



University Kidney Disease Research Associates unveiled its new name of University Kidney Research Organization (UKRO)



Vito M. Campese, M.D. (left), Chair of UKRO's Medical Scientific Advisory Board and Chief of the Division of Nephrology at the LAC-USC Medical Center, and **Kenneth A. Kleinberg** (right), UKRO President and Senior Partner at Los Angeles entertainment lawfirm Kleinberg Lopez Lange Cuddy & Klein LLP



Singer/Songwriter **Deana Carter**, who is also a member of UKRO's board, emceed the event and performed an acoustic set of songs



Shaul G. Massry, M.D. (left), Professor Emeritus of Medicine, Physiology and Biophysics at the Keck School of Medicine at USC, accepted the Leadership Award in Nephrology from **Richard J. Glassock, M.D.** (right), Emeritus Professor of Medicine at the Geffen School of Medicine and UKRO board member



Reg Green (left), founder of The Nicholas Green Foundation, accepted the Spirit of Life Award on Tom Mone's behalf from **Bryan Stewart** (right), OneLegacy's Director of Communications



Kent Thiry (right), Chairman and CEO of DaVita, Inc., accepted the Outstanding Achievement in Business and Industry Award from **Ben Lipps** (left), CEO and Chairman of the Board of Fresenius Medical Care



Craig Ferguson, star of *The Late Late Show* on CBS, entertained the audience with a stand-up comedy routine



Li Yang, M.D., Ph.D. (right) accepted the John McKay Fellowship in Renal Research at USC from **John McKay Jr.** (left), Partner at Jeffer, Mangels, Butler & Marmaro LLP



Phillip Palmer, morning news anchor for KABC Eyewitness News and the 2007 recipient of UKRO's Humanitarian Award, addressed the audience



The **USC Trojan Marching Band** performed and introduced Dr. Carmen A. Puliafito, Dean of the Keck School of Medicine at USC



Carmen A. Puliafito, M.D. (*right*), Dean of the Keck School of Medicine at USC, who spoke at the event, and his wife **Janet Pine** (*left*)



M. Elizabeth Fini, Ph.D. (*right*), Senior Associate Dean for Research Advancement at the Keck School of Medicine at USC, and her husband **John Fini** (*left*)



Dennis Kogod, DaVita, Inc.'s President-West and member of UKRO's board, introduced Ben Lipps to present the Outstanding Achievement in Business and Industry Award



Lewis Kleinberg (*left*), Benefit Chair and UKRO board member, and **Ammiel Najjar** (*right*), UKRO board member, produced short films on each honoree that were shown at the event



Suzanne Crowell, Benefit Chair, member of UKRO's board, and former San Marino mayor



Alicia McDonough, Ph.D., Professor of Physiology and Biophysics at the USC Keck School of Medicine and member of UKRO's Medical Scientific Advisory Board



Carol Peters of Peters Management Syndicate, Benefit Chair and UKRO board member



Alan S.L. Yu, M.D., Assistant Professor in the Division of Nephrology and in the Department of Physiology and Biophysics at the USC Keck School of Medicine and member of UKRO's Medical Scientific Advisory Board



David Lee, M.D., staff nephrologist at the VA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System, Professor of Medicine at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA, and member of UKRO's Medical Scientific Advisory Board, and his wife **Paulette Lee**



Benjamin Barbour, M.D., Vice President, Chief Financial Officer, and board member of UKRO, and clinical faculty member of USC



Saeid Nosrati, M.D., Associate Professor of Clinical Medicine at Keck-USC School of Medicine and member of UKRO's Medical Scientific Advisory Board, and his wife **Nooshin Nosrati**



Peter Lopez, Partner at Los Angeles entertainment lawfirm Kleinberg Lopez Lange Cuddy & Klein LLP



Leslie Goldstein (left), UKRO board member, and **Manfred Mosk, Ph.D. (right)**, President of Technomedics Management & Systems, Inc. and UKRO board member



Mohammed Akmal, M.D., Professor of Medicine at Keck-USC School of Medicine, Director of the Department of Medicine at DaVita/USC Kidney Center, and member of UKRO's Medical Scientific Advisory Board



Sohan Dua, M.D., an internist and nephrologist and UKRO board member, and his wife **Kiran Dua, M.D.**



Vito M. Campese, M.D. (left), Chair of UKRO's Medical Scientific Advisory Board and Chief of the Division of Nephrology at LAC-USC Medical Center, **Robert Mendez, M.D. (center)**, co-founder with his twin brother Rafael of the National Institute of Transplantation, and **Kenneth A. Kleinberg (right)**, UKRO President and Senior Partner at Kleinberg Lopez Lange Cuddy & Klein LLP