

FACILITIES FOCUS

ASSET • Central Plant • Client Support Services • Energy & Engineering
Environmental & Resource Services • FS Administration • Maintenance Services

FEBRUARY 2023

WORKING ROUND THE CLOCK

Through rainy and cold weather conditions on January 30, multiple trades came together to complete major work requiring a chilled water shutdown for the replacement of two, 6" chilled water valves for the Batchelor Hall construction project and two, failing, 8" chilled water valves in Webber Hall.

Rotating lunch breaks to keep work from stopping, FS completed both valve change outs and filled the chilled water loop to bring nine campus buildings back online in eleven hours.

Thanks to the building mechanical/HVAC shop's **Chris Flanders, Alex Forero, Danny Gonzales, Robert Pesic, Ethan Armstrong, Kenya McAllister, and Louis Paul**; plumbing shop's **Steve Crook, Jeff Wyrick, and Rich Cordova**; sheet metal shop's **Cory Gryniuk, Laszlo Nemeth, and Daniel Mendez**; the carpentry shop's **Dustin Gale**; and those that helped cover calls while campus was up and running during the shutdown.

UCR uses acronyms for some of its buildings, and Bill Hensche, building mechanical/HVAC-R supervisor, has his own he likes to use: "TEAM = Together Everyone Achieves More, and that's what we did!"



Facilities Services staff pulling out a 6" chilled water valve at Batchelor Hall (UCR/Bill Hensche)



Batchelor Hall



8" valves in Webber Hall

GUSTY WINDS Kudos to **Gilbert Orduna, Salvador Sanchez, Richard Bado, Steven Rivera, Marcos Velasquez, and John Starling** from Landscape Services for their speedy response to remove downed trees which prevented access to the Botanic Gardens. High winds on January 24 created havoc on campus and swift cleanup was greatly appreciated by faculty and staff.



(UCR/Rodney Buenting)

CELEBRATING NEW STAFF AND PROMOTIONS!



MOSES BURKE
CUSTODIAL SVCS SUPERVISOR
STARTING JAN 23



JOSE LOPEZ
GROUNDSKEEPER
STARTING JAN 10



MARCOS VELASQUEZ-REYES
GROUNDSKEEPER
STARTING JAN 18



(UCR/Chris Pillen)

KEY UTILITY LINE REPAIR

A gas line supplying the Botanic Gardens needed critical repairs at Greenhouses 18-21, so several maintenance shops partnered to collectively accomplish the work in a short time frame. Electrician **Brian Hambleton** established temporary power at the Botanic Gardens, building mechanics installed temporary heaters, and plumbers worked on the gas line repair.



(UCR/John Starling)

PRUNING FOR SPRING SEASON

Did you notice groundskeepers **Gilbert Orduna** and **James Dixon** begin the annual winter trimming of ornamental grasses at The Barn? This process helps maintain plant size, but also encourage new growth for the spring.

CONGRATS TO EMPLOYEES OF THE MONTH!

Mona Aguilar, Sr. Custodian
 Christian Beard, Sr. Custodian
 Susan Chevie, Sr. Custodian
 Ana Garcia, Lead Custodian
 Erin McBride, Groundskeeper
 Arnold Mendoza, Sr. Custodian
 Marissa Palomino, Sr. Custodian
 Maricela Ramos, Sr. Custodian
 Benny Smith, Sr. Custodian



ERS kicked off 2023 recognizing Arnold Mendoza from the day shift (middle) and Christian Beard from the graveyard shift (Right) as employees of the month with supervisor Rod Buenting (left) at the morning meeting. (UCR/Aaron Uresti)

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STAFF MILESTONES

15 YEARS

Vincent Farinelli
 Refrigeration Mechanic

Rodolfo Ocegueda
 Sr. Custodian

Brian Sundstrom
 HVAC Mechanic

10 YEARS

Adrian Graves
 Sr. Custodian

5 YEARS

Ronald Anderson
 Director, Customer Relations

ORGANIZATIONAL UPDATES

FS / AUXILIARY SERVICES, AUX, SEPARATION

- ✓ Agreement completed, signed.
- K5 notification in mid February.
- Transition to occur in February.

PROJECT MANAGEMENT TEAM

- ✓ Fac Project Mgmt Spec 2 interviews underway.
- Smartsheet program mostly complete.
- JOC & EDPA being set up to assist with project delivery.

FAMIS 360 – WORK ORDER PROGRAM

- ✓ High-level overview of program completed.
- Rolling out advisory committee meetings.

FS GUIDE TO SERVICES FOR CUSTOMERS

- Final changes completed; working to publish.
- Communicating the changes to Orgs in late February.

