HOLIDAYS & COVID-19

COVID-19 has led to many individuals feeling increased levels of stress and loneliness. Holidays can be an opportunity to reconnect, however, celebrations will need to be different this year in to prevent the spread of COVID-19. The CDC offers some considerations for how you can do your part.

Celebrating virtually or with members of your own household poses the lowest risk. If you host a small gathering with people from different households, there are mitigation measures that can be put in place to lower risk levels. These include hosting gatherings outside when possible, cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched surfaces and items, and requiring guests to wear masks, stay six feet apart, wash hands often, and avoid contact.

The more prevention measures put in place, the safer the gathering will be. For more information on how to keep your communities healthy and safe during the holidays, visit bit.ly/CDCHolidayGatherings.

REMINDERS

- USF offices closed December 24 - January 1

USF BREAKS GROUND ON JUDY GENSHAFT HONORS COLLEGE FACILITY

The university broke ground on the new home of the Judy Genshaft Honors College, a five-story, 85,000-square-foot facility that will strengthen USF’s position to attract the best students.

The honors college aligns with USF’s goals in student success and supports the university’s long-term aspirations. The college consists of more than 2,400 high-achieving, cross-disciplinary scholars.

The new facility will feature interwoven spaces for classrooms, study areas, faculty and advisor offices, event areas, a computer lab, performance and create spaces and numerous collaborative spaces – expanding the range of academic opportunities for students and giving them a true “home” on campus. Construction is expected to be completed in late Fall of 2022.

EMLOYEE PROFILE

BETHANY JOVAN
MARKETING SPECIALIST
PARKING AND TRANSPORTATION

Bethany Jovan started in August of 2019 as the Marketing Specialist for Parking and Transportation Services. Through working with PATS, Bethany has gained insight on the division and its’ operations that has allowed her to improve community understanding on how parking works and assist Bulls in having a successful parking experience.

As Marketing Specialist, Bethany’s daily tasks include reviewing PATS social media accounts, planning content, writing and editing internal documents, and strategizing communication plans for PATS projects. Bethany brings strong writing skills and a student’s perspective to the PATS team.

Outside of work, Bethany takes care of her two toddlers and does school work. Most days, she enjoys stopping by her local coffee shops and socializing with her favorite baristas. Recently she watched The Social Dilemma on Netflix and highly recommends it.

Former USF President Judy Genshaft and her husband showing their bull pride at the groundbreaking ceremony for the new honors college building.
Located to the right of the USF Post Office, the USF Key Shop issues keys, re-keys and/or changes locks for all of the E&G buildings on-campus. It’s important that they have a well-functioning team as the Key Shop typically has a large workload. They cut approximately 5,000 keys each year, help unlock doors when individuals get locked out, supply master keys when needed, and perform maintenance on locks.

The key shop team is made up of three employees: David Whetsell, David Tong, and Eric Berrios. Each team member has their own special knowledge and talents, and they fit like a puzzle when they work together.

Whetsell, with over 30 years of experience at USF, brings a large amount of institutional knowledge and a strong work ethic. Tong, who has been with the Key Shop for over 13 years, is the mathematical wizard of the team. The newest member, Berrios who has been with the team for a year, jumped in and learned things very quickly. In his four years of supervising the key shop, Hari Patel says the team never says no, they only ask how they can plan to get something accomplished.

New foliage, Begonia ‘Encore IV Christmas Mix’, was planted outside of the Fowler entrance by grounds personnel Maria Luyanda, Jose Cruz, and David Moore.

ALL ABOUT THE KEY SHOP

Picture above: David Tong and David Whetsell stand outside the entrance to the key shop.

RETIEMENTS

Bernice Pugh (7 years)
Custodial Worker
Facilities Management

FACILITIES

Matthew Palmer 39
Carolyn Glover 21
Jose Tirado 18
John McCaffrey 13
Patricia Jaipersad 11
Gary Spencer 11
Lawrence Burriss 10
Maritza Melendez Pinto 9
John Assam 9
Paula Scott 9
Thomas McCarthy 9
Ajante Howell 9
Peter Gutzkow 9
Fabio Soler 8
Richard Piccininni 4
Anibal Gonzalez 4
Manuel Acevedo 3
Thomas Shepherd 3
Jasmine Lynch 2
Eli Algarin Rodriguez 2
Robert Baynard 1

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Catherine Lloyd 13
Brian Davis 3
Harry Quinones-Cabrero 3

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