

PHYSICAL PLANT-CAMPUS SERVICES MAY 2011 COMMUNITY UPDATE

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CONGRATULATIONS

CHANCELLOR'S OUTSTANDING STAFF AWARD TO DAVID SAEPHAN

The Chancellor's Outstanding Staff Awards (COSA) are presented to staff and teams who in addition to performing all their normal job duties with excellence, also take initiative and go above and beyond in their contributions to the UC Berkeley campus community. These awards are among the highest honors bestowed upon staff by the Chancellor.

One of this year's recipients is **Soukern "David" Saephan** from Custodial Services. David's nomination for the award highlighted "...his exemplary service as a custodian in Physical Plant-Campus Services. As the custodian for the Life Sciences Addition, he not only ensures that the laboratories are maintained properly, but communicates effectively with all faculty, graduate and undergraduate students—many of whom have come to rely on his friendly assistance during their long hours of work and study."

David's nominators spoke with enthusiasm of his attention to detail, conscientiousness, reliability, and dedication. David was celebrated with the other COSA winners in a ceremony with the Chancellor on April 15. Congratulations David!



CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATE! DIANE COPPINI

Mike Courter (Superintendent of Plumbing, Machinist & Sheet Metal Shops) sent this news to share:

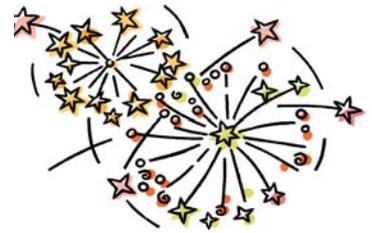
This is to let you know that one of my staff, **Diane Coppini**, is graduating from UC Berkeley this spring with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Mass Communication from the College of Letters & Science.



For the past two years Diane has been successfully balancing her academic workload and her fulltime duties as Skilled-Trades, Plumber-Pipefitter here at PP-CS.

Her dedication to both has been impressive and I have been happy to support her as needed with a flex work schedule.

On behalf of the Plumbing Shop & all of PP-CS, I would like to extend congratulations to Diane on this milestone achievement.



RECOGNITION

Ellen Kresten wrote to "pass along to you a nice note about how nice Mulford Hall has been looking. [Ellen has] spoken with one of your employees, **Carlos Favardo** (Custodial), a few times while he has been cleaning in the evenings. He mentioned he started working in Mulford just a little while ago, so it seems like he is a big reason for the great cleanliness of the building. [Ellen has] been working in Mulford for about 3 years now, and it seems to be in the best shape ever. Thanks for all you do for the University."

SAVE THE DATE

A retirement and service award reception to honor a number of PP-CS staff is scheduled for

Thursday, June 16, 2011 1:00 – 3:00pm
2000 Carleton Street
Quigley Room

Lunch will be served.

SUSTAINABILITY

GRANT FOR GROUNDS

Grounds Services has been chosen to receive a grant of \$38,072 from The Green Initiative Fund (TGIF). This grant will support implementation of a water conservation project that is expected to save 20% of the water used at the West Gate area of campus for irrigation. The grant will fund 2 student interns, 4 hydrometers, 3 smart controllers, and a weather station.

Congratulations Grounds Services!

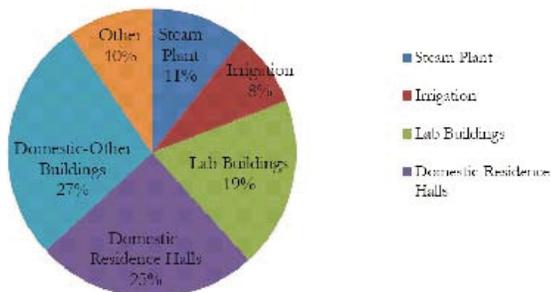
CHANCELLOR BIRGENEAU SETS A WATER REDUCTION GOAL FOR CAMPUS

At the 2011 Chancellor's Advisory Committee on Sustainability (CACS) Annual Summit on April 19, Chancellor Birgeneau announced the first water reduction goal for UC Berkeley - use 10% below 2008 levels by 2020. The Chancellor additionally committed to double this target if the local utility can provide a non-potable water source for irrigation. The campus plans to meet the reduction target by taking actions like upgrading current fixtures to lower-flow ones, repairing leaks, and replacing heating equipment as well as encouraging water conservation. A study prepared by CACS and presented at the summit identified potential cost-effective central campus water reduction projects that could save the campus as much as \$250,000 in annual utility costs.

More information from the summit is posted online, including copies of the posters and presentations and videos of the Chancellor's remarks and the keynote address by Dr. Peter Gleick of the Pacific Institute, at <http://sustainability.berkeley.edu/cacs/>



2008 Estimate Usage By Type



Campus water use in 2008. From "UC BERKELEY WATER USAGE & CONSERVATION STUDY REPORT", CACS, Dec. 2010

STAFF APPRECIATION DAY JUNE 8

Summerfest, the campus's annual staff appreciation day, is Wednesday, June 8 from 12-2pm on Memorial Glade.

Interested in helping with the event? Volunteers are an integral part of the success of Summerfest. Sign up to help and when you're on the shift, you'll receive a Summerfest T-Shirt! All volunteer opportunities require at least a one hour time commitment. To sign up, send an email to the volunteer chair, Sonya Crooms at scrooms@library.berkeley.edu.



Or be part of "Life After Five!" The Summerfest "Hobbies & Crafts" subcommittee invites you to participate in the "Cal Staff Life After Five Showcase" - we'd love to see your crafts, hobbies, and collections! If you are one of our "crafty" staff members who are engaged in a creative endeavor then we welcome you to display your items at Cal Staff Summerfest. If you have a hobby like building model cars, planes, running and designing layouts for model trains or doll houses we invite you to share them with our staff. If you are a photographer, painter or artist who has yet to be discovered, we would love to view your work. Are you caught up in the mad world of collecting stamps, dolls, coins, old toys, holiday ornaments or vintage model cars? We would love for you to bring a sample of your collection (space permitting) and the stamina to answer any questions that your collection will generate. Whatever the hobby or collection, we would love for you to participate.

It is easy to sign up! Just email Crafts subcommittee chair, Carol (Kit) Furnoff at kitc@berkeley.edu with a short description (three or four lines) about your passion and we will provide the table space.

For more on Summerfest, especially details on how to participate, please visit <http://summerfest.berkeley.edu>

Executive Safety Committee TEAM 3: HEALTH & SAFETY TRAINING



This month the spotlight is on Team 3: Health & Safety Training. This team is comprised of **Stan**

Richardson, Steve Swanson, Javier Mejia, Tony Lopez, Jim Jackson, Wade Hill, Dennis Barlow and Gary Bayne from EH&S.

Originally, Team 3 took the direction of creating a list of all trainings that were required for each individual trade. Gary met with each shop to create a list of each of these subjects required by CalOSHA or others. Once these lists were in place, they were inserted into a master calendar for the Safety Program at PP-CS. This calendar is maintained by this group on a regular basis.

The actual participation by all of PP-CS has been tremendous. 18 Supervisors at PP-CS have participated in over 12 training subjects since the program started in February 2010. Over 98% of all PP-CS staff have participated in the program to date. Classes have ranged from First Aid/CPR to Energy Isolation/Lock Out Tag Out (LOTO). Training has been provided to all shifts and all groups at PP-CS. Additionally, the records of all the training has gone from hand written lists to an electronic format using the Learning Management System (LMS).

Team 3 is pleased to announce that make-up classes will be scheduled for PP-CS staff who have missed some of the classes they have given in the last year and a half. There are also new programs EH&S will offer starting in the near future. Training topics include Crane Safety and Fall Protection among others.

Team 3 is currently providing and planning for refresher training as part of regularly scheduled staff meetings - tailgates, for example - to reaffirm PP-CS staff knowledge included in previous trainings. This is also an opportunity to relay information in regard to individuals and groups with expertise on specific issues.

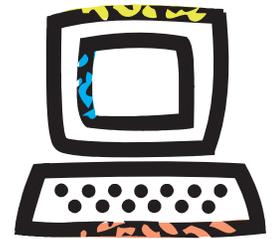
All topics discussed in Team 3 are also discussed with the Executive Safety Committee. The team is open to ideas and happy to hear from co-workers any time!

KIOSK COMPUTERS FOR STAFF

Kiosk computers, with a customized PP-CS web page and printers, are up and running in Custodial and Grounds areas! Staff in those departments can now access work related websites (including benefits and campus news), particularly the At Your Service website where staff can print earning statements as well as copies of pay statements. These kiosks have been a partnership project of FSIT, the Workplace Improvement Team (WIT), and Custodial and Grounds managers for a long time – it's great to finally have them in place.

Additional staff kiosk computers are available at the reception desk at 2000 Carleton and in the HVAC shop at the Clark Kerr Campus.

Questions about using the computers should be directed to FSIT. Questions about Payroll should go to **Brian Moltrup** at 642-2627 or bmoltrup@berkeley.edu



REMINDER: NEVER EMAIL YOUR PASSWORD!

A number of hoax emails have made it to campus email inboxes lately. Please know that you would never be asked in a legitimate message to email your password or other confidential information. No matter how official the email looks – and some are very good imitations – never respond to a request for your login and password. You should also delete any unfamiliar emails and never open an attachment from someone you don't recognize – those messages often carry computer viruses.

If you have any questions about a message, contact FSIT. If you're not sure about an email, best to be cautious and delete!

UPDATE UPDATE

Christine Cho, our fearless newsletter editor, finished her second year as an architecture undergrad at Cal! She is taking a well-deserved break and will be back in June for summer school and our next newsletter. If you have any items for the June/July edition of the Community Update, please send them to Christine Shaff at cshaff@berkeley.edu or call 3-4793.

CAL WALKS@WORK



Photo courtesy of Dave Smith

PP-CS turned out in force for the second annual UC Walks: Cal Walks@Work on May 19.

PP-CS staff from left to right: **Gary Imazumi, Bridget Hall, Linda Brun, Tony Lopez, Kris Burgett, Lisanne Gee, Jim Mathwin, and John Regalo Jr.**

CELEBRATING OUR DIVERSITY: BILD EVENTS

In September 2010, the campus Office of Equity & Inclusion awarded funding to Facilities Services for a History and Heritage Months project as part of the Berkeley Initiative for Leadership in Diversity (BILD) program. There were only five grants awarded campus-wide and Facilities Services was fortunate enough to get one. The purpose of the project is to:

- * Create an atmosphere of inclusion and understanding among the diverse staff of Facilities Services.
- * Encourage healthy discourse among employees on topics of differences in gender, race and sexual orientation or other issues of diversity.
- * Ultimately encourage employees to recognize the importance of diversity and inclusion in the work place and how that can lead to healthier work relationships and productivity.

The History and Heritage Months project, led by Antoinette Conteh from Capital Projects HR unit, involves identifying cultural celebrations each month to honor and discover together the various cultures represented in Facilities Services.

Past events have highlighted Women's History Month, Earth Day and Asian-Pacific Heritage. The next event is celebrating Gay and Lesbian Pride Month on June 30, 2011 at 1936 University Avenue. See you there!

RETIREMENT PLANNING CLASSES ON CAMPUS

As part of its Retirement Savings Program, UC offers a series of free financial education classes to help faculty and staff get the fullest advantage of their UC retirement savings benefits.

The classes, available as onsite workshops and online webinars, provide tools and education to help employees design a personal strategy for savings, investing and transitioning into retirement. This quarter, all classes will be held in University Hall.

Please RSVP with Fidelity by calling 1-800-642-7131 or signing up online at <http://getguidance.fidelity.com/universityofcalifornia>

Spring 2011 Financial Education Classes

Designing a Financial Roadmap
June 13, 10am

Building a Portfolio for Any Weather
June 13, 1:15pm; June 22, 2:15pm; June 28, 10am

Accessing Your Account Online
June 22, 3:30pm

Preparing Your Savings for Retirement
June 6, 10am; June 13, 12:30pm; June 28, 11:15am

Shifting From Savings to Spending
June 6, 11:15am; June 28, 12:30pm

Preserving Your Savings for Future Generations
June 6, 12:30pm

Getting on the Right Path with Your UC Savings Plans
June 22, 1pm

"OUR UNIVERSITY" NEWSLETTER

UC Office of the President publishes a monthly newsletter for faculty and staff called "Our University." Topics in the April issue included UC Walks Day, our campus's annual Sustainability Summit, and how by taking a health assessment you could be eligible for a \$100 gift card.

See these and other stories in "Our University" at <http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/ouruniversity/a-pr11/>