

# FACILITIES FOCUS

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The plumbing shop recently removed a 400-horsepower pump for service repairs.  
(UCR/Rich Cordova)



**PUMPING UP** Our campus has a system of two 250 horsepower pumps, and two 400 horsepower pumps to move domestic water up to a 1-million gallon tank. The City of Riverside supplies the campus with water, but the pressure is only about 12 psi. Our large pumps move the low-pressure water up to our tank, and from the tank the campus is provided with water via gravity. Without the use of the pumps and the gravity system, there would not be water above the first or second floor in any building.

## CELEBRATING NEW STAFF!



**LUPE ARIAS**  
LIMITED SR. CUSTODIAN  
STARTED OCT. 21



**EMMANUEL CASTILLO**  
SR. CUSTODIAN  
STARTED OCT. 28



**DONALD JACKSON**  
SR. CUSTODIAN  
STARTED OCT. 28



**BIANCA O'NEAL**  
LIMITED SR. CUSTODIAN  
STARTED OCT. 21



**FRANCISCO "PACO" PEREZ**  
LIMITED SR. CUSTODIAN  
STARTED OCT. 16



**ALEJANDRO SILVA**  
LABORER  
STARTED OCT. 21

## YOU WOWED US, WE TOOK NOTICE...

Kudos to the following teams for abating and remodeling the BMS office:

Painters **Matthew Munton & Javier Pulido** for disappearing the water damage and paint blisters; carpenter **Dustin Gale** for restoring the floors; sheet metal workers **Laszlo Nemeth** and **Daniel Mendez** for making the rack server seismically safe; and maintenance supervisor, **Cory Gryniuk**, for his professional management of the project.

Kudos to **Dan Lerman**, assistant director of Project Management, for his work to execute the move of the PM team into the FS shops.



**BMS office**  
(UCR/Chris Flanders)

# Are you ready?

Your UCR email is migrating on Dec 6

Contact [alexandra.zapata@ucr.edu](mailto:alexandra.zapata@ucr.edu)



## CONGRATS TO OUR PUMPKIN CARVING WINNERS!

**Director's Favorite:** *Pumpkin Posse*  
Alex Zapata, Lauren Lopez, Jeffrey Beal, Maggie Figueroa

**Adam's Favorite:** *Plumb Kings*  
Rich Cordova, Steve Crook, Jeff Wyrick, Christopher Meyrstick, Jess Guzman

**Fan Favorite:** *Creeping it Real*  
John Starling, Tim Gutzwiller, Roberto Martinez



Fan Favorite: Creeping it Real

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### STAFF MILESTONES

#### 10 YEARS

Linda Bejenaru  
Project Reporting Analyst  
Kenworth Gardiner  
Sr. Custodian

#### 5 YEARS

Erin McBride  
Groundskeeper  
Rubi Meza  
Sr. Custodian  
Chad Sisco  
Interim Director, Energy & Engineering

## ORGANIZATIONAL UPDATES

### FOSSIL FREE BY 2045 STUDY

- A UCR task force, which included FS, reached a huge milestone for the campus recently by completing a decarbonization study. The study identified eight potential pathways for the campus to achieve at least a 90% reduction in emissions.
- Read the study at [bit.ly/3Y57QPH](https://bit.ly/3Y57QPH).

### ARE YOU PURCHASING WITH A COA?

- All requests for purchases using an on-campus/ internal vendor — such as ScotSurplus, EH&S, and the Ag Ops Machine Shop — need a correct COA provided by ASSET. Please work with your supervisor on these types of purchases or submit the Smartsheet [purchase request form](#).



## HR FOCUSED

### 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).

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).



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