

July 2024

Newsletter for the Office of Administrative Services

STORMREADY CERTIFICATION EFFORTS

On July 26th, representatives from USF Emergency Management visited the National Weather Service (NWS) facility in Ruskin as part of as part of USF's StormReady certification program. This visit helps to strengthen relationships with weather experts and enhance severe weather preparedness strategies.

During the visit, EM representatives also discussed the upcoming SKYWARN Storm Spotter training, which is set to take place in January. This annual training provides participants with the skills to observe and report severe weather conditions.

StormReady helps community leaders and emergency managers strengthen local safety programs, enhancing community preparedness through advanced planning and education. USF's ongoing collaboration with the NWS ensures that the university remains equipped with accurate forecasts and tools for effective severe weather management.



Representatives from the National Weather Service, USF Emergency Management St. Petersburg, and USF Emergency Management Tampa at the National Weather Service facility.



EMPLOYEE PROFILE

ORLANDO RIVERA

PARKING ENFORCEMENT SPECIALIST PARKING AND TRANSPORTATION

Orlando has worked in Parking and Transportation Services for 19 years. He is a proud team member and his typical day at work involves helping students and parents find their way around the campus, issuing citations, and maintaining a positive environment.

What Orlando likes most about his job is helping people and making them feel safe and guided. He enjoys assisting them in finding the right parking lot and navigating the campus.

Orlando's advice to new employees is to be patient and understanding. He acknowledges that citations can lead to tense situations when people want to express their frustration. Orlando recommends remaining calm and professional while following procedures.

In his free time, Orlando loves traveling and learning about different cultures. He finds joy in exploring new countries and meeting new people. Additionally, Orlando is a fitness enthusiast who frequently hits the gym. His passion for training led him to participate in the Spartan Race, hosted at Raymond James Stadium in Tampa, which covers five kilometers and features over 20 obstacles.

Orlando is originally from Puerto Rico and moved to Tampa in 2001. He enjoys exploring different beaches and walking through natural parks, and his favorite place in Tampa is Busch Gardens, where he enjoys seeing various animals and the thrill of roller coasters.



CONNECTING THEORY AND PRACTICE IN SUSTAINABILITY

On July 25, Mechanical Engineer Don Crosby and Glen Aleo, Assistant Director of Building Maintenance, led USF students on a tour of the Judy Genshaft Honors College HVAC suite.

Prior to the tour, Crosby and Toufic Moumne, Director of Maintenance and Utility Services, presented on efficient air cooling and dehumidification. In the presentation, they highlighted the HVAC system's Energy Recovery Ventilation (ERV) process and Energy Wheel components of the Honors College's Dedicated Outdoor Air System (DOAS-1). This system recovers energy from exhaust air to precondition incoming air, reducing energy use and contributing to the building's LEED certification. Students then took a tour to observe the ERV equipment in action, experiencing firsthand the air temperature and humidity differences before and after the energy recovery process.

Dr. Ghebremichael from the Patel College of Global Sustainability, who teaches the students and accompanied the group, emphasized the value of these tours in connecting theoretical sustainability and energy efficiency concepts with practical applications. Freshman Paris Seagrave expressed excitement about understanding how the Energy Wheel cools and dehumidifies Florida's hot, humid air.

On August 1, Sustainability Manager Suchi Daniels also visited Dr. Ghebremichael's class. She presented on the sustainability initiatives of the Patel College of Global Sustainability and organized a LEED scavenger hunt, guiding students to explore key sustainability topics through building signage.

These tours are held regularly and offer a valuable opportunity to see how theoretical concepts are applied in real-world settings, providing students with practical insights into engineering and sustainability.





Students tour the Honors College HVAC suite (left) and participate in a sustainability scavenger hunt at the Patel College of Global Sustainability (right).

WORK ANNIVERSARIES

BUICINIESS CENTED

DUSINESS CENTER	
Gregory Williams	8
ATHLETICS DISTRICT FACIL	ITIES
Timothy McInnis	6
Brenda Andujar Colon	3
Joseph Pelletier	2
Levidica Hudson	1
BUILDING SERVICES	
Sonia Jackson	34
Neftali Espana	34
Julia Cummings	19
Danielle Hill	15
Falicia Royal	15
Erickson Amida	14
Priscilla Stevens	12
Ashley James	6
Imane El Aassouli	4
Antonio Fipps	2
Ashley Kennerly	1
DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION	
Christopher Martin	7
Paige Kaplan	2
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH	& SAFETY
Lindsey Hanson	9
Maria Fernanda Davila	3
FIRE SAFETY	
Gregory Lewis	26

CHILLING OUT WITH A POPSICLE POP-UP

During the week of July 10, the Employee Engagement Team celebrated summer by visiting different OAS areas and bringing icy treats for everyone to enjoy!



Brian Davis from Parking and Transportation Services says he always looks forward to the popsicle pop-ups. He loves the fun decorations, snacks, and the nostalgic ice cream truck vibe that the event brings.



It was ASBC employee Emmanuela Etienne's first popsicle pop-up! She enjoyed the lively atmosphere, the music, and was pleasantly surprised by the great setup!



Administrative Services
Business Center



Employee Engagement Team



Facilities Information Services



Parking and Transportation Services



Building Services



Grounds

"Who knew a little treat could turn your whole day around!?"

Gretchen Spiewak
 University Police and Public Safety

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WELCOMING NEW ADDITIONS

Amber Floyd

Custodial Worker Building Services & Vending

Cody Liniger

Insurance Coordinator
Environmental Health & Safety

Diana Whitehead

Groundskeeper Grounds

Henry Schukraft

Construction Project Coord I Design and Construction

Joey Mirabal

Groundskeeper Grounds

Maira Colon

Custodial Worker Building Services & Vending

Bradley Hammond

Construction Project Coord I Design and Construction

Danicia Brown

Parking Enforcement Specialist Parking and Transportation Svc

Gwendolyn Smith

Transit Bus Driver Parking and Transportation Svc

Jason Kammerdiener

Plant Operator I Utilities

Louis Garcia

Grounds Superintendent Athletics District Facilities

Sean Sourk

General Maintenance Tech I Maint & Special Allocation

CONGRATULATIONS ON THE PROMOTION

Major Williams III

Sr Custodial Worker Building Services & Vending

RETIREMENTS

Karl Schmidt

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

Jose Rodriguez

Plumber II
Maint & Special Allocation
17 Years of Service

WORK ANNIVERSARIES (CONTINUED)

GROUNDS

Gerardo Fernandez	26
Keith Gladden	2
Christopher Sanz	1

HEALTH DISTRICT FACILITIES

Ronald Krausman	15
Michael Andrews	7
Gregory Rogers	6

KEY SHOP

Eric Berrios 7

MAINT & SPECIAL ALLOCATION

Robert Gonzalez	29
Danny Stearns	12
Jason Ramos	5

UTILITIES

Charles Hamilton	16
Jeremy Ocasio	12
Lon Crawford	6

PARKING & TRANSPORTATION

Ivette Torres	26
Tracy DeCrescenzo	9
Mikael Stead	8
Robert Felice	3
Rachaphol Prasartseree	1