

May 2024

Newsletter for the Office of Administrative Services



OAS held two Town Hall sessions on May 16. Sessions opened with an intro video with clips of employees from different areas of OAS. You can watch the full recording of the Town Hall at tinyurl.com/5TownHall.

After the video, VP Post discussed the agenda. Next, AVP Everet Simmons discussed the Capital Improvement Program. He shared recently completed projects and what lies ahead.

Members of the Emergency Management team, Clarissa Grant, Michelle Canne, and Ahmed Elaidy discussed the upcoming hurricane season, highlighting the need for everyone to be prepared, have a hurricane kit, and know evacuation zones.

Next, Vehicle Maintenance Manager Lincey Araya presented on the university's trash trucks upgrade, which was made possible due to the effort and dedication of the truck operators Jose Tirado and Jimmy Davis and the Vehicle Maintenance Team.

Then, Dan Gessman discussed GIS Campus Maps initiatives and announced the new Maps Portal, which will house maps and data across all USF campuses. The portal can be accessed at maps.usf.edu. Next, MC Antonio Morales introduced a recently released ESPN segment highlighting the University Police Department and the K-9 Program.

Then, Director of Communication and Engagement Aaron Nichols shared the Employee Survey Results and encouraged employees to share their thoughts through Idea Proposal forms, Engagement Team department visits, Mini Town Halls, and one-on-one interviews. Next, the Employee Engagement Team did a recap of the past events and introduced what to expect next. The team presented the Excellence Awards and did raffle drawings throughout the Town Hall!

To close, VP Carole Post reflected on the progress made last year and discussed her plans for the upcoming month. VP Post also held a Q&A at the end of the Town Hall.



EMPLOYEE PROFILE

PONG YARNGNORK MECHANIC VEHICLE SHOP

Pong joined the OAS family in 2013 as a Mechanic in the Vehicle Shop.

His typical day at work involves various tasks related to the maintenance, repair, and management of the university's vehicle fleet.

Pong says the Vehicle Maintenance team is a family, and everyone is open to helping and growing together. His advice to new employees is to feel comfortable seeking help and communicating with other team members when facing a challenge.

Originally from Thailand, Pong moved to Tampa in 1986. He has worked as a mechanic for over 36 years, and his favorite part about OAS is the people he works with. Pong enjoys the atmosphere at work and loves to crack a joke to cheer everyone up.

Outside of work, Pong is an avid gardener. He grows mango trees in his backyard and is passionate about growing his own food.



20 WATER 23 QUALITY • REPORT

The USF 2023 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report, describing the source and quality of drinking water on the Tampa campus, is available at tinyurl.com/2023USFWQR or by using the QR code.

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OAS TOUR

On May 2, VP Carole Post and members of the OAS team from different departments gave Dr. Darren Schumacher, Special Advisor to President Law, a tour of OAS operations. The visit provided an overview of the organization's operations and introduced Dr. Schumacher to its various projects and initiatives.



VP Carole Post (center), Dr. Darren Schumacher (front row, 2nd from left), and members of the OAS team from various departments.

SGEFC APPROVED PROJECTS

On April 19, the Student Green Energy Fund Council (SGEFC) met for the last time in the 2023-2024 academic year. The Student Green Energy Fund helps USF achieve its Climate Action Plan goals by funding projects focused on alternative energy, waste reduction, and improving conservation on campus. The Council unanimously approved two projects to fund to conclude this fiscal year: a robotic floor scrubber for the Marshall Student Center and the installation of ten electric vehicle charging stations. These projects highlight USF's commitment to a greener campus!

EXCELLENCE AT WORK:2023 OAS YEAR IN REVIEW

The Office of Administrative Services embodies excellence at work at USF. Every year, we have a major impact on the university, its operations, its students and employees. The Excellence at Work: Year in Review publication highlights these impacts and the important work we do throughout the year. You can access the report by scanning the QR code or visiting tinyurl.com/2023-OASYearInReview.



WORK ANNIVERSARIES

BUSINESS CENTER

Shannon Perkins 2

ATHLETICS DISTRICT FACILITIES

Joseph Mitchell 7

BUILDING SERVICES

William Brantley	27
Fariba Nazari	23
Charlene Womack	20
Stacy Brown	17
Ethel Palmore	15
Hai Le	14
Raymond Smith	13

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Michelle Canne 2

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH & SAFETY

Rob Risavy 11
Erika Johnson 1

FACILITIES INFORMATION SVCS

Ashley Snyder 1

GROUNDS

Joshua Rosado	3
Robert Rayle	1
Tyler Shultz	1

PARKING DESIGNATION RESTRICTION RELAXED

Effective Monday, May 20, until Friday, August 2, 2024, Vehicles with a valid E or GZ permit will be allowed to park in the following R-designated surface lots: 5A, 16, 17A, 17B, 24, 25, 50, 51, 52, 53 and 47A.

WELCOMING NEW ADDITIONS

Andrew Bahnick

Custodial Worker Building Services & Vending

Derek Sorrell

Parking Enforcement Specialist Parking and Transportation Svc

Eddia Journey

Custodial Superintendent Building Services & Vending

Margaret LaVassaur

Custodial Superintendent Building Services & Vending

Clae'shaun Barnes

Custodial Worker Building Services & Vending

Donna Abbondondolo

CAD - GIS Coordinator Planning

Ines Harris

Groundskeeper Grounds

CONGRATULATIONS ON THE PROMOTION

Lawrence Miller

Director
Building Services & Vending

Michelle Canne

Executive Administrative Spec. Facilities Management Admin

WORK ANNIVERSARIES (CONTINUED)

MAINTENANCE

Toufic Moumne	27
Glen Aleo	23
Jose Rivera Rodriguez	17
James Niblett	17
Carlos Ojeda	2
Jonathan Torres	2

PARKING & TRANSPORTATION

Tracy Williams	20
Teasa LeJeune	15
Eddie Echevarria	8
Samuel Santiago	5
Jean Dolce	4
Dana Noland	2

PLANNING

Chadaphan Hanwisai	13
Daniel Eger	5

POST OFFICE

Carrie	Towner	29
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VEHICLE SHOP

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TOWN HALL EXCELLENCE AWARDS

AWARD RECIPIENTS

Pictured with VP Carole Post



Michelle Canne



From left to right: Garry Shadwick, Jorge Fernandez, Robert Guia, Keith Gladden, and James McClendon.



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SOUTH FLORIDA

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Robert Okros



Nic Wilson



Corey Kelly



From left to right: Claudia Faessler, Julia Cummings, Tony Hardy, Amari Howell, and Alfred Murray.



SOUTH FLORIDA

Ethel Palmore (pictured with members of the OAS Employee Engagement Team)

NOT PICTURED

Lourdes Velez Garcia

Catherine Lloyd

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