



*On the Job: Eugene Banks, Safety and Compliance Manager, Environmental Health & Safety, oversees a fire drill at the Patel Center for Global Solutions (CGS) building.*

## Coffee and Conversation with the Vice President

The Office of Administrative Services is kicking off a new series entitled, “Coffee & Conversation with the Vice President.” These informal gatherings will allow participants to ask questions and discuss various topics with the Vice President in a small group setting.

The first “Coffee & Conversation” gathering is scheduled to take place on Monday, February 19, 2018.

If you would like to take part in this exciting opportunity, please email Beth Beall at [bbeall@usf.edu](mailto:bbeall@usf.edu) to sign up. Once responses have been received, attendees will be notified via email with the time and location.



*Abbey Long*

## Reminders

Remember to donate at least \$1 to the Faculty & Staff Campaign so we can reach our participation goal of 80% in Administrative Services!

Remember to nominate a deserving co-worker for an Excellence Award!

## Meet the Team

### Minor Projects

The Minor Projects team, part of the Design and Construction Department in Facilities Management, handles projects that are two million dollars or less. This high-volume project load ranges from roofing to high-profile renovations funded by college departments and donors. The Minor Projects team, consisting of seven members, is responsible for managing these projects. Each person on the team tackles their projects and specialties, combining their various capabilities to ensure success for the team.

The team includes five project managers: Chris Martin, Aaron Wood, Steve Wasilefsky, Daoud Georgis, and Wayne Richter. Chris Martin handles outside projects, recently repairing a hot water piping servicing the west of campus with



*From left: Chris Martin, Sarah Baynard, Steve Wasilefsky, Aaron Wood, Nick Fowler, Daoud Georgis, and Wayne Richter*

minimized disruption to student residents. Aaron Wood tackles interior renovation and has recently constructed a more functional space for the Fishman Family Student-Athlete Enrichment Center. Steve Wasilefsky manages electrical engineering, and was responsible for the new Bull Runner bus maintenance and repair facility for Parking and Transportation Services. Daoud Georgis managed a complete roof replacement project over a portion of the USF Health medical school vivarium to protect animal research. Wayne Richter deals

in mechanical and building forensics, and investigated and corrected leaks in building envelopes (roof/walls) that caused damage to the interior of the Muma College of Business building.

Nicolas Fowler is a student assistant on the team and seeks any opportunities to learn from his colleagues. Sarah Baynard is the Assistant Director of Minor Projects and leads the team, specializing in funding and customer relations.

The team keeps busy with a wide variety of projects consisting of renovations and repairs. They currently have approximately 135 active projects in their queue. These projects range in scope and management needs, which the project managers fulfill as they are each uniquely qualified in a variety of capabilities. The Minor Projects team specializes in design and construction, replacements, building additions to departments, and much more.

The Minor Projects team is made up of hardworking individuals that put their all in everything they do. Thanks to this team for all the work they do for USF!

## MLK Plaza

January 15th was Martin Luther King Jr day. A central component of USF's campus core is the MLK Plaza. The following article reflects on the history of the plaza's construction.



*Bust of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. located in USF's MLK Plaza. The plaza was completed in 1996.*

In 1993-94 there was to be an upcoming distribution of Student CITF funds for projects. At that time, the USF central Plaza was a vast, wide open space with little shade. There was a small bust of Dr. King on a low brick base near the Allen Building.

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## Welcoming New Additions...

**Octavia Singleton**, Sr. Custodial Worker  
*Facilities Management*

**Mario Darrigo**, Custodial Superintendent  
*Facilities Management*

**Michael Fischer**, Sr. Custodial Worker  
*Facilities Management*

**Manuel Maldonado**, Sr. Custodial Worker  
*Facilities Management*

**Larry Anderson**, Custodial Worker  
*Facilities Management*

**Benjamin Williams**, Sr. Custodial Worker  
*Facilities Management*

**Lawrence Miller**, Staff Assistant  
*Facilities Management*

**Kevin Walker**, Custodial Worker  
*Facilities Management*

**Willie Cole**, Sr. Custodial Worker  
*Facilities Management*

**April Propes**, Custodial Superintendent  
*Facilities Management*

## Retirements

**Mericile Joaem**, Custodial Worker  
*Facilities Management (8 years)*

## Anniversaries

### Facilities Management

#### December 2017

|                     |    |
|---------------------|----|
| Samuel Brown        | 14 |
| Lenroy Curling      | 13 |
| Jimmie Mosley       | 12 |
| John Wilson         | 12 |
| Marcell Smith       | 10 |
| Orlando Ware        | 10 |
| Deidre Boman        | 10 |
| Raymond Morris      | 8  |
| Willie Clark        | 4  |
| Karen Black         | 2  |
| Steven Wasilefsky   | 1  |
| Colette Nasworthy   | 5  |
| Alan Rodriguez Soto | 1  |
| Calixto De Jesus    | 20 |
| Jamie Fraley        | 7  |
| William James       | 6  |
| Juan Vargas         | 3  |
| Arthur Elias        | 4  |
| Silas Blanton       | 19 |
| Dwayne Callaway     | 12 |
| Clint Franklin      | 6  |
| Dante Fields        | 3  |
| Nicholas Shelton    | 1  |

#### January 2018

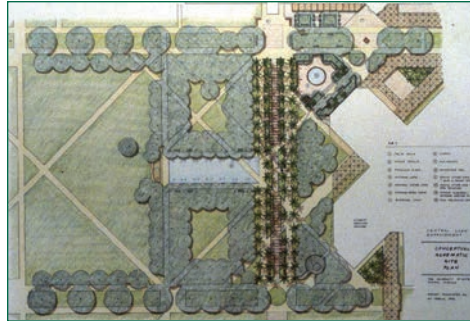
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|-------------------|----|
| Felix Agholor     | 19 |
| Geraldine Hudson  | 13 |
| Melissa Lane      | 12 |
| Adrienne Lynch    | 9  |
| Tamara Tidwell    | 9  |
| Christopher Ilse  | 8  |
| Meica Elridge     | 33 |
| Elizabeth Casey   | 16 |
| Devon Samuels     | 12 |
| Thomas Bradley    | 1  |
| Marcelino Rivera  | 19 |
| Angela Jordan     | 13 |
| Michael Ballester | 7  |
| John Greiff       | 13 |

With the support of the USF President and the Vice President for Student Affairs in discussions with USF students for CITF funded projects, the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Plaza development project was proposed to create a more suitable tribute to Dr. King, as well as to create a variety inter-active event spaces and passive outdoor gathering places for students to use in the center of the campus.... to create a heart and soul for student life. The students approved the use of \$1.8M in CITF funds for the project.



*Location of the plaza, pre-construction. Original, small head and neck statue of Dr. King can be seen in the front left. The bust was recast by the artist, Linda Ackley, and set at Dr. King's actual height.*

The bust of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was recast by the original artist Linda Ackley and set at his true height with granite bands radiating out in the compass direction of five cities of major events in his life. The five bands slice through the landscape and



*Conceptual site plan for the MLK Plaza, 1995*

are inscribed with the name of the city at the end. The bust looks across the 140 foot fountain pool to a portion of the *I Have A Dream* speech inscribed in an inclined arched granite wall. The bridge through the eastern end of the pool provides for the heavily traveled student route from the Sciences/Engineering academic zone to the Student Center and housing district beyond. The design features also included shaded sidewalks along with table and benches.

The bust is located in the center of two trellis sections connecting the Allen Building with the Marshall Center plaza. For extra shade, the trellises are covered with bougainvillea for color and Jasmine for aroma. The trellis is bordered by rows of date palms. Just west of the trellis and bisected by the fountain pool are two areas with two rows of oak trees forming a square area of shade punctuated by a sunlit area in the center.



*The bust of Dr. King faces an arched granite wall with a portion of the "I have a Dream" speech inscribed in it. A 140 foot fountain pool sits between the bust and the granite wall.*

## Anniversaries (cont.)

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|------------------|----|
| Robert Geschardt | 3  |
| Michael Weaver   | 1  |
| Raymond Curbelo  | 13 |

### Business Center

#### December 2017

|                |   |
|----------------|---|
| Boniswa Joseph | 2 |
| Adelle Amison  | 1 |

#### January 2018

|               |    |
|---------------|----|
| Lori Anderson | 13 |
| Clifton James | 12 |
| Julie McCoy   | 9  |

### Human Resources

#### December 2017

|                 |   |
|-----------------|---|
| Barbara Leighly | 3 |
|-----------------|---|

#### January 2018

|                |    |
|----------------|----|
| Shirley Turner | 33 |
| Michel Ferrell | 9  |
| Susan Coker    | 2  |
| Denise Mueller | 1  |
| Kacey Nguyen   | 1  |

### Parking & Transportation Services

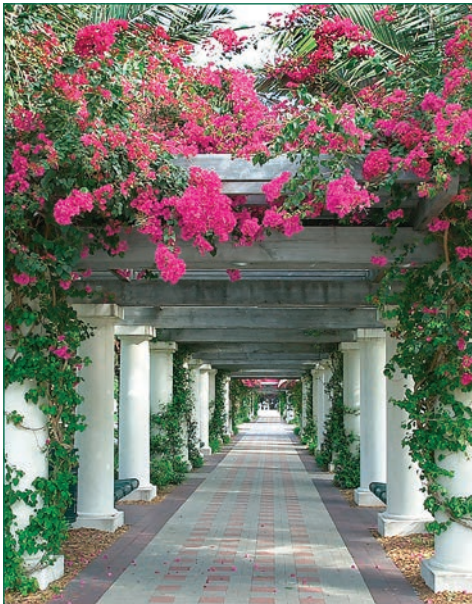
#### December 2017

|                 |    |
|-----------------|----|
| Frank Granda    | 28 |
| Michael Gaughan | 17 |
| Thomas Ehl      | 9  |
| Vire Bowen      | 8  |
| Melissa Serrano | 5  |

#### January 2018

|                  |   |
|------------------|---|
| Randy Pogue      | 4 |
| John Luksas      | 2 |
| David Hansen     | 2 |
| Patricia Woodard | 2 |

Against the back wall of the Student Services building (SVC) is a sunken plaza with seat walls for events, including an elevated section of sidewalk that can be used as a stage with power provided. This area formerly included water fountain jets in the pavement but they have been removed. Crepe myrtle trees were also planted between the SVC and the trellis for shade. There is also a quiet sunken garden on the southeast corner of the plaza.



The iconic bougainvillea plants on the MLK Plaza trellises.

From programming through construction USF students were actively involved in the process. There were communications with the King family regarding the dedication and the use of the *I Have A Dream* speech. The design consultant was Sasaki and Associates, the architect was Reynolds Smith and Hills, and the contractor who built it was Saul Rentz of S&L Construction, a minority firm. The ground breaking occurred in January of 1996 and the Dedication was held in November of 1996, just 10 months later.

Since the completion 1996, the plaza has been extended westward with many more shade trees planted along the sidewalks that traverse it, places to sit in the shade, and two additional shade trellises. The Phyllis Marshall Student Center and USF

Bookstore were built on the north side with the Running Bulls plaza connecting to the MLK Plaza.

The Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Plaza areas have been used by the USF students for a great variety of events over the years and will continue long into the future, creating memories of their student life at USF.

*Article provided by Barbara Donerly, Assistant Director, Campus Planning*

## New Hires Have a Meal with the VP

Once per quarter, Vice President Williams invites all new hires to Administrative Services, along with those who have moved from temporary to staff positions, to share a meal with him as part of their orientation process. On January 16th and 18th, the recent additions to the team met in the “Hub” dining facility, located in the new “Village” housing area. In addition to getting to know some of their co-workers better, those in attendance heard a few words from the VP and had an opportunity to take part in a question and answer session.



# The Faculty & Staff Campaign<sup>SM</sup>

For the University of South Florida System

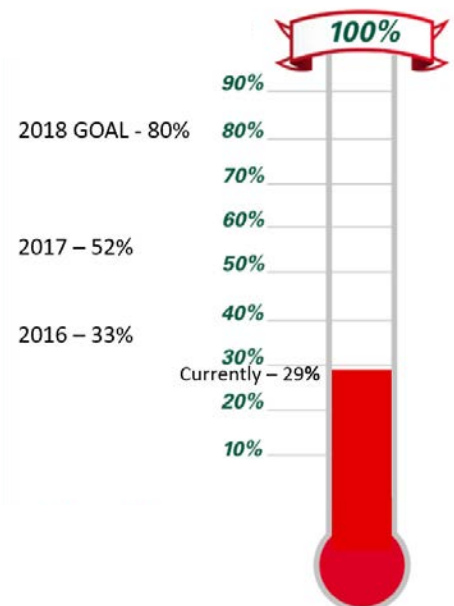
The Faculty & Staff Campaign is in the last quarter of the Amazing RACE!

Your contributions and participation make a difference in the lives of students, and your fellow employees. It is amazing how we can achieve new heights when we put our resources together. It doesn't take major contributions to make a difference!

**This year the Office of Administrative Services GOAL is to achieve 80% participation. We cannot meet this goal without your support.**

Thank you for your generosity and commitment to USF. GO BULLS!

Use this link to make a donation or ask your supervisor how to donate: [https://usffd.usf.edu/fs\\_cmpgn/CCUP\\_details.aspx?area\\_code=ADMFSCC&area](https://usffd.usf.edu/fs_cmpgn/CCUP_details.aspx?area_code=ADMFSCC&area)



## Administrative Services Excellence Awards

On January 23rd Administrative Services held our fourth quarter (2017) Town Hall in the Marshall Student Center Oval Theater. The fourth quarter and annual 2017 Excellence Award winners were announced at the event. Congratulations to all of the winners and nominees!

The quarterly Excellence Award winners were selected from an outstanding group of nominees based on their demonstration of excellence; specifically, in the areas of communication, action and effect, and “wow” factor. Each winner receives a monetary award and a framed certificate.

Also, each year’s annual Excellence Award winners are selected from the pool of quarterly winners for that year.

The Excellence Awards are open to ALL Administrative Services employees (administrative, staff, and OPS). If a co-worker goes above and beyond, please take a moment to nominate them. Nomination forms are available at Excellence Box locations located in or near most break rooms, or you can submit them online at [usf.edu/ExcellenceAwards](http://usf.edu/ExcellenceAwards).

### Fourth Quarter 2017 Excellence Award Winners...



*Dwayne Callaway – Facilities Management*



*Tiffany Jackson – Human Resources*



*Joanne Townsend – Human Resources*



*Beth Beall – Office of the VP*

### Team Award 2017 Excellence Award Winners...



*Eliezer Rodriguez, Donald Jackson, VP Williams, and Robert Gonzalez (James Andrykovich not pictured) - Facilities Management*



*Eliezer Rodriguez and James Andrykovich (Donald Jackson and Robert Gonzalez not pictured) - Facilities Management*

Annual 2017 Excellence Award Winners...



Sarah Baynard – Facilities Management



Megan Orlando – Facilities Management



Chuck Welsh – Human Resources



Tiffany Jackson – Human Resources



Aaron Nichols – Office of the VP

**Fourth Quarter 2017  
Winners:**

Dwayne Callaway, Facilities Management  
Bradley Orr, Facilities Management  
Tiffany Jackson, Human Resources  
Joanne Townsend, Human Resources  
Beth Beall, Office of the VP  
Jane DeCrescenzo, Human Resources

**TEAM AWARD:**

Robert Gonzalez, Eliezer Rodriguez,  
Donald Jackson, and James Andrykovich  
- Facilities Management

Team Award 2017 Excellence Award Winners...



Saul Ponce &  
David Dickman  
- Facilities  
Management

**Annual 2017 Winners:**

Sarah Baynard – Facilities Management  
Megan Orlando – Facilities Management  
Chuck Welsh – Human Resources  
Tiffany Jackson – Human Resources  
Aaron Nichols – Office of the VP  
Joseph Fazio – Parking & Transportation Services

**TEAM AWARD:**

Saul Ponce & David Dickman  
- Facilities Management

**EXCELLENCE**  
**EXCEED EXPECTATIONS**

To achieve excellence, you must be competent in your job and perform at a level that will make people say **“Wow!”**