

# FACILITIES FOCUS

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## ORBACH LIBRARY GOES HIGH-TECH

Orbach Library has pioneered a groundbreaking window washing project using drone technology, the first on a core campus building. Initiated by Orbach Library and facilitated by **Pam Bloor**, administrative assistant; **John Starling**, landscape supervisor; **Sandra Martinez**, custodial manager; **Aaron Uresti**, director of Custodial & Resource Services; **Marshall Holman**, buyer; the **EHSRM team**, and **Adam Schnirel**, AVC of FS, and in collaboration with Dutch Touch Window Cleaning Company, the initiative has enhanced the library's exterior by removing wasp nests, green mold, and achieving pristine windows.



A drone deployed by Dutch Touch Window Cleaning power washes Orbach Library's exterior. (UCR/Sandra Martinez)

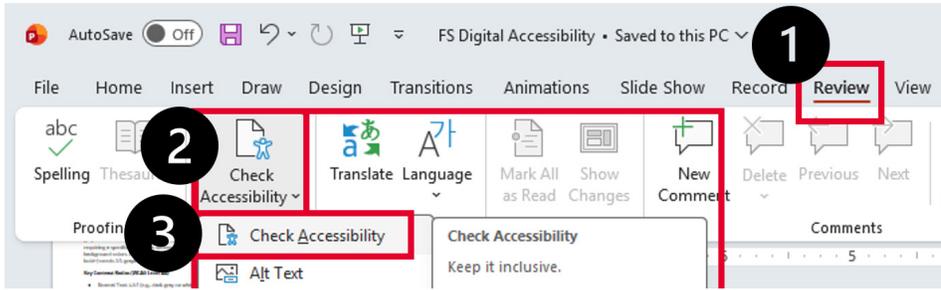


Volunteers proudly gather in front of the Performance Arts building after a successful day of service. (UCR/Jock Thomas)

## Revitalizing our campus through community service

Every year, the Highlander community comes together to give back on the Highlander Day of Service. Over the past few years, FS has supported this mission. This year, Lead Groundskeeper **Jock Thomas** led a group of over 20 students and alumni in spreading mulch around the front of the Performance Arts building. By adding mulch, the volunteers enhance the campus's beauty, enrich the soil, reduce weeds, and conserve water.

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good color contrast, descriptive links, and images with alternative text. Most software offers accessibility checkers to meet these requirements. **In Word, PowerPoint, and Excel, go to Review > Check Accessibility.** For PDFs, check in Adobe Acrobat via **All Tools > Prepare for Accessibility.**

## Kudos from EH&S

Applause for **Chris Meystrick**, plumber, for his swift installation of an eyewash station and his proactive approach in addressing additional work orders. "He always does a great job of assessing the work that needs to be done and makes great suggestions. Thanks to him, we have been able to minimize costs and support safety in the Arts department lab spaces. **Jesse Guzman's** assistance at Arts and Ag Ops for me was also amazing. I really appreciate Chris's partnership and dedication to safety. The plumbing shop under **Rich Cordova's** leadership has been terrific, so if there is a supervisor shout out he deserves one as well." ~**Tracy Stark, Safety Engineer at UCR Environmental Health & Safety**

## New signage to minimize clogs in high-traffic restrooms

To address the ongoing issue of clogged toilets in buildings with high-traffic restrooms, Custodial Services has implemented new temporary 5"x7" signage inside restroom stall doors. The signs clearly state to flush only toilet paper and seat protector paper, while prohibiting paper towels, sanitary items, wipes, or "flushable" items. These measures aim to clarify proper restroom use and reduce the number of work orders related to clogged toilets.



## CELEBRATING NEW STAFF!



**VERONICA ORDONEZ**  
LIMITED SR. CUSTODIAN  
HIRED FEB. 23

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## SERVICE MILESTONES

**20 YEARS**

Rafael Rojas  
Sr. Custodian

**15 YEARS**

Adam Schnirel  
Associate Vice Chancellor

## EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

David Duran  
Grounds Equipment Operator

## ORGANIZATIONAL UPDATES

### CLIENT SUPPORT SERVICES

- Congratulations to **Alan Siero**, assistant director of Systems Administration and Client Support for accepting a position at USC!!! His last day with UCR will be on March 20. During this transition:
- **Lauren Lopez**, administrative and project specialist, will be at the CSS front desk in the FS Admin Building on Mondays–Wednesdays, and remote Thursdays and Fridays.
- **Jennifer Seeley**, quality assurance officer, will be remote on Mondays and Tuesdays, and in the office on Wednesdays–Fridays.
- Student assistants will provide additional support over the next several weeks.
- For proper tracking, please submit requests to [facilities@ucr.edu](mailto:facilities@ucr.edu) instead of making walk-up requests. Thank you!

