

# FACILITIES FOCUS

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

JUNE 2022



## SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE

APPLICATIONS NEEDED ASAP

REQUEST MORE INFO AT <https://bit.ly/3m51DNv>

Do you have a dependent seeking undergraduate financial aid? The Mike Miller Legacy Endowed Student Scholarship Fund is looking to award this scholarship to dependents of Facilities Services staff.

## RETIREMENT CELEBRATION

Facilities Services cordially invites you to attend a retirement reception honoring

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| MARGARITO ALVARADO, 20 YRS | ANA GIVENS, 26 YRS       |
| ROCIO CORNEJO, 20 YRS      | DEBORAH HUGHES, 20 YRS   |
| VICTOR CROUCH, 10 YRS      | DAVID LADNER, 15 YRS     |
| JULIE DUBE, 25 YRS         | KATHY LITTLE, 23 YRS     |
| PAULA DURON, 20 YRS        | GREGORIO SERRATO, 19 YRS |
| KEVIN GAINES, 13 YRS       | DENNIS STORER, 20 YRS    |

**Thursday, June 23, 2022**  
9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.  
(Program 9:35 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.)

UCR Alumni & Visitors Center  
3701 Canyon Crest Drive  
Riverside, CA 92507

## WELCOMING NEW STAFF!



**ERMELINDO AGUILAR**  
SR. CUSTODIAN



**ROSE BECERRA**  
SR. CUSTODIAN



**ANTHONY CERVANTES**  
SR. CUSTODIAN



**MARISOL DEL TORO**  
SR. CUSTODIAN



**ISAURA GONZALEZ**  
SR. CUSTODIAN



**MARIA JUAREZ**  
SR. CUSTODIAN



**YOLANDA KAUIL**  
SR. CUSTODIAN



**LUCIA MENJIVAR**  
SR. CUSTODIAN



**JAZMIN PADILLA**  
SR. CUSTODIAN



**MARISSA PALOMINO**  
SR. CUSTODIAN



**MARICELA RAMOS**  
SR. CUSTODIAN



**VERONICA TELLEZ**  
SR. CUSTODIAN



# STOP AND SMELL THE ROSES



(UCR/Mark Jones)

**N**ext time you pull up to the rose islands at the West Campus Drive entrance, you may want to slow down a little to experience the recent replant of approximately 230 roses of the closest varieties to distinguished landscape architect, Ruth Shellhorn's original 1960s design.

This area of campus carries historical significance due to Ms. Shellhorn's prominent reputation as a landscape architect in the Los Angeles area, including her work as principal landscape designer for Disneyland.

Improving the entrance was a project initiative directed by Landscape Services. **Mark Jones**, Irrigation Supervisor, and former landscape supervisor Skyler Nielsen started planning the renovation several years ago.

In assessing the rose islands, it was evident that the existing 60-year old irrigation system needed a complete

replacement, and the exact varieties of roses were no longer available.

A new irrigation system with an enhanced spray system was designed inhouse, enhancing water conservation and improving the health and vitality of the roses. A specialty rose grower assisted in obtaining the rose varieties.

Completed by June 2022, all work was performed by Landscape Services staff, from concept to planning, demolition, installation, and replanting. **Robert Dixon** served as the construction and irrigation foreman for the project with **Richard Bado** as principal assistant and **Raymond Sanchez** as assistant irrigation installer. Other staff members on the project included **Robbie Lundeen, Jose Sicairos, Emiliano Benitez, Chris Bringman, Jenifer Carl, Erik Gutierrez, Rogier Tenhoorn, Martin Urrutia, Armando Maravilla, and Barry McMichael.**

## NICE WORK! WAY TO GO...

**SALVADOR CARDENAS**, Custodial Supervisor, for providing crucial assistance to complete the staging and installation of the new soap dispensers on campus for faculty, students, and staff to use.

**MARK JONES**, Landscape & Irrigation Supervisor, for stepping up to take on a departed supervisor's responsibilities, including assuming

an additional 12 staff, and finding ways to increase productivity.

**KATHY LITTLE**, HR & Payroll Coordinator, for providing leave administration training for an external department and extending her services to another staff member to share her knowledge before her retirement.

**LORENA TAFOLLA, SALVADOR CARDENAS, and RUDY CACHU** for completing UCR's Supervisor Boot Camp.

## FACILITIES FOCUS

### STAFF MILESTONES

#### 25 YEARS

Jorge Loza Medina

#### 15 YEARS

Rod Buenting  
Patricia Carrera  
Maria Chavez  
Ester Mazariago  
Mercedes Melchor  
Guadalupe Perez

#### 10 YEARS

Gunther Lind  
Jamie Rios  
Joe Vega

#### 5 YEARS

Darrin Fox



Ester Mazariago, Mercedes Melchor, and Guadalupe Perez with Rodney Beunting

### EMPLOYEES OF THE MONTH

Johnnie Beaman, Sr. Custodian  
Moses Burke, Lead Sr. Custodian  
Robert Dixon, Irrigator  
Ana Caceres, Sr. Custodian  
Helen Lee, Sr. Custodian  
Bertha Alba Rios, Sr. Custodian  
Dennis Storer, Sr. Custodian  
Nick Stout, Sr. Custodian  
Norma Uriarte, Sr. Custodian



Lorena Tafolla (left), Salvador Cardenas (left) and Rudy Cachu (right) at Boot Camp