



## EMPLOYEE PROFILE

## USF DEBUTS FIRST ELECTRIC BUS



Pictured above: The first zero-emission bus in the Bull Runner fleet.

USF celebrated Earth Day with the debuting of the first zero-emission electric bus in the Bull Runner fleet. The new bus was jointly funded by the University's Student Green Energy Fund and USF Parking and Transportation Services. The bus marks an important step in USF's commitment to sustainability in all of its operations. The new zero emission electric bus joined the Bull Runner fleet on April 22 and is believed to be the first electric bus owned and operated by a public university in the State of Florida.

By replacing a diesel bus with an electric bus, approximately 230,000 pounds of carbon dioxide are avoided each year. Electric buses also produce less noise pollution in the community and have a smoother rider experience. "The University of South Florida is excited for the continued partnership between Parking and Transportation Services and the Student Green Energy Fund that has made this project possible," said Raymond Mensah, director of USF Parking and Transportation Services and a member of the Student Green Energy Fund Council. "By launching a zero-emission electric bus, we are making a large stride in reaching our sustainability goals and reducing our carbon footprint."

## REMINDERS

- Nominate a deserving coworker for an Excellence Award at [bit.ly/ExcellenceRecognition](https://bit.ly/ExcellenceRecognition)

### LOUIS FRAZIER GROUNDSKEEPER FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

Louis Frazier has been with the Office of Administrative Services for 25 years, and his current title is Groundskeeper.

Louis says his favorite grounds keeping task is tree trimming, but regardless of what task he's doing, every day he comes to work at OAS is a good one. Louis brings a

high level of self-confidence to his team, which helps him do his job successfully and motivate his coworkers to do the same.

Outside of work, Louis spends a lot of his time at church. He is also a huge UFC fan, so on most Saturdays you can find him watching a UFC fight. Currently, Louis is reading a book called "Time with God for Fathers".

## COVID VACCINATION INFORMATION

As COVID-19 vaccine eligibility continues to expand in the State of Florida, USF strongly encourages anyone who is eligible to sign up as soon as possible to receive the vaccine. USF continues to receive limited quantities of vaccines through community partnerships. Currently, the Johnson & Johnson vaccine is available, for those that only want to have to get one dose, as well as the Pfizer vaccine.

USF employees can send an email to [covidvaccine@usf.edu](mailto:covidvaccine@usf.edu) to request an appointment for themselves, or their household or family members. Travel restrictions (both domestic and international) are much less strict for those who have been vaccinated, according to CDC guidelines, so vaccines can be particularly helpful if you have plans to travel soon. For more information on the vaccine and where you can get it nearby, visit [usf.edu/vaccine-info](https://usf.edu/vaccine-info).

# USF CELEBRATES ARBOR DAY



Pictured above: Arbor day tree planting on USF Tampa campus.

USF celebrated Arbor Day 2021 by planting new trees around Castor Beach on the Tampa campus. This included a magnolia, five live oaks, three crape myrtles, and four palm trees. The celebration was made possible by a partnership with TECO, who worked with a local nursey to provide the trees.

USF's tree planting effort on the Tampa campus started in 2016 with a grant from the Student Green Energy Fund. Now on its third phase, over 1,000 trees have been planted across the Tampa campus, ranging from shade trees to ornamental flowering trees. The tree planting project is one reason USF continues to be recognized as a Tree Campus by the Arbor Day Foundation's Tree Campus Higher Education program.

USF has held this recognition since 2011 and is one of only a handful of schools in Florida to be recognized. The program recognizes colleges and universities that meet standards that promote healthy trees and student involvement. Currently, the USF Tampa campus has over 19,000 trees, which provides an estimated annual benefit of 1.8 million dollars, including energy conserved, storm water filtered, and carbon dioxide removed.

## A MESSAGE FROM THE TECHNOLOGY & EQUIPMENT PILLAR

OAS constantly strives to be the best workplace in Tampa Bay. In order to reach the goal, we are always looking for ways to improve. If you have a suggestion, you can submit it to be reviewed for further action or implementation. Idea submissions could benefit your department or all of OAS in many ways, such as, preventing accidents, and improving morale, communication, and service.

The Technology and Equipment Pillar would like to remind all employees that we are continuing to accept and evaluate idea submissions from the suggestion boxes on-campus and online at [bit.ly/ideaproposalform](http://bit.ly/ideaproposalform).

# WORK ANNIVERSARIES

## FACILITIES

Barry Fernandez	34
Chris Fleischer	27
Ramon Gonzalez	24
Harry Veras-Rodriguez	20
Jose Marte	17
Sarah Baynard	16
Tony McKinnon	15
Tony Hardy	14
Florencio Molina	14
Ana Garcia Quintana	11
Danielle Blair	9
Donald Crosby	8
Sean Rainey	7
Jerry McGinnis	7
Phillip Ippolito	7
Bryan VanSant	6
Mark Tighe	2
Darin Crews	2

## PARKING & TRANSPORTATION

Manuel Bermudez	21
Rex Dunkel	15
Nereo Rojas	13
Walton Mattei	5
Mary Colini	5
Jairo Fierro	2

## BUSINESS CENTER

Wayne Wilcox	27
Paul DeCosta	7
Symone Griffin	3

## OFFICE OF THE VP

Aaron Nichols	6
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