

# FACILITIES FOCUS

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Custodial & Resource Services • Landscape Services • FS Administration • Maintenance Services

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## CRANE OPERATION ASSISTS IN KEY HVAC UPGRADE



A large crane is positioned in front of Pierce Hall, ready to assist with the replacement of exhaust fan #9 on March 26. (UCR/Bill Hensche)

On March 26, the building mechanical team seamlessly replaced a crucial component of Pierce Hall's ventilation system. HVAC mechanics **Ethan Armstrong** and **Robert Pesic**, alongside supervisor **Bill Hensche**, collaborated with ACCO Engineering to remove and replace the failing 1,000-pound exhaust fan #9 using crane equipment. Exhaust fan #9 is responsible for drawing out air and preventing pollutants from accumulating inside, making the indoor environment healthier for occupants. To ensure safety during the crane operation, the team cordoned off the area and kept the building unoccupied throughout, starting at 5:00 a.m. and finishing by 8:00 a.m. This efficient upgrade highlights the essential work of our team in maintaining a safe and functional campus environment.

## CELEBRATING NEW STAFF!



**JORGE MONTANO**  
GROUNDSKEEPER  
HIRED APR. 13



**ISAAC RUIZ**  
GROUNDSKEEPER  
HIRED APR. 6



(UCR/Jock Thomas)

Over spring break, Landscape Services cleared vegetation around the A-I bridge, enhancing its appearance and safety. Kudos to groundskeepers **Santiago Angel**, **Martine Urrutia**, **Luis Jacobo**, **David Duran**, **Guadalupe Landeros**, **Corey Ford**, **Miguel Romo**, and **Jock Thomas** for their work!



**NEW ADDITION** We installed photos and a collage representing UCR and Facilities Services in the FS Admin hallway, showcasing each FS unit. We invite you to stop by and check it out!



(UCR/Mark Jones)

## Appreciation from Central Plant

Hats off to **Richard Bado**, tree trimmer, **Erik Gutierrez**, grounds equipment operator, and **Mauricio Montoya**, groundskeeper, from Landscape Services for their outstanding work on Citrus Drive next to the Steam Plant. They

have tirelessly spent days in a bucket lift, trimming and beautifying the foliage along the sidewalk, resulting in an impressive makeover.



(UCR/Chris Flanders)

## Groundskeepers enhance A-I and CECE planters

Thank you to our Housing groundskeepers for adding fresh mulch to the bare planters on A-I's south side and at the Center for Early Childhood Education!



(UCR/Joe Candias)

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## EMPLOYEES OF THE MONTH

Jesus Cabrera  
Groundskeeper

Doris Diaz  
Sr. Custodian

Darron Gephart  
Building Maintenance Worker

Eric Hernandez  
Electrician

Amy Martinez  
Lead Custodian

Rubi Meza  
Sr. Custodian

## KUDOS TO

## SR. CUSTODIANS IN ARTS

### A NOTE FROM OUR CUSTOMERS:

A big shout out to **Greg Perez** and **Michael Dominguez** for their exceptional dedication in the ARTS building. They consistently demonstrate professionalism and friendliness while maintaining a clean and safe environment. Many people appreciate their presence, especially during after-hours, which fosters a sense of comfort and security. Thank you for all your hard work!

## CLIENT SUPPORT SERVICES

Front desk staffing has updated to include Lauren on Mondays through Wednesdays and Jennifer on Wednesdays through Fridays.

For brief inquiries, stop by the desk in person. For more complex matters, please email [facilities@ucr.edu](mailto:facilities@ucr.edu) to ensure we can provide a detailed response or connect you with the appropriate person. Thank you!

