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Newsletter for the Office of Administrative Services



Learn ways you can prevent stormwater pollution on campus

Did you know that one gallon of oil can contaminate up to one million gallons of water? Human activity is largely responsible for stormwater pollution. Anything that goes on the ground or down the storm drain can end up in our lakes, rivers, and eventually our drinking water. Examples of stormwater pollution include vehicle washing and maintenance in parking lots, dumping trash or wastewater into storm drains, and allowing runoff from pressure washing into storm drains.

Water in the USF storm sewer system enters Lake Behnke and other area streams, eventually running into the Hillsborough River. In general, curb drains and drains with open metal grates are part of the USF storm sewer system. Any discharge to these structures, intentionally or accidentally, is an illicit discharge and is prohibited at USF.

Remember - Only Rain Down the Drain!

Please visit the USF Stormwater Management program website to learn about:

- Stormwater regulations
- Why stormwater pollution is harmful
- How you can help USF minimize stormwater pollution

To report illicit discharges or spills to the storm sewer system, please contact Environmental Health & Safety at 813-974-4036. Outside of business hours, contact University Police at 813-974-2628.



EMPLOYEE PROFILE

JOE PELLETIER

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF FACILITIES ATHLETICS FACILITIES SERVICES

Joe Pelletier joined USF Athletics Facilities Services as Assistant Director of Facilities in November 2021. Originally from New Hampshire, he lived in Naples for over 20 years and moved to Tampa four years ago.

Joe's typical day at work involves repairing various items and ensuring everything runs smoothly. What he loves most about his job is the opportunity to use his talent for fixing things to make people happy. Being the go-to person for repairs, he enjoys knowing he's valued and

appreciated by his colleagues for his ability to solve their problems.

Outside of work, Joe is an avid traveler. He enjoys going on cruises and exploring various destinations with his wife, such as the Caribbean and Hawaii. They have a trip to Europe planned in October to celebrate Joe's 60th birthday!

His TV lineup includes favorites like Peaky Blinders, Game of Thrones, and Ted Lasso. He recently watched Dune 2 at the theater and really enjoyed the sci-fi spectacle. When eating out, his go-to is Forbici Modern Italian in Hyde Park Village.



NEW LOCATION: Marshall Student Center Room 2708

TAKE YOUR CHILD TO WORK DAY

OAS hosted the Take Your Child to Work Day on April 25, the national day that gives children a glimpse into the working world!

The event included a tour of campus and a few other exciting and interactive activities for school-aged children, including learning about fire safety, and making "Elephant Toothpaste" — a fun experiment that involves a foaming chemical reaction that resembles a giant tube of toothpaste.

Take Your Child to Work Day was a great opportunity for employees to show their kids what they do in OAS!



OAS employees and their children at the Take Your Child to Work Day.





Kids learning how to safely remove gloves (left) and learning how to use a fire extinguisher (right).



Kids interacting with USF Police.

WORK ANNIVERSARIES

OFFICE OF THE VP

Aaron Nichols 9

BUSINESS CENTER

Jose Garcia 1

ATHLETICS DISTRICT FACILITIES

Juan Carlin	13
Scott Grace	12

BUILDING SERVICES

Jose Marte	20
Tony Hardy	17
Florencio Molina	17
Ana Garcia Quintana	14
Shanna Munn	1

DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION

Sarah Baynard	19
Donald Crosby	11

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH & SAFETY

Sean Rainey 10

FIRE SAFETY

Jerry McGinnis	10
Mark Tighe	5

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QUIET QUALITY AWARD

Nic Wilson is a valued member of Parking and Transportation Services, serving as a Parking Events Specialist since 2019.

Nic was recently chosen as the recipient of a Quiet Quality Award due to his excellence at work. He is known for his willingness to help, ability to train student employees, and attention to detail. A recent example of his dedication was seen during the USF commencement. Nic arrived early on the day of the event and went out of his way help arrange signings, contact everyone involved, and confirm the locations of



Nic Wilson embodies the values and standards of the Quiet Quality Award.

shuttle bus stops. His help was invaluable in ensuring everything was set and ready to go smoothly during the ceremonies.

Congratulations to Nic on this well-deserved recognition! You can nominate coworkers for USF Quiet Quality Awards at tinyurl.com/qqaform.

ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION

On April 26th, the Campus Tree Committee hosted an Arbor Day Celebration, an event dedicated to encouraging people to celebrate and plant trees. During the afternoon, members of the USF Tree Committee gathered by the Chemistry building to celebrate the trees on campus and participate in a planting ceremony. AVP Everett Simmons, Sustainability Manager Suchi Daniels, and a Tampa Electric (TECO) representative also spoke at the event.











WORK ANNIVERSARIES (CONTINUED)

MAINT & SPECIAL ALLOCATION

Barry Fernandez	37
Harry Veras-Rodriguez	23
Cesar Rivera	1

PARKING & TRANSPORTATION

Manuel Bermudez	24
Rex Dunkel	18
Nereo Rojas	16
Walton Mattei	8
Mary Colini	8
Jairo Fierro	5

PLANNING

Damon	Gonzalez	27
Ramon	GONZAIEZ	//

UTILITIES

Chris Fleischer	30
Phillip Ippolito	10

VEHICLE SHOP

Carlos Ramirez Padua 3

OLD BOILERS REMOVAL

The Central Plant legacy steam boilers were replaced with newer, more efficient, condensate boilers. They are also safer than steam boilers because they don't operate under high pressure, reducing the risk of accidents.

The new boilers have better distributed redundancy, which is a way to make systems more reliable and resilient against failures. If a backup fails, others kick in to keep things going.

The new boilers will be a great improvement for the Tampa campus infrastructure. The project was recommended based on cost savings, energy reduction, age of existing equipment, environmental impact, and the needs of the university.





Old boilders being removed from Central Plant.

EET CHANCE DRAWING

There will be a chance drawing done by the Employee Engagement Team (EET) within the next week. There are three items:

- A gift basket from the credit union which includes a \$100 Amazon gift card;
- Two tickets to Lowry Park Zoo;
- Four tickets to one Tampa Bay Rays baseball game.

Please email the EET at OASEngagement@usf.edu if you are interested in entering the drawing, and indicate which item you are interested in. You may only select one of the items. The drawing will be held in 7 days (May 17th) and recipients will be announced via email.

WELCOMING NEW ADDITIONS

Ahmed Elaidy

Emergency Management Coord I Emergency Management Jaelen Small Groundskeeper Grounds

Jane Bickerstaff

Transit Bus Driver Parking and Transportation Svc Jason Francis Asst Fire Safety Manager Fire Safety

Major Williams III

Custodial Worker Building Services & Vending Manohar Lal Transit Bus Driver Parking and Transportation Svc

Meseret Wendmagegn

Custodial Worker Building Services Rebecca Addison Assistant Director Business Center

Rogree Williams

Groundskeeper Grounds Scott Fox Director

Parking and Transportation Svc

Sean Hayden

Fiscal & Business Analyst I Business Center Steven McDonald

Groundskeeper Grounds

Vernisha Cooper

Transit Bus Driver
Parking and Transportation Svc

Wilson Contreras

Custodial Worker Athletics District Facilities