

USF Laurel Oaks Reach the End of Their Lives

When USF was first built, the landscape was mostly barren. There were not any areas that offered pedestrians relief from the hot Florida sun. Fast-growing trees were needed in order to provide shade to pedestrians. Some of the first trees to be planted on the USF Tampa campus were called laurel oaks.

Laurel oaks typically have a life span of 50-70 years and the trees planted at USF's infancy are reaching the end of their lifespans. The laurel oaks grew fast and served the USF community well by quickly establishing shade, however, as the trees approach the 50-year mark, they begin to hollow and decay from wood rot. The Facilities Management

Planning Department has started removing and replacing trees showing the most decay.



The stump of a tree that has been removed, showing that the tree was hollow and rotted.

Trees are currently being removed on weekends when there are fewer people on campus. Removal of the first round of trees will prospectively be completed by the end of spring break. Twenty trees have already been planted in place of the laurel oaks that have been removed. The laurel oaks are being replaced by live oaks that would live longer and are more resistant to decay, as well as flowering trees that will help increase the biodiversity on campus.



On the Job: Lori Woodlee shows her Bull pride.

Reminders

-  Don't forget to nominate a deserving co-worker for an Excellence Award!
-  Spring Break is March 16-March 22
-  OAS Employee Appreciation Event is on March 10

MCOM Building Downtown Named Best Healthcare Project 2019

The new Morsani College of Medicine and Heart Institute building downtown set out to transform the way medical education is delivered, to impact cardiovascular research, and to bring MCOM students and faculty closer to Tampa General their primary teaching hospital. Even before the plans for the building were finalized, the number of medical student applications rose drastically and USF's incoming MD students boasted the highest median MCAT scores of any Florida medical school.

In January, shortly after the building opened, The Tampa Bay Chapter of NAIOP (National Association of Industrial and Office Parks) awarded the USF Health Morsani College

of Medicine project the award for Best Healthcare Project of 2019. Representatives from from USF, USF Health, HOK, Skanska, and Strategic Property Partners were on site to proudly accept the award.



Pictured from left to right: Tom Thomas, Debra Bauman, Joe Jackson, Brian Yarbrough, Steve Lafferty

Second Annual USF Transportation Day

The second annual USF Transportation Day was held Thursday, February 27. The event, sponsored by USF Transportation and FDOT District 7, closed down one of USF's busiest streets to allow safe pedestrian traffic and the enjoyment of fun, informational activities.

Students, faculty, and staff were welcomed to observe and partake in the day's activities, starting with speeches from President Steve Currall, Vice President Williams, and other guest speakers from transportation organizations around Tampa. Shortly after the speeches, a "ribbon closing" ceremony took place, which marked the temporary closure of USF Holly Drive. From here, many participated in a three-and-a-half mile bike route, including President Currall and Vice President Williams.



VP Williams returning from the 3.5 mile bike ride alongside a member of the USF Police Department.

While they biked around campus, activity booths were set up in the street, including booths representing two OAS departments, FM and PATS. Booths along the street provided games with prizes, as well as



Chaddy Hanwisai, Daniel Gessman, and Shuang Hao manning the FM and Campus Planning booth, complete with trivia and prizes!

informational boards and banners. Anyone could participate in activities like trivia, riding electric scooters, and learning how to lock a bike to the front of a Bullrunner bus. Many booths, such as Facilities Management and Student Government, also provided feedback forums to help them gain constructive commentary from the public.

The all-day event allowed its attendees to learn more about the future possibilities of transportation, and what USF is currently doing to make different modes of transportation as efficient and affordable as possible.

ASBC Employees Volunteer with Junior Achievement Center

The Junior Achievement Center of Tampa Bay uses integrated learning models to equip young students with skills in career readiness, financial literacy, and entrepreneurship. Their programs attempt to bridge the gap between what students learn in the classroom and how that knowledge can be used in the real world.

Employees from the Administrative Services Business Center volunteer with the Junior Achievement Center twice a year. On January 29, the ASBC had their first volunteer event of 2020. Volunteers help students acquire the knowledge and motivation to thrive and build a better future for themselves and their community.



Pictured left to right: Paul Decosta, Noah Genson, Charlene French-Bunch, Julie McCoy, Haider Syed Meerza.

Anniversaries February 2020

Facilities Management

Louise Wilgus	35
Reginald Troupe	30
Donald Jackson	26
Lucy Troupe	19
Roy Clark	19
Jose Cruz Rivera	18
Parum Maraj	15
Evelyn Mendez Fernandez	14
Joyce Batchelor	13
David Dickman	8
April Amorose	8
Tom Kaenrath	7
Karl Schmidt	7
Stephen Fordyce	7
John Poole	6
Robert Contorno	5
Joseph Rogers	3
Terry Mead	3
Aaron Harrell	2
David Wildes	2
Daoud Georgis	2
Janice Miller	1
Catherine Silva	1
Adriana Floyd	1

Parking & Transportation Services

Belissa McLendon	20
Erin Charles	5
Albert McDuffus	4
Ruben Wakefield	2
Henry Carrington	2
Jemmie Akins	1
Crystal James	1
Lisa Gaymon	1

Town Hall Recap

On February 11, OAS held their 4th Quarter Town Hall. This town hall included a guest speaker from USF Health, an overview of the Faculty & Staff Campaign, a message from VP Williams, and an update from the pillar teams.

First, after the opening video was played, VP Williams shared a brief message on how each individual employee makes a difference in the workplace environment. He also noted that USF golf carts should not be parked in the spaces next to handicap spots, as this limits accessibility for the people who actually need to use those spaces.



If you see USF golf carts parked like this next to handicapped parking spots, say something! This is not what these areas are meant to be used for.

The guest speaker from USF Health then spoke about the corona virus, or COVID-19. The major takeaways from this presentation were to be wary of fake news on this topic and always check your sources, and to wash your

hands vigilantly. Your hands are one of the main ways the virus can make its way from surfaces to your respiratory system. Soap and water should always be your first choice, but hand sanitizers with over 60% alcohol content will also kill the virus. Face masks should only be worn in medical settings as when worn improperly they can actually increase your chances of getting the virus.

Next, there was an overview of the Faculty and Staff Campaign. Attendees of the town halls were encouraged to donate, and a \$1 donation would allow them to enter into a raffle.



Christopher Duffy draws for the raffle prize winners in the PTB training room.

Then, representatives from each pillar team gave an update. Notable updates included new OAS Leadership development training, an Outreach project being implemented by the Communication pillar, new technology and equipment that has been approved, and an overview of FAMIS, the new facility and asset management information system. Finally, the Awards and Recognition pillar presented the Quiet Quality awards and the Excellence awards.

Anniversaries (cont.)

February 2020

Business Center

Walter Bartley	8
Charlene French-Bunch	6

FAMIS Introduction Training Sessions

Now that FAMIS, the new work order and asset management software, has been implemented across the USF system, there are likely to be many questions on how to use this new system. There are currently five training sessions scheduled for the USF community. The trainings will focus on guiding requestors through the steps of creating a Work Request as well as reviewing their previously submitted requests.

All training sessions will take place in the PTB Training Room, located next to PATS. Prospective attendees must enroll through GEMS. If you have any questions about FAMIS or the upcoming trainings, please

contact the FM Service Center (813) 974-2845 or Antonio Morales (813) 974-4037. The dates and times for the upcoming trainings are:

- Thursday, 2/27/2020 from 1:30pm – 2:30pm (GEMS Session 0001)
- Wednesday, 3/4/2020 from 9am – 10am (GEMS Session 0002)
- Wednesday, 3/11/2020 from 3pm – 4pm (GEMS Session 0003)
- Wednesday, 3/18/2020 from 9am – 10am (GEMS Session 0004)
- Thursday, 3/26/2020 from 11am – 12pm (GEMS Session 0005)
- Wednesday, 4/1/2020 from 9am – 10am (GEMS Sessions 0006)

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Excellence Awards

The Excellence Award and Recognition program is designed to recognize employees who implement the guiding principles and service philosophy and strive for excellence in the workplace. During the 4th Quarter Town Hall, the Recognition and Awards pillar announced the 4th quarter and annual team and individual Excellence Award recipients. Both quarterly and annual recipients receive a certificate and a monetary award, and a bull statue is also given to the annual recipients. Names and photos of the nominees from the 4th Quarter will be displayed on the boards in OAS break rooms. Make sure to congratulate those that were nominated!

Thank you to everyone who nominated someone for an Excellence Award this quarter! If you see your co-workers, supervisors, or employees exceeding expectations, please nominate them. You can nominate someone for an award by filling out a form and dropping it off at an Excellence Award box, located in most break rooms, or you can fill out the form online at bit.ly/ExcellenceAwardNomination.



Michael Ross and VP Williams



Carlos Hernandez and VP Williams



Chaddy Hanwisai and VP Williams



Henry Carrington and VP Williams



Dana Fussell and VP Williams

Welcoming New Additions

Nestor Reyes, Custodial Worker
Facilities Management

Retirements

Edna Williams (33 years)
Custodial Worker
Facilities Management

Employee Appreciation Event

Join us for sandwiches, snacks, drinks, and a live DJ. We're celebrating YOU!

There will be three sessions of the event held on March 10.

Session One: 11 AM - 1 PM

Location: REC 107

Session Two: 7 PM- 9 PM

Location: PTB Training Room

Session Three: 11 PM - 12:30 AM

Location: MHB Lobby

If you have any questions or are interested in volunteering to help run the appreciation event, contact Devanshi Tank via email at devanshitank@usf.edu

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Excellence Awards (continued)



Sarah Baynard and VP Williams



Jose Rodriguez and VP Williams



Eric Ramos and VP Christopher Duffy



Karen Cooke and VP Williams



Team Award Recipients (from left) Ann-Marie Vasquez, VP Christopher Duffy, and Willie Clark



Team Award Recipients (from left) Rob Risavy, Shannon Kelly, VP Williams, and Mike Wayock

Excellence Award Nominees



Nominees from Session 1 of the Town Hall.



Nominees from Session 2 of the Town Hall.



Nominees from Session 3 of the Town Hall.

**Thank you all
for helping to
create a culture
of excellence!**