

HONORS COLLEGE POWER UP

On the morning of July 14, the Maintenance and Utilities Services Department energized the new Judy Genshaft Honors College building's permanent power up to the USF main switchboard.

The OAS high-voltage electrician team is composed of Greg See, Robert Contorno, Lonnie Austin, and John Benedict. They are responsible for providing preventative and corrective maintenance on the high-voltage and 480-volt distribution systems for our power plants and Utilities infrastructure.



High-Voltage electrician in an arc-flash suit uses an electric meter to check voltage and make sure the phases are aligned.

The process of powering the building involved months of planning and a couple of weeks of execution. Once the manholes were isolated and the building was de-energized, TECO Energy began the process that led to energizing the gear.

After the contractor completed their scope of work, the high-voltage electrician team conducted an inspection and started energizing feeders, verifying voltage and phasing, and finally testing the voltage on the secondary side of the transformer to ensure there was proper rotation for the equipment inside the building.

When it comes to safety measures, the high-voltage electricians use a personal protection gear called arc flash protection suit, or 'moon suit', which is designed to shield them from serious injuries that may be caused by common at-work hazards. For further protection, there is electrical protection for the hands, insulated sticks for different operations of switches and transformers, and a clearance range for unqualified individuals.

On August 10, the new Wellness Center was also energized, following a similar process.



EMPLOYEE PROFILE

JAMES ORF

SENIOR LEAD, MAINTENANCE
PARKING AND TRANSPORTATION

James Orf joined Parking and Transportation Services over 15 years ago. He started as a maintenance repair worker and is currently the Senior Lead for the Maintenance Team.

In his position, James does a little bit of everything. His typical day at work includes going out and checking the garages, ensuring nothing is damaged, and ensuring everyone has the supplies they need to get their jobs done. He constantly gets work orders, so in one minute he could be changing a ballast in a light fixture, and in the next he could be filling a pothole in a parking lot.

James enjoys being outdoors, working with his hands, and seeing new students and people every year. His favorite parts of working within OAS are his work environment and the different challenges he faces each day. Even though he follows a routine, he never knows what is going to come up next. It is like a new adventure every day.

James grew up on a farm in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania, and moved to Florida when he was 18 years old. He enjoys going on walks with his dog Brody and playing catch while listening to classic rock. James is also a big superhero fan and likes to keep up with all the movies and graphic novels. Superman, Batman, and Spider-Man are his top favorites.



OAS TOWN HALL

September 14, 2022

MSC Oval Theatre | 10AM & 1PM

PTB Training Room | 6:30PM



NEW FACULTY ORIENTATION

OAS representatives were invited to participate in this year's New Faculty Orientation - Faculty Success Expo in the MSC Ballroom on August 9.

More than 50 university offices were present at the Expo. The event showcased critical departments and services and welcomed more than 100 new faculty to the USF community.

Representatives from Parking and Transportation Services, Emergency Management, and Facilities had the chance to engage with new faculty interested in each department's resources and initiatives and distribute giveaways such as maps, guides to stress-free parking, and Bull Runner lanyards.

Robert Jordan has participated in this event several times and says "it is quite enjoyable to meet new faculty and help them get situated into their new role at USF."



Robert Jordan, Andrea Davis, Michelle Canne, and Antonio Morales were tabling at the New Faculty Orientation, handing out some 'swag' materials and sharing information about PATS, Emergency Management, and Facilities.

NEW BULL RUNNER DISPLAYS

Four new interactive Bull Runner displays were placed around campus in the past couple of weeks.

The displays allow students, faculty, and staff to track and get more accurate arrival times for the Bull Runner. They can be found at the bus shelters at Marshall Student Center, the library, Leroy Collins, and the Village.



One of the new touch screen Bull Runner display at the MSC bus shelter.

WORK ANNIVERSARIES

BUSINESS CENTER

Ismael Colon Viera	2
Jasmine Denson	1

FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

Antonio Gonzalez	27
Michael Fetzer	26
Gloria Murphy	24
Hill Tong	16
Jacqueline Gahagan	16
Maria Luyanda	16
Alba Loaiza	12
Kayshun Brown	12
Vasant Amin	12
Cory Rugg	10
Jimmy Davis	10
Roy Banks	10
Kadrinne Brewton	8
Luis Roman Sanabria	8
Jordan Richardson	6
Rachel Leonard	5
Alfred Murray	4
Cynthia Taylor	4
Daniel Gessman	4
Joseph Castaneda	4
Gary Shadwick	3
Eric Rios Gonzalez	2
Eustace Joseph	1
Luis Santiago Castillo	1

PARKING AND TRANSPORTATION

Teresa Kasman	13
Raymond Mensah	10
Peter Tiberini	4
Christopher Meadors	3
Steven Kopp	3

PARKING AND TRANSPORTATION VS BUSINESS CENTER

New banners were installed across the Tampa campus from August 1st through the 11th.

The previous banners were up for almost three years and, after exceeding their useful lifespan, it was time for them to be replaced. The new banners were designed by the OAS Communication and Engagement team and can now be found on 186 poles across the campus.



As part of this effort, the Grounds team and Planning department coordinated tree trimming for the banner installations and the Utilities team performed the removal of several banner poles along Bruce B Downs that were no longer needed.

PRESIDENT LAW'S LUNCHEON



Thank you to those who attended President Law's Luncheon at the Lifesey house to celebrate the start of a new academic year! VP Post also attended and was able to celebrate alongside many of our OAS employees. You can see more photos of OAS employees at the event on the display boards in breakrooms across our areas.

REMINDERS

Don't forget to nominate a deserving coworker for an Excellence Award online at bit.ly/ExcellenceFormOAS.

WELCOMING NEW ADDITIONS

Jaiden Nieves
Senior Shipping & Receiving Clerk
Business Center

Melissa Elaine Pereira Koskela
Fiscal & Business Specialist
Business Center

Michelle Begue
Facilities Project Manager II
Facilities Management

Mark Moore
Groundskeeper
Facilities Management

Krista Schmidt
Fiscal & Business Specialist
Business Center

Taurus Brody
Groundskeeper
Facilities Management



UNIVERSITY-WIDE *Town Hall*

Wednesday // September 7th

10:00 AM

MARSHALL STUDENT CENTER BALLROOM

Faculty and staff are invited to join President Rhea F. Law and other members of USF's leadership team for a town hall meeting. They'll share updates about plans for the fall semester, perspectives from academic leadership, our new budget model and new support resources from HR.

They also want to hear about what's important to you. You can submit questions for university leaders in advance at usf.edu/townhallquestions, or there will be opportunities to ask questions during the event.

THE TOWN HALL WILL BE HELD IN-PERSON AND WILL BE LIVE STREAMED AT USF.EDU/LIVESTREAM