

# FACILITIES FOCUS

ASSET • Central Plant • Client Support Services • Energy & Engineering • Project Management  
Custodial & Resource Services • Landscape Services • FS Administration • Maintenance Services

JANUARY 2026

## CELEBRATING NEW STAFF & PROMOTIONS!



**ALMA CASTILLEJOS**  
SR. CUSTODIAN  
HIRED DEC. 15



**MAGDALENA CHAVEZ**  
SR. CUSTODIAN  
HIRED DEC. 15



**WILLY CUELLAR**  
FACILITIES PROJ. MGMT. SPEC.  
HIRED JAN. 5



**KORA DEY**  
CSS STUDENT ASSISTANT  
HIRED JAN. 13



**COREY FORD**  
GROUNDSKEEPER  
HIRED JAN. 5



**EVAN OSBORN**  
PAINTER  
HIRED JAN. 12



**STEPHANIE HUERTA**  
SR. CUSTODIAN  
HIRED DEC. 15



**AMY MARTINEZ**  
LEAD CUSTODIAN  
PROMOTED DEC. 8



**JERDELL WILLIAMS**  
SR. CUSTODIAN  
HIRED DEC. 15



### ***Ready, set, unveiling soon!***

The Building Mechanical and HVAC-R shop will be the first to request materials and parts from the FS Warehouse's on-hand inventory using the FAMIS 360 mobile app, followed by the Plumbing shop.



## Applauding hard work during the holiday break

Facilities Services recognizes the outstanding efforts of our dedicated teams who went above and beyond while working during the winter break.

Thank you to **Ethan Armstrong, Ryan Glaze, Robert Pesic, Roland Perez, Julian Parra, Brian Sundstrom, Nick Aydelott, and Alex Forero** from the Building Mechanical and HVAC-R shop for their support of the UTLF construction project in vault 30. The contractor successfully installed 20-inch chilled water valves. Additionally, the team completed various other projects while the buildings were unoccupied.

Kudos to painters **Adam Carter, Marty Martinez, and Javier Pulido** for transforming multiple rooms and a classroom in the Humanities & Social Sciences building, as well as the front office of Facilities Services. **Steve Crook** supported plumbing, and **Willy Cuellar** supported several projects.

We also appreciate the efforts of **Jeff Coppage, Mark Santoro, John Kendrick, and Ben Kochevar** for their critical support in maintaining fire and life safety standards.

**Brenda Vejar** worked on a wide range of projects and covered support for the Project Management Team.

Our Central Plant team, including **James Gibson, Marco Lemus, Victor Salazar, Ricardo Rodriguez, Daemi Beltran, Rudy Hernandez, Dylan Azevedo, Shyreal Salogaol, Shannon Arms, and Jose Marcial**, played an essential role in keeping the campus operational during this period.

**Rogier Tenhoorn, Delvin Lucas, Steve Smith, and Carlos Flores** assisted with refuse and recycling

services, while **Jock Thomas, Jorge Serrato, Luis Jacobo, Chris Stockton, Francisco Hernandez, Filemon Torres, Dan Brown, Pedro Hurtado, Ricky Salinas, Mark Jones, and Joe Candias** supported landscaping for campus, parking, housing, and athletics.

Thank you to **Tanya Morales, Norma Uriarte, Bunnary Young, Rosemary Adame, and Ruth Ebilene** for coming in to support custodial services.

Throughout the winter curtailment period, the Client Support Services team, including **Darrian Barrera and Alan Siero**, actively monitored our systems to identify emergency and urgent issues. They checked the Facilities Services workbench, emails, and voicemails, working closely with the central plant team to route issues to the appropriate crews available during curtailment so they could be addressed as needed.

When a power outage occurred on December 25, central plant operators **Jesse Portillo and Jerome Lagonera** took control of the plant to keep it online while calling in needed personnel to address campus issues. **Brian Hambleton and Kirk Quash** from the electric shop worked quickly to restore power, while **Chad Sisco** from Energy & Engineering provided critical data to assess the impact on affected buildings. The Client Support Services team supported response efforts related to the outage and addressed secondary issues that arose, including security alarms requiring coordination and resets, as well as managing rain-related leaks caused by the holiday storm. **Anthony Morris** also assisted Hambleton and Quash on emergency callbacks during curtailment.



### Fresh entrance blooms

Landscape Services has recently planted new flowers at the corner of Big Springs and Valencia. The addition of Yellow Iceland Poppies and Blue Pansies is set to enhance the campus's aesthetic, celebrating our UCR colors and bringing a cheerful touch to the entrance.

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### SERVICE MILESTONES

#### 10 YEARS

Loren Acosta  
Sr. Custodian

Wilmar Cuellar  
Facilities Project Mgmt. Specialist

### ORGANIZATIONAL UPDATES

#### CHANCELLOR HU'S INAUGURATION

- On Thursday, February 5, a ceremony and celebrations will take place throughout the day for Chancellor S. Jack Hu, which will be attended by UC chancellors, leaders, and community members alike.
- Let's all extend a warm welcome to our campus visitors on this special occasion.

#### FS EMPLOYEE ENGAGEMENT SURVEY

- We will be refreshing our survey this year. We aim to reduce the number of questions to make it more efficient for everyone.
- The updated survey is set to launch in February, and we appreciate your participation and feedback.

### KUDOS TO FIRE TEAM

A BIG thank you to fire mechanics **Marc Santoro, Curtis White, and John Kendrick** for their efforts in restoring the fire alarm network to campus buildings after earlier disruptions this month. Santoro and White worked many hours of overtime, over three days.



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