

UNLV FACILITIES MANAGEMENT NEWSLETTER

AVP New Year Greeting

Dear FM Family,

Happy New Year!

Like many of you I'm sure, I am also a 'New Year's Resolution' type of person. Also, like many of you most likely, I am looking back and wondering how easy it was to break our resolutions within the first few weeks of the year!

My perennial resolutions are as follows:

- Focus on health and wellness
- Help improve other people's lives
- Learn something new every day
- Become more organized

As for the second bullet point, this year I am particularly drawn to a poem that I first heard about in a sermon given by Reverend (Dr.) Robert Alan Hill, Dean of Boston University's Marsh Chapel:

"Do all the good you can,
By all the means you can,
In all the ways you can,
In all the places you can,
At all the times you can,
To all the people you can,
As long as ever you can."

~ John Wesley

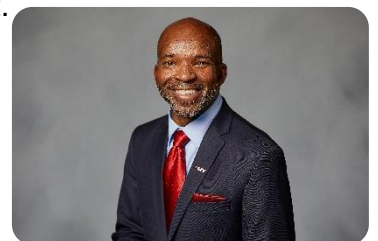
Sounds simple, right? Well rest assured that I will be accepting the challenge and hope you do as well!

Speaking of Boston University, Reverend (Dr.) Martin Luther King, Jr., perhaps its most illustrious fellow graduate, taught the world many life lessons. We celebrated Dr. King's birthday this month of January, and throughout the month of February, we will celebrate Black History Month, among other diversity events. I can't wait to engage with you all around the various activities in February, hoping to enrich all of our shared experiences.

Whatever your resolutions are, I wish you and yours the very best in this year 2022.

In Community,

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Congratulations to Garrett & Jimmer

They won the August and October Business Affairs Employee Appreciation Award

“Dear James,

Congratulations on being the recipient of the August Business Affairs Employee Appreciation Awards!

You were nominated for your thoughtful, steadfast work and diligence in performing preventative maintenance on campus’ HVAC systems. This maintenance improves efficiency, reduces energy costs, and extends the life of our equipment so that campus buildings are comfortable for students, faculty, and staff.

When the pulley crumbled on the turbine on the satellite energy plant’s system, you jumped into action, quickly rebuilding it. Thanks to your efforts, power stayed on in many campus buildings, including the science corridor, so there was no interruption to vital research.

Your colleagues appreciate your dedication. No matter how difficult and time-consuming the job at hand is, you make sure it’s done right and always maintain a positive attitude. You are a team player and essential to the HVAC shop.

Thank you for all that you do.

Sincerely,
Jean”

“Dear Garrett,

Congratulations on being a recipient of the October Business Affairs Employee Appreciation Awards!

You were nominated for consistently going above and beyond your regular duties. When Human Resources needed a lockbox to safely store Facilities Management’s culture assessments, you took the initiative to build one. Not only did you make it by hand, you did so on an accelerated timeline within an hour of receiving the request.

Thanks to your work, Human Resources was able maintain confidentiality during the culture assessment process. This contributed to Human Resources receiving a high response rate which will ultimately improve the work environment within Facilities Management.

Your colleagues appreciate the creativity and ingenuity you bring to your work.

Thank you for all that you do.

Sincerely,
Jean”

Kudos to You!

Thank you, Ken Gonzalez from SLC! Directly from the email sent by Director Lorenzo “I wanted to take a moment on behalf of the dental school to say thank you and let you know I personally appreciate all your hard work. In not just bracing the walls for our x-ray units but for all the projects you have done throughout the years in support of the dental school that are too numerous to count. Thanks again!” Great Job!

Michael Hicks & Nick Allen, thank you! A huge thank you to Michael and Nick for the way they handled the accident on University Drive. They both worked quickly and safely to clean up all the debris and get the live wires taken care of.

FM Employee Spotlight

Thomas Durbin - Engineer

Thomas, University Facilities Engineer-Senior Construction Engineer, came to UNLV from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. At UIUC, he worked in Mechanical Systems Design before moving to National Petascale Computing Facility as the Data Center Facilities Manager and subsequently to Beckman Institute as Assistant Director of Facilities. Prior to working at UIUC, he worked for the U.S. Army Construction Engineering Research Labs. He also does independent consulting.

Thomas has a proven history of planning, designing, building, and commissioning major utilities and building mechanical systems projects. He was a contributing author for campus building standards and an asset management program. He is a member of the Energy Efficient High Performance Computing Working Group and presented material at several workshops and is a contributing author of EEHPCWG papers on HPC and Data Center cooling, controls, and infrastructure topics.

Thomas is a licensed Professional Engineer and LEED Accredited Professional. His professional interests include Sustainability, energy efficiency, and functionality of mechanical systems, buildings, and communities as well as restoration of ecosystems and the natural environment.

Thomas was born and raised in rural central Illinois (Vermilion County). He earned both BS and MS degrees in Mechanical Engineering at UIUC and has been involved in numerous school and community activities all his life. His interests and hobbies include sustainable living, nature, fitness, and health, participating in charitable events for children with costuming groups and fundraising for charities, writing short stories, poems, parodies, and topical essays, hiking and outdoors activities, music, history, travelling, and continuing education including delving into scientific and societal topics.

An interesting hometown connection is that Watchfire, a company from Vermilion County, Illinois, built the amazing new Viva Vision screen over Fremont Street in LV.



FM January Work Anniversaries

Douglas Mclean –

Assistant Director, Custodial Services

15 years

Robert McInerney –

Electrician 1

14 years

Darby Britt –

HVACR

6 years

Elfie Catalan-Lezma –

Custodial Worker 1

6 years

KuuipoKahealani Nihipali –

Custodial Worker 1

5 years

Jason Halgas –

Electronics Technician

5 years

Eric Compton –

Safety Technician

4 years

Michael Hicks –

Maintenance Repair Specialist 2

3 years

LaTonya Atkinslang –

Custodial Worker 1

2 years

New Employees, Promotions, Resignations and Retirements for the Month of January

Full Time Employees:

Jemil Galang –

(Equipment Mechanic 2)

01/03/2022

He came to UNLV from RTC, where he was a bus mechanic. He moved from the Bay area a few years ago.

Promotions:

Marvin Rodriguez –

(Grounds Maintenance Worker 5 previously GMW 2)

1/10/2022

Dan Fry –

(Electrician 2 previously Electrician 1)

1/18/2022

Casey Sierra –

(Painter 3 previously Painter 2)

1/18/2022

Jamie Savage –

(Grounds Equipment Operator 2 previously GEO 1)

1/24/2022

Resignations:

Beau Barnett –

(Landscape & Grounds Manager)

01/03/2022



January Birthdays

Happy birthday to all those celebrating this month!

- Juan Zaldivar - 1/1
- Terry Zaldivar - 1/1
- Blanca Burch - 1/2
- Christopher Johnson - 1/6
- Tiawanda Azouma - 1/6
- Ruben Maldonado - 1/6
- Doug Mclean - 1/6
- Musa Pam - 1/6
- Blacque Clement - 1/7
- Jovany Soto - 1/9
- Perry Lacy - 1/9
- Holly Leslie - 1/10
- Paul Oudom - 1/10
- Thomas Bean - 1/11
- Delano Varner - 1/14
- Leanord McCausland - 1/15
- Edward Dechirico - 1/18
- Alma Gaston - 1/19
- Matthew Whinery - 1/20
- Mario Velasquez - 1/25
- Jose Jimenez - 1/27
- Hyonusk McNair - 1/28
- Quintin Jones - 1/30



Diversity Corner

World Braille Day ~ January 4th

World braille day has been celebrated since 2019 and is observed to raise awareness of the importance of Braille and the importance of this way of communication for the blind and partially sighted people. This day is celebrated to honor the birth of the inventor of Braille, Louis Braille.

World Religion Day ~ January 16th

The day is observed each year on the 3rd Sunday of January. It is celebrated to promote understanding and peace between all religions, it is aimed to encourage people to learn about other faiths and their followers. This observance was initiated in 1950 by the National Spiritual Assembly of Baha'is of the U.S.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day ~ January 17th

Martin Luther King Jr. day is a federal holiday marking the birthday of Martin Luther King Jr. and it is observed on the third Monday of January. Although his actual birthday is on the 15th it is celebrated on the third Monday because of the Uniform Monday Holiday Act.

International Day of Education ~ January 24th

'Changing Course, Transforming Education' is this year's theme of International Education Day. The purpose of this year's theme is to strengthen and welcome the revival of education. This is a day that celebrates the role of education for peace and development.

International Holocaust Remembrance Day ~ January 27th

January 27th is the anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau. We honor the 6 million Jewish victims of the Holocaust and millions of others that were victims of Nazism. The UN urges every member state to develop educational programs to help prevent future genocides.

If there is any content that you would like to see in the newsletter feel free to send it over to Annakaren at anna.sanchez@unlv.edu