

# FACILITIES FOCUS

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## Friday Messages from Facilities Services AVC

I wanted to begin a new weekly email communication that would offer some facilities updates, general thoughts, and observations.

You will see an email from me on Fridays with these highlights going forward. I hope that you read them and feel free to reply with questions, comments, or thoughts.



Adam Schnirel

So far, these updates have included thanking everyone for stepping up this summer to prepare the campus for another year, sharing the chancellor's retirement news, being mindful of driving around campus now that students are back, the opening of the new School of Business building, and welcoming our student workers and new College Corps fellow for the year.



Javier Pulido, left, and Matthew Munton, right, apply coats of paint throughout Genomics's interior. (UCR/Cory Gryniuk)

(UCR/Matthew Munton)

## COLORFUL REFRESH FOR GENOMICS INTERIOR

The first floor of the Genomics Building corridor is being refreshed by the paint and carpentry shops. Carpenter **Santos Godina** installed 25 new, corner guards and about 300 feet of chair rail to protect the walls. Painters **Matthew Munton** and **Javier Pulido** painted three different colors in the hallway and main elevator waiting room. With completion nearing soon, it's looking great so far!

## STAFF MILESTONES

25 YEARS

Erik Gutierrez  
Grounds Equipment Operator

10 YEARS

Curtis White  
Fire Mechanic

5 YEARS

Ethan Armstrong  
HVAC Mechanic

Joey Tovar  
Electrician

## ORGANIZATIONAL UPDATES

### ARE YOU PURCHASING WITH A COA?

- All requests for purchases using an on-campus/internal vendor need a correct COA provided by ASSET. Please work with your supervisor on these types of purchases or submit the Smartsheet **[purchase request form](#)**.
- Examples of on-campus/internal vendors include: Ag Ops Machine Shop, EH&S, ITS, Parking Services, Dining Services, Scot Surplus, and Mail Services.

### CHANGE TO FS EMAIL ACCOUNTS

- On December 5 at 7 PM, FS employees' email accounts will convert from Outlook to Gmail. The purpose is to have faculty and staff on the same R'Mail system. Visit **[its.ucr.edu/rmail](https://its.ucr.edu/rmail)** for information about the change and helpful resources, including on-demand training videos and documentation on Gmail and Google Calendar.

## HR FOCUSED

### OCTOBER

Tell a friend! FS Human Resources is partnering with Workforce Development and EDD to host a hiring event. Same day offers for sr. custodian and groundskeeper positions.

When: Friday, October 25 from 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Where: Riverside WFD Offices, 1325 Spruce Street, Riverside, CA 92507

October is Mental Health Awareness Month! Did you know 1 in 4 people over the age of 18 experience mental health issues? Check out campus resources and support—

Faculty and Staff Assistance Program — [bit.ly/4haEhky](https://bit.ly/4haEhky)

Counseling and Psychological Services — [bit.ly/4gXvjaf](https://bit.ly/4gXvjaf)

Health and Welfare Benefits — [bit.ly/3A4rShv](https://bit.ly/3A4rShv)

### NOVEMBER

Facilities Services is supporting R'Pantry food drive efforts. Help us fight food insecurity! Look for donation bins in the admin offices, shops, and Annex B. View the R'Pantry wish list here— [bit.ly/4eVYGb8](https://bit.ly/4eVYGb8).

Fidelity Financial is hosting a private Introduction to Financial Wellness information session for all FS staff. Please join the conversation—

Wednesday, November 6 from 6-7 AM at Chung Hall 138

Wednesday, November 6 from 11 AM - 12 PM at EH&S Lyceum

Thursday, November 7 from 5:30-6:30 PM at EH&S Lyceum

Open Enrollment is October 31 through November 22. Do you need to change your benefits? For more information visit [hr.ucr.edu/open-enrollment](https://hr.ucr.edu/open-enrollment).

## PLUMBING TEAM TAKES CARE OF PIPELINE

The Aerial Methane Mapping Program by the local gas company utilizes aerial technology to scan leaks in distribution pipelines. A leak located at Agricultural Operations was a high priority repair and required heavy equipment and precision excavating due to other utilities in the area.

The plumbing shop diligently reviewed existing site plans and worked closely with the gas company to prevent any type of disruption to service.

Plumbers **Steve Crook**, **Jeff Wyrick**, and **Omar Medel** completed the repair within a week and were recognized for their hard work and persistence to find and complete the repair.



(UCR/Rich Cordova)