunteering to help out.
Every quarter SAA holds general meetings for members. During our winter quarter General Meeting we had Julia Lee, former president of SAA, give a little insight of what she has been doing, and how SAA has helped her. Julia shared information on her study abroad experience, as well as her experience interning for Ernst and Young, one of the world’s leading professional service organizations which helps companies across the globe to identify and capitalize on business opportunities.

Meetings are held once a quarter, so be sure to check out our events page for the next general meeting!