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Newsletter for the
Office of Administrative Services

NEW TRUCKS!

The USF waste management and recycling program recently completed a significant upgrade by trading in four aging trucks for two newer and more efficient models.

This transition marks the culmination of two years of preparation and dedicated effort, involving close collaboration between the truck operators, the Vehicle Maintenance team, and OAS leadership.

Instead of four larger trucks, the team now operates with two smaller, more maneuverable trucks, along with backup vehicles. The new trucks are better suited for navigating University roads and accessing buildings with limited access points, in addition to offering improved safety and visibility for drivers.

Research revealed that the 25-yard trucks were not being filled to capacity, meaning that drivers were making unnecessary trips to waste disposal facilities. By upgrading to new trucks, Vehicle Maintenance aims to maintain service availability while optimizing efficiency.

Recycling Truck Operator, José Tirado, advocated for the replacement of the retired trucks, citing their increasing inefficiency and costly maintenance due to frequent breakdowns. He is enthusiastic about the new trucks and believes they will greatly benefit his team and the university's waste management operations.

From left to right, José Tirado, Jimmy Davis, Lincey Araya and Frank Bermudez next to the old and new recycling trucks.

EMPLOYEE PROFILE

CONNOR GUENETTE
POSTAL SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE
POST OFFICE

Connor has been an integral part of OAS for over a year now. As a dedicated Postal Service Representative, his typical day at work involves delivering mail, assisting customers at the Post Office contract unit, and ensuring packages reach their destinations promptly.

Connor is also a member of the Employee Engagement Team, and his advice to new employees is to take advantage of every opportunity that comes their way.

What he likes the most about the Post Office is the friendly work environment. Connor says his colleagues are like family to him, and he enjoys the close bond they share.

Connor was born and raised in Tampa, and in his free time, he enjoys exploring downtown, going to the beach, and cheering on the Bucs with his brother. You may also find him golfing or bowling with his friends on the weekends.

When Connor wants to relax, he enjoys watching episodes of The Office or immersing himself in the Star Wars saga. For dining out, he loves Chicken Salad Chick, and he highly recommends trying Larry's Diner in Land O'Lakes.

Do you want to help shape the future of OAS?

The Employee Engagement Team is looking for new members!

Apply at tinyurl.com/EET-Application or scan the QR code.

CAMPUS SAFETY DAY

On February 5th, the University of South Florida held its annual Campus Safety Day, a collaborative effort between the USF Police Department and the Department of Emergency Management. The event aimed to equip members of the USF community with essential safety skills, disaster preparedness knowledge, and crime prevention strategies.

With over 30 participating groups, including key campus safety entities like the USF Police Department, Emergency Management, and Environmental Health and Safety, the event provided a comprehensive overview of available resources to ensure the safety of the USF community. Attendees engaged in hands-on activities such as fire extinguisher training and witnessed a detection K9 demonstration by the USF Police Department K9 unit featuring K9 Alma and K9 Toro.

In addition to interactive sessions, Campus Safety Day offered educational opportunities on various safety topics through informational booths and presentations. Attendees had the chance to learn about crime prevention techniques, fire safety protocols, and disaster preparedness essentials.

One of the standout features of the event was the "passport card" system, encouraging attendees to explore different booths and get their cards stamped for entry into raffle drawings. This incentivized engagement and ensured participants gained exposure to a wide range of safety resources available both on and off-campus.

During the event, guest speakers from the USF Leadership Team, Student Government, Police Department, and Emergency Management spoke about the safety of the USF community.

Antonio Morales receiving an Certificate of Appreciation for his outstanding performance as the Master of Ceremony at the Campus Safety Day.

WORK ANNIVERSARIES

ATHLETICS DISTRICT FACILITIES

Anthony Vasquez	6
Janice Miller	4

BUILDING SERVICES

Lucy Troupe	23
Catherine Silva	5
Adriana Floyd	5
Marquis Wright	1
Brian Santana	1
Eric Peloquin	1
Audie De Jesus	1

DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION

Daoud Georgis	6
Paola Feliz Munoz	1

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH & SAFETY

Roy Clark	23
Joseph Rogers	7

GROUNDS

Vincent Plummer	1

WELCOMING NEW ADDITIONS

Jarrod Andrews
Custodial Worker
Building Services

Gregory Zdunowski
Groundskeeper
Grounds

Michelle Saeger
Custodial Worker
Building Services

Mulchan Harrypersad
Custodial Worker
Building Services

Jose Tejada
Transit Bus Driver
Parking and Transportation Svc

Dustin Williams
Custodial Worker
Athletics District Facilities

CONGRATULATIONS ON THE PROMOTION!

Krista Schmidt
Business Administrator
Business Center

Claudia Faessler
Sr Custodial Worker
Building Services

James Mcclendon
Sr Groundskeeper
Grounds

RETIREMENTS

Stephen Fordyce
General Maintenance Tech II
Maint & Special Allocation
11 Years of Service

John Greiff
Building Systems Control Tech
Utilities
19 Years of Service

WORK ANNIVERSARIES (CONTINUED)

MAINT & SPECIAL ALLOCATION

Donald Jackson	30
Walter Bartley	12
David Dickman	12
Karl Schmidt	11
Stephen Fordyce	11
Albert McDuffus	8

PARKING & TRANSPORTATION

Belissa McLendon	24
Crystal James	5
Garret Johnson	1

POST OFFICE

Fanny Florez Vinasco	1
Connor Guenette	1

UTILITIES

Robert Contorno	9