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NOVEMBER 2026

CELEBRATING NEW STAFF & PROMOTIONS!



SYLVIA MARTINEZ
LIMITED SR. CUSTODIAN
STARTED NOV. 2



OMAR RODRIGUEZ
GROUNDSKEEPER
STARTED NOV. 9



ROBERT TAMAYO
LOCKSMITH
TRANSFERRED NOV. 2



PHANNA UNG
STUDENT ASSISTANT
STARTED OCT. 19



ESTEBAN XALA-FLORES
IRRIGATION MECHANIC
STARTED NOV. 9

Heavy lifting meets impressive teamwork

The HVAC-R Shop recently replaced rooftop chilled water coils on Batchelor Hall's air handlers #2 and #3. Kudos to Building Mechanical Tech **Danny Gonzales** for assisting contractor TRANE. Senior Building Mechanical Workers **Jorge Loza Medina**, **Julian Parra**, and **Robert Troxel** secured Parking Lot 11, ensuring safe crane operations over two Tuesdays with lifts reaching 200 and 275 feet. Their seamless coordination made this complex project an incredible feat!



(UCR/Bill Hensche)

CLEARING CAMPUS ROOFS FOR WINTER



Roland Perez clears debris. (UCR/Rich Cordova)

Supervisors **John Starling** and **Rich Cordova** led a collaborative effort between Landscape and Maintenance to prepare campus for El Niño storms. Working Tuesdays and Fridays, Sr. Building Maintenance Workers **Roland Perez**, **Alberto Gonzalez**, **Charles Parada**, and **Robert Troxel** cleared hundreds of pounds of debris from roofs across campus. Outstanding job!

Bringing power to Career Day

Sean Meyers during Career Day. (UCR/Sean Meyers)



Electrician **Sean Meyers** hosted a Facilities Services booth during Career Day at Three Rings Ranch Elementary. Kids tried on protective gear and gloves while learning how electricians power campus life and research.

FURNITURE SHIFT PREPS SCOTTY'S GO



Neatly arranged tables and chairs await visitors stopping by the SSC's new convenience store. (UCR/Aaron Uresti)

Custodial and Resource Management recently partnered with Dining Services to equip the Student Success Center for the grand opening of Scotty's Go, a convenience store with snacks and drinks.

To clear space for the new venue, Resource Management quickly reconfigured the first floor, relocating furniture across the building to optimize the layout. Custodial Services followed up with a thorough deep cleaning around the entire perimeter, ensuring the area opened in pristine condition for students and staff. Thank you, Resource Management and Custodial teams!

SHOUT-OUT TO Maintenance and Landscape for their responsiveness when a cracked branch threatened a campus walkway on October 19. Our front desk contacted Maintenance, who secured the path before shift-end, and Landscape cleared the debris the next morning, pleasing the customer.

New lithium forklift drives sustainable facility operations

Landscape Services upgraded its fleet with a 2026 Noblelift FE4P150-110Q 9,000-lb lithium forklift, retiring an inoperable unit. Handling daily loads accross campus, the electric model accelerates operational efficiency, cuts routine maintenance, and delivers zero emissions for our facility. The investment advances our commitment to a cleaner, greener campus.



Louie Garcia, refuse supervisor, tests a new electric forklift at the receiving dock. (UCR/Erin Chapman)

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SERVICE MILESTONES

25 YEARS

Gloria Covarrubias, Sr. Custodian

5 YEARS

Santos Godina, Carpenter

Frank Lam, Locksmith

Daniel Mendez, Sheetmetal Worker

Christoph Meystrick, Plumber

EMPLOYEES OF THE MONTH

Olinsser Valdivia
Electrician

HUMAN RESOURCES

OPEN ENROLLMENT

- The 2027 Open Enrollment period runs through November 20.
- Confirm your choices at **https://ucnet.universityofcalifornia.edu/oe**

LEAVES COORDINATOR UPDATE

- Contact **Joshua Goodbar** for all leave of absence inquiries, processing, and management. Joshua now supports the FS team with leave coordination, stepping in for **Tracy Coelho** as she transitions to an exciting new role within ASSET.
- Schedule an appointment to review your leave options, rights, and responsibilities at **bit.ly/jgoodbar**, or contact him at **joshua.goodbar@ucr.edu** or (951) 827-8207.

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