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

AUGUST 2022

CELEBRATING NEW STAFF!



LANDSCAPE SERVICES SUPERVISOR

CONGRATULATIONS EMPLOYEES OF THE MONTH

Tanya Morales, Sr. Custodian
Robert Lundeen, Groundskeeper
Noelia Mendoza-Sanchez, Sr. Custodian
Rosa Rodriguez, Sr. Custodian
Richard Stephens, Sr. Custodian
Kenworth Gardiner, Sr. Custodian

Once a year, shutting down and opening up all of our boilers is necessary for our insurance company to check for water treatment conditions as well as any areas of failure concern, such as cracks and metal stress, scale build-up, and pitting. It is sweltering work for the Central Plant team at this time of season, but it is necessary to keep the plant running safely.



Ricky Rodriguez removes firebricks from #4 boiler prior to inspection. (UCR/Nils Burkland)





Building Mechanical technicians Ethan Armstrong, Danny Gonzales, Chris Duwel, Robert Pesic, Ryan Glaze and temp Louis Paul changed out a hefty, 925-pound motor that required a crane. They removed the old motor from the exhaust fan frame the day prior so when the crane arrived at 5 a.m. they could lift the new motor to the roof and install it before the building was occupied.



FS Energy & Engineering received a grand total of \$62,805.00 in energy efficiency rebate/incentive funds from SoCal Gas for the completion of the Central Utility Plant Steam Insulation project.

Overall, the project identified 18 pipe sections and 217 additional items and equipment to insulate.

The project is expected to save

41,000 therms of energy annually, which is equivalent to mitigating 217 metric tons of CO₂ per year, or approximately 42 homes' electricity use for one year.

FS will continue to partner with local utilities to maximize on programs offered by SoCal Gas and Riverside Public Utilities. The funds will be used to help support other energy efficiency projects and initiatives for the campus.

YOU WOWED US, WE TOOK NOTICE...

RAYMOND BOLLES, Landscape Supervisor, for helping to earn UCR the 2022
Beautification Award and his multi-year effort in restoring the Glen Mor Arroyo to its natural habitat.

KENYA MCALLISTER AND RICHARDO HART,

HVAC/Refrigeration Mechanics, for their above and beyond HVAC work at Student Health Services.

KEN BRADLEY, Sr. Custodian, for noticing a misdelivered, fragile crate

box at the Arts Building dock and taking the initiative to place it inside the building for safekeeping.

FRANCES RAVE, Administrative Assistant, for playing a key role in assisting with the chancellor's residence, supporting HR questions, onboarding staff, and transitioning Kathy Little's retirement.

REY VARELA, Custodial Supervisor, for deploying soap dispensers for our campus buildings and stepping up to lead the team and contractors with limited staffing and resources.

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STAFF MILESTONES

30 YEARS

Richard Bado, Tree Trimmer

20 YEARS

Jeanne Brown, Sr. Custodian Jason Williams, Access Control Sup.

15 YEARS

Fabiola Aguirre, Sr. Custodian David Gent, Sr. Custodian Miriam Rivas, Sr. Custodian Marina Fernandez, Sr. Custodian Sherman Reid, Lead Sr. Custodian Maria Virgen, Sr. Custodian William Avila, Lead Building Maint.

10 YEARS

Danney Brown, Grounds Equip. Op. Daniel Higareda Segura, Laborer Jose Rivera-Torres, Groundskeeper Joseph Whatley, Groundskeeper

A CIVIL SERPENT FOR THE PUBLIC GOOD

On July 27, shortly after the 5 p.m. shift started, Sr. Custodian Loren Acosta noticed an odd visitor in the southfacing lobby of Chemical Sciences. He immediately recognized the beneficial reptile species, known as the California kingsnake, slithering around on the floor.

He gently nudged it in the right direction while holding the doors open with his mop stick. The kingsnake slowly returned to the wild toward the Botanical Gardens.

California kingsnakes are docile creatures and known to help keep the rattlesnake population under control among other things.



