

STORMWATER SOLUTION UNDERWAY

Design and Construction is installing an underground vault in the parking lot on Chestnut Drive to help with stormwater mitigation. This project aims to divert excess stormwater and prevent flooding in the area. The primary concern is the chiller plant across the street, where heavy rains could cause water to infiltrate the transformer that powers the chillers. If this transformer is compromised, it could result in a loss of cold water needed for air conditioning in nearby buildings.

To address this, the team is increasing the size of the storm drain lines on Chestnut Drive and installing an underground vault, essentially an underground retention pond. During heavy rain, this vault will collect excess water, preventing accumulation on the street and protecting critical infrastructure.

Design began in June 2022, and construction started two weeks ago. The project is being executed in three phases. Phase one involves the parking lot and is expected to be completed by mid to late July. Phase two entails crossing Holly Drive and should be finished by early August, and phase three focuses on Chestnut Drive and is expected to be completed by the first week of September.



Stormwater mitigation initiative along Holly Drive aims to address frequent flooding issues and protect the university's central plant during periods of heavy rain.



EMPLOYEE PROFILE

CLARISSA GRANT MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Clarissa has been a part of USF Emergency Management as a Management Coordinator for almost a year. Before moving to Tampa 8 years ago, Clarissa moved frequently due to her military family, relocating from Georgia and South Carolina to Florida.

Clarissa's workday is dynamic and often unpredictable, which involves preparedness and coordination but can quickly shift due to unexpected incidents. Her work typically involves conducting training sessions, public outreach, and responding to any incidents on campus.

Her favorite part of her job is the unpredictability and the opportunity to excel during emergencies. She also enjoys being able to apply her expertise to handle any crises that may occur. The thrill of never knowing what each day will bring keeps her passionate and engaged.

Outside of work, Clarissa is an avid filmmaker who writes, produces, and directs her own short films. Her work has been selected to participate in renowned festivals, including the Orlando and Tampa International Film Festivals. One of her short films, Dwelling, was recently accepted into a festival. You can watch it by visiting tinyurl.com/ShortFilmDwelling.

OAS EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Nominate a coworker by **July 26th**
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Thank you for taking the time to recognize your peers!



EMERGENCY-READY BULLS: USF YOUTH DISASTER CAMP

A Disaster Camp was held at USF Tampa from June 10 to 14. It was organized by the Office of Youth Experience at USF, in collaboration with OAS Emergency Management. The camp aimed to educate and engage kids from 7 to 12 grade in various aspects of emergency management, including public health, law enforcement, and disaster preparedness.

The goal was to provide hands-on, interactive experiences for the kids, exposing them to different careers and skills within emergency management. This included a field trip to the National Weather Service and interactive sessions with Tampa General Hospital and the USF Police Department. Activities ranged from CPR and Stop the Bleed certifications to simulations that tested the kids' knowledge and skills.

The inaugural Disaster Camp not only equipped 26 young participants with crucial emergency management skills but also sparked interest in public safety careers, setting a strong foundation for what organizers hope will become an annual tradition.



Stop the Bleed (top left), CPR (top right), and fire suppression training sessions during disaster camp.

WORK ANNIVERSARIES

BUSINESS CENTER

Jeonghyon Kim 7

BUILDING SERVICES

Ermilot Blanc 19

Stevette Reeves 7

Troy Pope Sr 1

DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION

Kamau Haynes 1

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH & SAFETY

Julie Van Horn 12

Yessabel Moore 1

FACILITIES INFORMATION SVCS

Hari Patel 9

KEY SHOP

James Cobb 1

MAINT & SPECIAL ALLOCATION

John McCall 27

POST OFFICE

Angelica Dungan 1

UTILITIES

John Benedict 7

PARKING & TRANSPORTATION

Gareth Neville 13

Linda Breakey 11

Beth Anne Collins 10

Kimberly Sanchez 3

Kathleen Roesti 2

USF'S SUSTAINABLE SAVINGS

USF has recently earned \$100,162 in TECO rebates by replacing chiller equipment in the Southeast Chiller Plant and upgrading existing facility energy management systems in four buildings: Student Services, College of Behavioral and Community Sciences, Library, and College of Public Health. The OAS Planning department will also pursue rebates for the Central Chiller Plant, Theatre I, Judy Genshaft Honors College, Student Health & Wellness Center, and Porter Family Indoor Performance Facility.

These initiatives lower operating costs and maintenance and contribute to environmental sustainability by reducing energy consumption. Additionally, pursuing rebates brings an opportunity to re-invest the money into more energy-saving projects for USF, allowing the university to continue to advance its sustainability goals as part of the larger community.

SUSTAINABLE FACILITIES

LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certifications, awarded by the U.S. Green Building Council, recognize buildings for their sustainability and environmental performance. The certification levels—Certified, Silver, Gold, and Platinum—are based on points earned across categories such as water efficiency, energy use, materials, indoor environmental quality, and innovation.

Three construction projects at USF have recently been LEED-certified: the Judy Genshaft Honors College, the Wellness Center, and the Porter Family Indoor Performance Facility. Awarded LEED Silver, the Judy Genshaft Honors College has sustainable features like native landscaping, efficient irrigation, low-flow fixtures, energy-efficient lighting and HVAC systems, and recycling facilities.

Other LEED-certified facilities on campus include the Residential Village, Health Student Center, Marshall Student Center, Interdisciplinary Science Building, and the Dr. Kiran C. Patel Center for Global Solutions. The university's commitment to pursuing LEED certifications enhances the university's reputation, reduces operational costs, and promotes a healthier environment for students, staff, and the surrounding community.

WELCOMING NEW ADDITIONS

Allen Washington
Custodial Worker
Building Services & Vending

Benjamin Boderick III
Groundskeeper
Grounds

Cameron LeBlanc
Plant Operator I
Utilities

Cristian Vargas Suarez
Groundskeeper
Grounds

Emma Valle
Custodial Worker
Building Services & Vending

Frank Castellucci
Plant Operator I
Utilities

James Anderson
Groundskeeper
Grounds

Julia Lowhorn
Transit Bus Driver
Parking and Transportation Svc

Nicholas Powell
Safety & Compliance Officer
Environmental Health & Safety

Shawn Eady
Custodial Worker
Maint & Special Allocation

Thomas Sullivan
Groundskeeper
Athletics District Facilities

Toney Robson
Plant Operator I
Utilities

