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GREENHOUSE RESTORED THANKS TO SKILLED TEAMWORK EFFORTS

On September 2, 2025, severe Santa Ana winds caused tree damage throughout the campus. Large limbs dropped from two eucalyptus trees, each over 70 years old, resulting in significant damage to an Agricultural Operations greenhouse. One tree broke through the roofs of five rooms in the greenhouse and destroyed the main truss.

Mark Jones, the campus arborist and irrigation landscape supervisor, organized an emergency response to remove the fallen branches. His team, including tree trimmer **Richard Bado** and grounds worker **Erik Gutierrez**, worked diligently for two days to clear the debris from the roof, ensuring immediate safety and access.

Ryan McGinnis, Lead Sheet Metal Welder, and his team, including **Daniel Mendez** and **Laszlo Nemeth**, undertook extensive repair work after the storm. The project required over three months of planning, including



A before photo (left) shows tree damage to a greenhouse roof at Ag Ops, alongside an after photo (right) of the fully reconstructed building.

(UCR/Ryan McGinnis)

renting heavy lifting equipment such as a boom lift and scaffolding.

Over three solid weeks, Ryan and his team meticulously restored the greenhouse structure, fabricating most parts by hand while outsourcing only the plastic corrugated roofing and side paneling. They repaired everything to how it was originally installed by the manufacturer.

The main eucalyptus tree was deemed a safety hazard after inspection, and the decision was made to remove all three trees, which had a history of limb failures.

Hats off to Ryan and his skilled sheet metal team for their exceptional work in restoring the greenhouse, as well as their collaboration with the landscape team.

Kudos to Facilities Services leadership team

Adam Schnirel, Yadira Tapia, Susan McFadden, Dalan Dinh, Alan Siero, Joe Dyer, Tian Matthews, Sue Tintorer, and Veronica Ruiz have done an incredible job leading us through recent FS fiscal audit and budget submittals. The final report showed our internal controls are operating effectively and we've made significant progress in becoming more organized and implementing standards.

This leadership group should also take pride in their efforts to operationalize the new FS Warehouse. The 'Go-Live' date was successfully achieved on February 2, transitioning from paper tracking to the FAMIS 360 mobile app for inventory requests. Clearing out and reorganizing the building was a significant effort, and their leadership was crucial to this success.

CELEBRATING NEW STAFF!



GABE GUZMAN
LIMITED PAINTER
HIRED FEB. 9



HAROLD SALCIDO
LIMITED PAINTER
HIRED FEB. 9



Conner Tintorer, procurement and inventory assistant, shows how to check out materials using barcodes on the FAMIS 360 mobile app at the FS Warehouse.
(UCR/Erin Chapman)

WAREHOUSE MATERIAL PICK-UP NOW AVAILABLE

Attention Technicians: To streamline your workflow, please plan and identify your material needs in advance.

The warehouse shopping hours are **Monday through Friday from 8 AM to 9 AM and 1 PM to 2 PM.** During these hours, you can use the FAMIS 360 mobile app to create your shopping cart while in the warehouse. Once you've

completed your shopping, an ASSET team member will check out your items and issue the materials directly to your work order in FAMIS 360.

For those shopping outside of business hours, specifically from 4:30 PM to 5:30 AM, you will report the shopping cart number in the Smartsheet using the QR scan upon exiting the warehouse.

Introducing Megan Cherry, our new HR student

Facilities Services HR is excited to welcome our student worker, **Megan Cherry!** Megan has been a great support to the Facilities Services HR team since August of



2025. Megan is a senior at UC Riverside, studying Business Information Systems and has an interest in a future career in

human resources. Megan comes from Los Angeles and loves football... Go Seahawks! Megan enjoys snowboarding, arts & crafts, ceramics, trying new places to eat, and loves spending time with her two older sisters and dog, Beau.

We are thrilled to have such a warm and knowledgeable contributor join our HR team. Please join us in welcoming Megan when you stop by the HR offices.

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SERVICE MILESTONES

20 YEARS

Tammie Goatcher
Sr. Custodian

EMPLOYEES OF THE MONTH

Danney Brown
Grounds Equipment Operator

Matthew Gonzalez
Sr. Custodian

Brian Hambleton
High Voltage Specialist Lead

Pedro Hurtado
Grounds Equipment Operator

Anthony Morris
Zone Mechanic

Ricardo Salinas
Grounds Equipment Operator

ORGANIZATIONAL UPDATES

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANCE

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