

May **2020** 

Newsletter for the Office of Administrative Services



On the Job: **Russ Schmidt**, keeps the campus looking beautiful.

# USF is closely monitoring the coronavirus outbreak.

For updates from USF please visit usf.edu/coronavirus

For the most recently updated and accurate information visit cdc.gov/coronavirus



Continue to check the links above to find answers to frequently asked questions and up-to-date information on the COVID-19 outbreak.

### Reminders



Send your ideas on improvements that can be made in OAS to OASCommPillar@usf.edu

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### Thank You, Essential Workers

The USF community has shown an immense amount of resilience and unity since the COVID-19 outbreak. We want to recognize some OAS employees who have contributed to helping those impacted by the pandemic.

This month we are highlighting three employees from the Facilities Management Service Center. Sandra Frazier, Antonio Morales, and Zach Romano have worked incredibly hard to ensure the continuity of the Service Center while also taking on additional duties.

The Service Center's role is to support FM with processing work orders, space impacts,



Sandra Frazier, FM Staff Assistant



Antonio Morales, FM Operations Manager

and event requests, as well as serving as the liaison to our university's Building Supervisors. Working in the Facilities Management Service Center typically involves a lot of face-to-face contact with the USF community and the Service Center team. With the current CDC guidelines, that is no longer the case. The Service Center team now work rotated shifts to ensure the Service Center operational.

Along with continuing to perform their regular job duties, these employees have also taken on other important tasks relating to the COVID-19 response. Zach Romano and his team's focus has shifted to the creation

and distribution of over 3,000 Critical Infrastructure Personal Letters. Sandra Frazier has a background in supporting logistics operations in the military, making her uniquely qualified to assist the USF **Emergency Operations Center's Logistics** Section, where she volunteered to support tracking and sorting of critical supplies, such as personal protective equipment for healthcare workers. Anotonio Morales has been working hard to embrace the guiding principles and improve the work environment as this new reality has shaped everyone's lives. Thank you to all the essential workers who are keeping our university running!



Zachary Romano, FM Staff Assistant





### USF Moves Up in Performance-Based Rankings

The upward trajectory of the University of South Florida continues as the Florida Board of Governers (BOG) announces that USF leads all state universities in performance-based funding scores for 2020. USF recieved the highest score in the State University System, as well as the highest score they have recieved to-date.

The scores are based off of a series of 10 student success-based metrics established by the BOG. These metrics focus on affordable access, graduating students at a high rate with minimal debt, and preparing them for high-skilled, high-paying jobs in high-demand fields. If you would like to learn more about the scoring system, visit bit.ly/BOGMetrics

According to the BOG's formula, USF earned the highest score in the state in the following categories: four-year graduation rate, bachelor's degrees awarded in areas of strategic emphasis, graduate degrees awarded in areas of strategic emphasis, percent of bachelor's degrees without excess hours, and net tuition and fees per 120 credit hours.

"Their score reflects USF's deep commitment to excellence both as an academic and a public institution" says Florida House Speaker, Chris Sprowls. This achievement exemplifies the dedication to excellence shown throughout the USF community.

Thank you to the OAS faculty and staff who work hard to ensure that this university is a place where both students and employees can succeed. This achievement would not have been possible without you.

# **Excellence Recognition Program Still Running**

Employees in the Office of Administrative Services (OAS) impact lives every day by exceeding expectations and creating wow moments. The Excellence Recognition Program aims to recognize employees for the outstanding work they do. The goal is to show the employees that the impact they make is broader than they think it is.

Excellence Award recipients are peernominated, which means nominations come
from your fellow co-workers or supervisors.
An employee should be nominated when
they embrace the guiding principles and/
or the service philosophy and go above
and beyond their daily job duties. These
employees demonstrate exceptional
initiative, are committed to bettering the
USF community, and make a signficant and
positive impact on the lives of others. These
employees lead by example, and play a huge
role in why OAS is one of the top workplaces
in the Tampa Bay area.

Even though many OAS employees are working remotely, it is still important to recognize the excellent work being done outside of the office. Through recognition, we aim to encourage these employees to continue the excellent work they're doing and motivate others to do the same.

If you have or have had an impactful experience with a co-worker or supervisor who has exceeded your expectations, we ask that you submit an Excellence Award nomination form so that we can recognize and celebrate the incredible work they are doing. The Awards and Recognition Pillar presents awards to several nominees each quarter. Online nomination forms can be found and submitted at <a href="mailto:bit.ly/ExcellenceRecognition">bit.ly/ExcellenceRecognition</a>.

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#### **Facilities Management**

**Anniversaries** 

Carrie Towner	25
William Brantley	23
Toufic Moumne	23
Glen Aleo	19
Fariba Nazari	19
Lori Elliott	17
Linda Harper	17
Charlene Womack	16
Jose Rivera Rodriguez	13
James Niblett	13
Stacy Brown	13
David Gilbert	13
Veronica Weatherspoon	11
Carla McNeel	11
Ethel Palmore	11
Hai Le	10
Chadaphan Hanwisai	9
Raymond Smith	9
Rob Risavy	7
Roxie Johnson	5
Gregory Hanchell	5
Katherine Simpkins	4
Wilson Bull	4
Jennifer Hood	3
Daniel Eger	1
Dominic Vasquez	1
Derrick Hill	1

### Parking & Transportation Services

Glenn Dutton	17
Tracy Williams	16
Teasa LeJeune	11
Joseph Fazio	3
Ericka Fipps	3
Samuel Santiago	1
Latoria Witt	1

### **Anniversaries (Continued)**

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Hollie Chancey	28	Do
James Scull	14	
Syed Meerza	1	

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