Dear FM Family,

Happy Nevada Day and Happy One Year Anniversary to our FM Newsletter!

It is hard to believe, but on October 19th, we marked one year since the inaugural edition of our UNLV FM Monthly Newsletter was first distributed. Thank you immensely to our editor and publisher, Annakaren Sanchez, who has done a tremendous job curating content from various sources and putting them into a readable and accessible format. Others behind the scenes deserve a hefty dose of credit as well: Maisara Abebe (Assistant Director of FM IT) for lending her expertise as our Accessibility Ambassador to ensure that the content meets accessibility standards; Carina Parisey (Personnel Technician 3) and Christina Bridges (Personnel Technician 2) with timely personnel information on anniversaries, birthdays, retirements, etc.; Haysam Selim Abdelhamid (FM IT System Administrator), and student workers Edwin Cordona Cortez, Ryan Backman and Will Rosas Gutierrez, with ‘FM @ Work’ and other important information technology and cybersecurity content and for digitally displaying the newsletter at our various monitor locations; Tara Pike (Recycling Manager / Sustainability Coordinator) with sustainability updates; and Heather Ortiz (Business Affairs Director of Communications) for her advisory role and her timely and helpful feedback. We continue to seek and appreciate your feedback and support, so to everyone who has provided content and/or feedback in the past year, Thank you and please keep them coming, and to those who have not, please consider sending us content and your ideas, for we cannot do this without your help.
Let us reflect on some of the highlights from the various editions of the newsletter in the past year, shall we? We sadly had occasion to reflect on the lives of those family members who we lost; we met Fabian’s handsome baby boy who I might add, should be in contention for Gerber Photo Search winner; we celebrated the great kudos and thanks given to our various team members from our customers; we recognized monthly award recipients; we were introduced to new team members and we are adding their photos, so that we can put names to faces; we celebrated our graduating student workers; we spotlighted several FM family members and we were introduced to our extended FM family members; we celebrated the return of our holiday gatherings and our FM barbecue; and certainly not least of all, we recognized and celebrated those FM family members who had given our university many years of service and had earned the opportunity to retire from state service.

As a result of your feedback, we have made some changes to the newsletter, such as publishing the upcoming month’s birthdays in the current edition so that we can properly, and more timely wish our FM family members happy birthday within our units. Thank you, Tara, for that feedback. Going forward, we will also publish the upcoming month’s diversity events and important dates so that our team members can plan to commemorate them in real time.

Walking through our campuses during this transition in seasons from summer to fall, I can’t help but marvel at the beauty of our campuses, as our FM family members are busy at work beautifying various parts of the campus communities. As fall brings a bit of a chill to the air and as tree leaves change color and fall to the ground in preparation for the growth of new leaves in the spring, we can appreciate the transformation.

Thank you for all the hard work each and every one of you does each day and night to make our university the best it can be. Be well and be safe!

In Community,
Musa
OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to all those celebrating this month!

Dinora Hernandez - 10/02
Ubaldo Olivas-Gallegos - 10/03
Deneisha Cole - 10/04
Cindi Redus - 10/04
Harley Vargas - 10/04
Jorge Guevara - 10/04
Nolan Manzanarez - 10/04
Ethan Overson - 10/05
Christopher Reece - 10/06
Raishaunda McCullah - 10/07
Adrienne Joyner - 10/07
Gary Gray - 10/08
Ronald Castillo - 10/08
Jaime Manzon - 10/08
La'Shay Lang - 10/09
Christopher Barlow - 10/12
Calvin Jones - 10/12
Alex Henriquez - 10/12
Edward Barone - 10/13
Cristina Judkins - 10/16
Jose Miramontes - 10/16
Eduardo Roblero-Galvez - 10/17
Gaspar Arana - 10/18
Lucila Hernandez - 10/18
Christina Bridges - 10/19
Dan Fry - 10/20
Thomas Cassoutt - 10/21
Annakaren Sanchez - 10/23
Barry Redmond Jr. - 10/23
Yahsin Armstrong - 10/24
Thomas Durbin - 10/24
Rebecca Sierra - 10/24
William Rosas Gutierrez - 10/24
Marlon Gray - 10/25
Salvador Villanueva - 10/26
Hector Mason - 10/29

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Hamilton McKinnon - 11/01
Patricia Ceballos-Victoria - 11/06
Ronald Rieger - 11/07
Hector Mariche - 11/08
Ofelia Aguila - 11/10
Rebeca Garcia - 11/11
Juan Jurado Servin - 11/11
Terral Risinger - 11/12
Angel Chacon - 11/13
Adan Alvarez-Huirton - 11/17
Kinesha Davis - 11/19
Jefferey Hahn - 11/19
Briann Gillilan - 11/20
Charlie Dalusong - 11/22
OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

29 years - Marlon Ratliff, Custodial Supervisor 1
28 years - Tara Pike, Recycling Manager/Campus Sustainability Coordinator
22 years - Justin Brown, Custodial Supervisor 1
19 years - Antonia Contreras, Custodial Worker 2
19 years - Kenneth Hughes, Construction Project Coordinator 2
16 years - Dinora Hernandez, Custodial Worker 2
16 years - Gilda Holliday, Supply Technician 2
13 years - Amando Campos, HVACR Specialist 2
13 years - James Kearney, Grounds Superintendent
8 years - Angel Chacon, HVACR Specialist 4
7 years - Lucila Hernandez, Custodial Worker 2
7 years - Jeremy Bart-Plange, HVACR Specialist 1
7 years - Larry Sierra, Plumber 2
7 years - Fabian Mendez, Electronics Technician 2
5 years - Damon Ford, Grounds Maintenance Worker 3

4 years - Marvin Rodriguez, Maintenance Repair Worker 3
4 years - Sean Smyth, Grounds Equipment Operator 2
4 years - Richard Carter, Custodial Worker 2
4 years - Ronald Ligon, Custodial Worker 2
1 year - Rayson Ruiz, Grounds Maintenance Worker 2
1 year - Bryan Chavez, Student Worker - Lockshop

Grounds Employee Recognition

April - Fernando Nuno-Ramirez
May - Aree Johnson
June - Lamont Fitzgerald
July - Sean Smyth
August - Marvin Rodriguez & DonCarlos Zurita
September - Jorge Vargas

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

Congratulations to all FM Trades and Custodial Employees!
EMLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

Ken Gonzalez, Maintenance Repair Worker 2,
Shadow Lane Campus

Tell us about your career at UNLV.

I have been with UNLV since February 2004. I started as a custodian on the Maryland Campus, then moved to the Shadow Lane Campus. As of now, I have the third longest tenure in the Facilities Management department at Shadow Lane.

What kinds of changes have you seen in the time you have been at UNLV?

In the time I have been here, I have seen many changes, such as updates to buildings, the new medical school, and other new buildings. When I started, we had the A, B and C buildings only on the Shadow Lane campus. Also the landscaping is all new, we have new lighting, new signs, and new people. The shaded seating areas outside are great to have. It’s nice to see the students outside eating lunch and taking breaks. When I go to the Maryland Campus to pick up parts, I have seen many changes there as well.

Tell us about your daily routine working at UNLV.

I make sure faucets, paper towel dispensers and other pieces of equipment are working. We have drains being changed out in about 150 sinks. All throughout the day, I work on work orders as they are submitted. I try to take care of the students and keep the systems working well so that they can study and graduate to become doctors taking care of the community.

Tell us about your team and coworkers on the Shadow Lane and Maryland campuses.

My coworkers are great. It’s hard to even call it a job because we all get along so well. I spend more time here than at home. FM crews at the Maryland campus are very helpful. If the warehouse doesn’t have something, they always help out, especially the plumbing crew who I deal with a lot. I have known Jason Nibert since I was in Custodial. He’s a good guy and will always help you out. I work well with them. Jarred Achong is the daytime person who helps me out a lot too.
EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT CONT’D

Ken Gonzalez, Maintenance Repair Worker 2,
Shadow Lane Campus

What do you do in your free time?

My wife and I are into Moose Lodges. In my free time, we help veterans, the homeless, and other volunteer organizations. I have been a four-time president, a trustee, and president for all the districts and for the legion. As a leader in the organization, I do a lot of traveling.

What advice do you have for our fellow UNLV FM family members?

My advice to fellow employees is to keep moving forward and the days will get better.
NEW EMPLOYEES, PROMOTIONS,
RESIGNATIONS AND RETIREMENTS

Welcome to all new employees and congratulations to those who received promotions this month!

RESIGNATIONS:

Juhn Lasquite,
Custodial Worker 1
9/24/22

Christopher Reece,
Custodial Worker 1
10/01/22

Ernestine Sims,
Custodial Worker 1
09/17/22

Anthony Piper,
Custodial Worker 1
10/01/22

PROMOTIONS:

Edwardo Roblero,
Grounds Maintenance Worker 3
previously Grounds Maintenance Worker 2
09/15/22

Aaron Guerrero,
Admin. Assistant II - Custodial
10.17.22

Cristina Barron,
Custodial Worker 1
10.03.22

Iris Connolly,
Grounds Maintenance Worker 5
10.17.22

Sergio Gamez,
Electronics Technician 2
10.17.22

Steven Fernandes,
Grounds Maintenance Worker 2
10.03.22

Travis Helmick,
Plumber 1
10.03.22
Our Landscaping and Grounds team members have planted some plants at the pollinator garden on 10/11/22. All plants will bring a variety of bees, birds, butterflies, and insects.

We expect the plants to bloom in the springtime. We still have a few additions going in at the garden, however feel free to go check it out!

It is located on the Northeast corner of Beam Music Hall!
DIVERSITY CORNER
OCTOBER

ADHD Awareness Month
Blindness Awareness Month
Breast Cancer Awareness Month
World Bullying Prevention Month

Mental Illness Awareness Week - Oct. 2nd - 8th
Columbus Day - Oct. 10th
Indigenous People’s Day - Oct. 10th
World Mental Health Day - Oct. 10th
Boss’s Day - Oct. 16th
Diwali - Oct. 24th
Nevada Day - Oct. 28th
Navy Day - Oct. 27th
Halloween - Oct. 31st

FM @ WORK

Terral Risinger, Maintenance Repair Specialist 2 and Trevin Stone, Maintenance Repair Specialist 1, repairing the UNLV sign at Greenspun Hall in October.

SECURITY AWARENESS NEWS

For more information on this month’s Security Awareness News, please click on the image to the right and you will be redirected to that newsletter.
DIVERSITY CORNER
NOVEMBER

Lung Cancer Awareness Month
National Native-American Heritage Month
National Epilepsy Awareness Month
World Kindness Week - Nov 13th - 19th

Day of the Dead - Nov. 1st - 2nd
Daylight Savings Ends - Nov. 6th (Fall Back)
Marine Corsp Birthday - Nov. 10th
Veterans Day - Nov. 11th
Thanksgiving - Nov. 24th
International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women - Nov. 25th

FM @ WORK

Esteban Solorio, Plumber 1, repairing a water leak at TBE-A.

REBEL SPIRIT AWARD

Congratulations to Juan Lino from the Plumbing shop in receiving this month’s Spirit Award!
CUSTOMER EXPERIENCE: KUDOS

Big shout out to the HVACR Team!

“Good Evening Musa & Don,

I can’t thank you and your team enough for all the work they did to repair the A/C in the Lobby of the Artemus W. Ham Concert Hall!

Of course it never fails that something of this magnitude would happen at a time when we are slammed with events!

THANK YOU!!!!”

- Lori Cobo,
  Executive Director
  UNLV Performing Arts Center

Thank you to the Custodial Team!

“A HUGE thank you for today! The building looks fabulous and more like Hospitality Hall again.
I am very grateful for your support and please share my appreciation with the surge team.”

- Maggie Hausbeck,
  Assistant Dean
  External Affairs, College of Hospitality
Business Affairs, SVP Jean Vock, was able to take photos with 2 Custodial staff who were working the Homecoming event this month!

David Jordan (Left), Jean Vock (Right)

Jean Vock (left), Simone Rice (right)
CUSTODIAL TEAM - RUBEN’S CREW

Thank you to Gilbert Gallegos, Custodial Supervisor 3, for submitting this photo of Ruben Maldonado’s crew

Front - (left to right) Pandora Jones, Orlakdy Jaime Manzon
Back - (Left to Right) Ruben Maldonado, Crystal Teisina (ABM Worker) Debra Schiavone, Antionett Graham, Johnathan Potts, Haydee Binkier, Michael R-Lewis (ABM Worker)

If you would like to submit content for the next newsletter please email Annakaren at anna.sanchez@unlv.edu