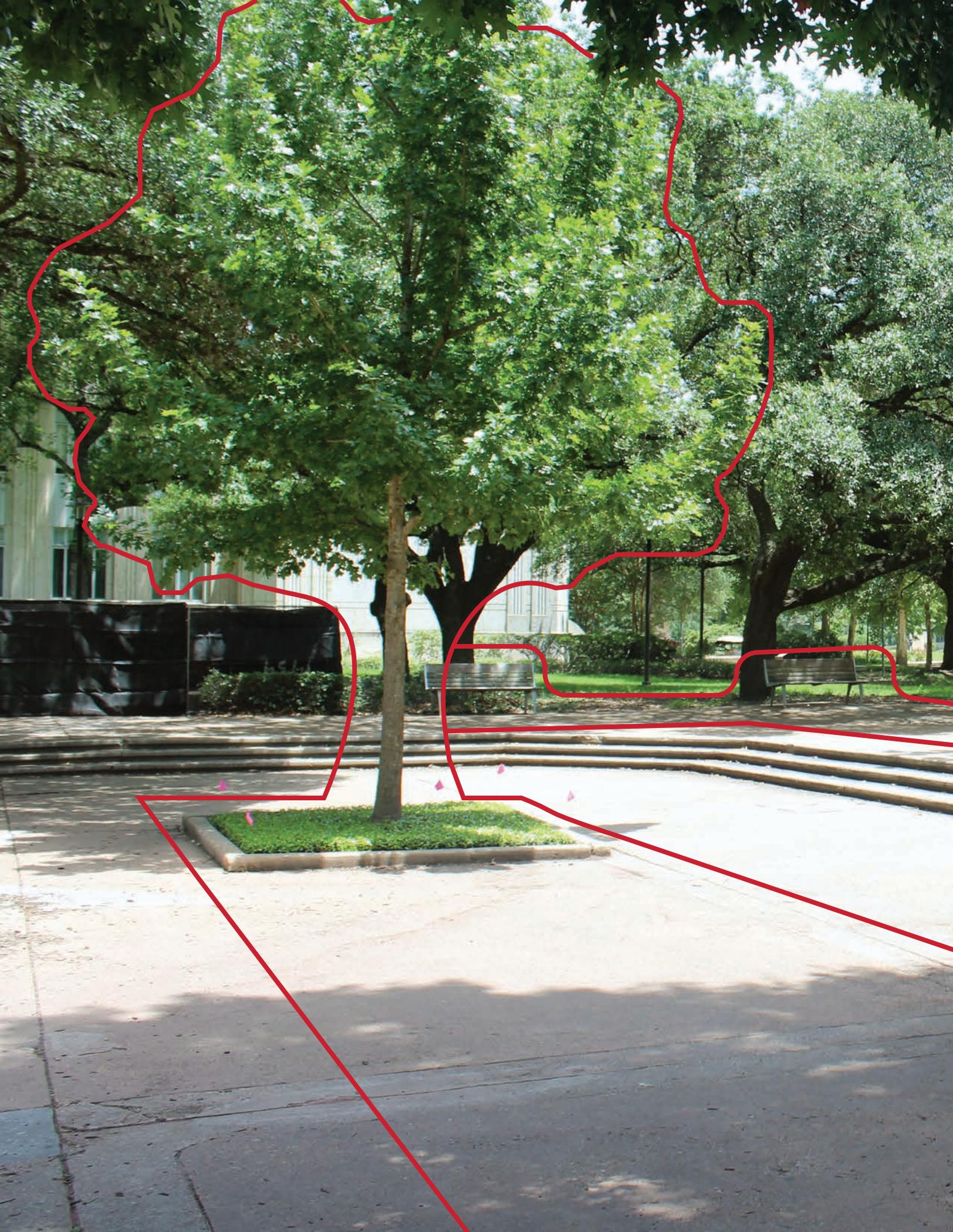


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NOTE FROM THE EDITORIAL TEAM

Greetings from Facilities Communications! We are happy that you are visiting our magazine's pages. We hope at the end of your visit, you will come away with a better idea of the many things our department, Facilities/Construction Management, undertakes to create and maintain a pleasant campus physical environment.



As we head into the somewhat "quieter" summer season, we get to reflect upon the past school year even as we also look forward to the coming new school year. We have already started planning for the fall, which we know will be here all too quickly.



But no matter how hectic or demanding the draws on our time can become, there is one constant that is woven throughout everything we do – the importance of our customers and working to meet their facilities needs. We invite you to visit us online at uh.edu/fixit. Select the icon box, Customer Comments and Concerns, and let us know how we are doing. We look forward to hearing from you.



On behalf of myself and the entire Facilities Communications and Customer Service editorial team, thank you for your interest and for your continued support in viewing our publications.



GO COOGS!



Executive Director of Facilities Planning Named



Christa Rieck joined the University of Houston in 2007 as a Project Manager for interior projects. Over the years Christa has worn many hats with the latest serving as the Interim Director of the Facilities Planning Department.

During her tenure as the Interim Director of Facilities Planning, Christa has implemented positive change by leading the efforts of the restructured Maintenance Project Evaluation Committee (MPEC) and project review process, established dedicated Facilities Planners for campus clients, increased solid communications between Facilities Planning, UH campus community and all campuses in the University of Houston System.

In addition to the key contributions and accomplishments mentioned above coupled with professional experience, Christa has a true passion to aid in the growth of the University of Houston System ultimately propelling her alma mater to new heights. It has been her privilege over the past ten years to collaborate with key groups on campus that also share her passion for continued success. As the University of Houston System continues to excel in all categories, it will be her privilege to serve as the new Executive Director for University Architect, Facilities Planning and Space Management.



Technology Enhances Roof Assessments



As part of the follow-up from major weather incidences, UH Facilities assesses possible building damage. Hurricane Harvey was no exception. Soon after Hurricane Harvey swept through Houston in August of 2017, building interiors, facades, and roofs had to be reviewed and then the damage is noted and put in order of priority. Assessments began as early as September and ended in January. Over 150 buildings were completed during this tedious process.

The fascinating part to this standard protocol was the introduction of UAV (Unmanned Aerial Vehicles), aka “Drones”. This was the first time drones were used on campus in a weather-related after-math assessment process. The advantage they carry is that they are a much safer alternative to a man-lift or walking roofs that have pitched angles. There are no potential harness issues or sidewalk closures. Drones are also capable of recording patterns using a pre-recorded flight pattern. This allows the operator to analyze the infrared images while in flight without concentrating on piloting the UAV (Unmanned Aerial Vehicle) The infrared camera picks up heat from moisture that is trapped beneath the roofing membrane and then the image is displayed and recorded in multi-color spectrum based on temperature.

Drones also are capable of vertical wall and window inspections. This would allow close up views of potential water infiltration points within a building envelope system, which normally would have to be performed either from a man lift or a window cleaning rig. It is the hopes of UH Facilities to be able to use this feature in the future.

Just like the pictures seen on the news from Hurricane Harvey, a drone picture will probably never fully grasp the full scope of damage but it definitely helps give more insight. Touching the roof surface is still needed to write-up a complete damage report.

UH Facilities appreciates the help of the Building Coordinators who accommodated the needs including access and tours for the buildings. A big thank you to Assistant Dir. Prevent Maintenance Services, Henry Anderson for coordinating these efforts along with Sr. Facilities Planner, Nick Tamayo.

Also a special thanks to these team members: Veronica Villalobos (Custodial Lead), Carlos Reyes Garcia (Custodial Lead), Kyle Coolack (Equipment Mechanic), Tom Dane (General Maintenance), Tyrance Bailey (General Maintenance), Miguel Elizondo (Inspector), Rey Tajonera (Inspector), David Simons (Inspector), Emory Moore (HVAC).

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Annual Exterior Building Cleaning Project Initiated

In 2017, UH Facilities launched a new exterior building project. This kicked off the first year of what's expected to be an ongoing project for campus. It has been done a few times in the past, but not to this magnitude.

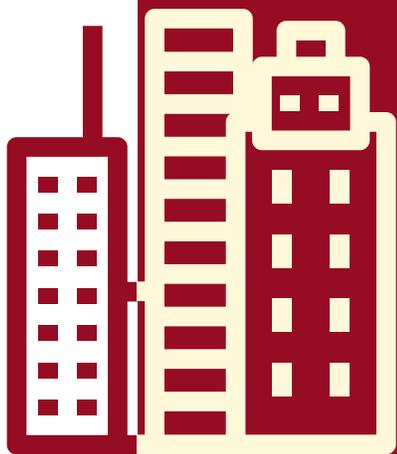


Facilities has started conducting assessments for the building exteriors and reviews which buildings should be considered a top priority to have cleaned. This prioritizing is based on the visual presentation and requests people have submitted. On occasion, requests are submitted in order to prepare the building for major upcoming events. A few buildings have been completed such as Farish Hall, the front of the Student Services Center and even portions of the Engineering 1 and Engineer 2 building. The next building to receive exterior cleaning is Cougar Village 1 which is scheduled to occur during Spring Break.

The initiative has received much support specifically from Associate Vice Chancellor/ Associate Vice President David Oliver who helped allocate the proper funding for this annual project. Maintenance Director Jerry Bogna explained "The campus appearance is important to all of us. The way our campus comes across visually impacts recruitment of students, athletes, faculty and sponsors, so the cleaning of buildings helps improve the overall aesthetics. In a sense, the exteriors of each of the buildings are the 'front doors' to the Powerhouse.

Bogna mentions this over all experience has been great and one of the easier projects he has led. The work is contracted out by the Request For Proposal process, where they chose the best out of 5 companies. The company chosen has the best experience and conscientious about safety. When performing the cleanings the company ensures that not only that the workers are secure, but that people are directed away from the work area. There is a guarantee of no algae regrowth for 3 years after the cleaning is completed.

Feedback has been very positive with an immediate visible improvement that everyone has appreciated. Facilities welcomes input from the campus community. Feel free to email Facilities Communications.



Preventive Maintenance

The emergence of a dedicated PM team to lower emergency breakdowns calls and work orders.



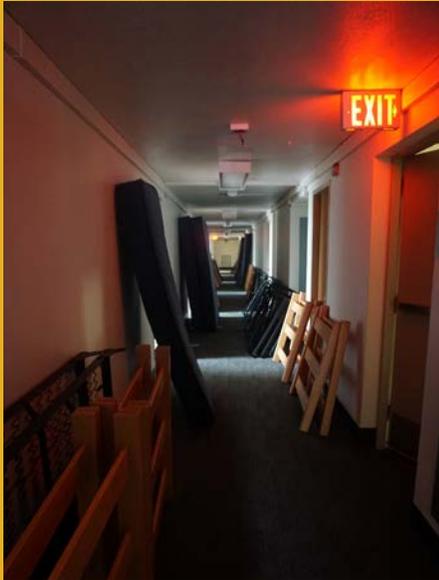
The Preventive Maintenance team was initiated by the Associate Vice Chancellor of Facilities in April to perform sufficient preventive work to significantly reduce the amount of breakdown calls to campus equipment. Prior to this, workers were assigned at random to perform routine checks on campus building and equipment but due to the absence of a dedicated team, work was often times not completed. However, this new team will be in charge of all preventive maintenance on campus facilities.

The PM team, managed by Assistant Director for Preventive Maintenance Henry Anderson, maintains over 22,000 pieces of equipment and growing in the University of Houston system which ensures that the university gets the maximum life out of its equipment.

The current supervisors, Rey Tajonera and Jessie Craig, were instrumental in handpicking the current members of the Preventive Maintenance Crew to perform upkeep on HVAC-related equipment. Data Entry Operator 2, Marie Eaglin, gets the information on equipment and maintains the flow of records within the team. In the future, this number will increase when another supervisor and other talents and skills are included into the program.

Anderson acknowledges other shops for their support in this team's efforts to maintain industry standards towards the effective long-term 24/7 maintenance of the UH campus.

QUADRANGLE FURNITURE DONATED



In preparation for the demolition of the quadrangle, the existing furniture that was once used by students in the Law, Taub, Oberholtzer, Settegast and Bates Hall would have to be removed and relocated. Senior Project Manager Dean Ruck and Assistant Project Manager Angelica Olivos were challenged to research the UH surplus property process to donate surplus furniture to two charities: Families of Freedom and Hands of Healing. Donating slightly used furniture reduces material going into a landfill and can continue to be utilized by those in need.

Families of Freedom and Hands of Healing are a part of a pre-approved list of surplus accepting organizations who had been contacted prior to Harvey but had initially declined the donation. However, after the hurricane but unrelated to its effects, these charities saw the need to accept the slightly used furniture to assist battered women and their families as well as homeless people on their quest for a better life.

With the help of Raymon Matthews in the UH Surplus Property Warehouse, the charities were verified that both were pre-approved by the state to accept donations from the University. Olivos stated that the move of the furniture was a month's worth of work coupled with coordination and a great team effort which took place in December before winter break and ended in January.

Olivos continued to explain that the directors of Hands of Healing and Families to Freedom were extremely grateful for the donations they received just in time for the holidays. Now that she is aware of the furniture donation process, Olivos is willing to help guide and direct others on Campus through any similar situation. She stated it was a great experience working together with these charities and they are forever thankful to the University.

Bicycles on Campus

Facilities Services,
UH Police Department and
The Office of Sustainability
partner together

A new policy has been approved by the University of Houston regarding bicycle registration on campus in order to ensure a safe and proficient physical environment in support of students, faculty, staff and visitors. This policy will help regulate bicycle parking on campus, it describes pick-up of abandoned and seemingly abandoned bicycles, and details the removal of bicycles parked in unauthorized areas. Registration for bikes are completely free.

Bicycle | uh.edu/biking | Registration

Some highlights from the policy include:

- Prior to parking a bicycle on campus, every bicycle owner should register the bicycle with UHPD at http://www.uh.edu/police/bike_registration.html.

- The Office of Sustainability continues to partner with facilities and UHPD to promote this biking information along with other resources (uh.edu/biking).

- FS and UHPD will designate a time period at least twice a year to tag bicycles and other items attached to bicycle racks (including locks) around campus that appear abandoned. Visit <http://www.uh.edu/facilities-services> for more information.

Facilities is excited to be a part of this partnership and hopes that it will increase the use of bicycles on campus.

Facilities Services Names Three Directors

Facilities named three directors for Facilities Services. The new appointees are not new to Facilities or the responsibilities that come with their new title having considerable years of experience in the department.

Mike Wheeler

Director of Facilities Operations

Jerry Bogna

Director of Facilities Maintenance

Liliana Simmonds

Director of Campus Facilities Services

Mike Wheeler

Director of Facilities Operations -

The Director of Facilities Operations has been working for the University of Houston since July 2012. During the past 6 years, he has been assigned the titles of Senior Project Manager and Interim Director. His tasks included overseeing all of the technical services, electrical, HVAC, BMS, lab services, fire alarm, and the work of the three power plants. Additionally, he has also worked on the utilities and infrastructure of the campus such as tasks related to the water systems, electric and natural gas.

Directs: HVAC, BMS, Fire Alarms, Central Plant, Electric



Jerry Bogna

Director of Facilities Maintenance -

In March 2018, the Director of Facilities Maintenance will complete 6 years of hard work at the University of Houston. Moreover, he has been a General Contractor for 20 years, a construction company owner, a manager of other construction companies, General Contractor, and Public Work Supervisor. During his service at UH, he has worked under the title of Sr. Project Manager. He has been in charge of general maintenance and preventive maintenance campus wide. He looks forward to contribute to “the vision of our new AVP and ED to move Facilities Maintenance to an even higher level of service, value and professionalism, in order to give UH students, faculty and staff a true Tier One environment, both now and in the years to come.”

Directs: Corrective Maintenance, Preventive Maintenance



Liliana Simmonds

Director of Campus Facilities Services -

Our Director of Campus Facilities Services has been working for the University of Houston for 8 years. Through the years she has worked under different titles such as supervisor of custodial services, area supervisor (south zone), facilities supervisor inspector, contract coordinator and manager of custodial services. She has done a wonderful job as a house custodian, supervisor of programs management and as a member of the inspections team. Many tasks required her to serve with the lock shop and be part of moves and events. She has been valuable member to our team and an asset to UH Facilities.

Directs: In-house custodial, Contracted custodial and inspections, Lock Shop, Fleet and Auto, Grounds and Pest



Technology Building Renovation Project

Technology 1 and Technology Annex Building minor renovations.

Conversation about the renovations for the Technology and Technology Annex buildings began early in the Fall semester of 2017. Facilities Minor In-House Construction (MIC) team mobilized themselves quickly so the project could be completed before the Spring semester started.

The goal of the project was to repaint the hallways to give them a fresh look and a more inviting atmosphere. The former color scheme comprised of dark colored wallpapers but the new brighter colors chosen from the approved Paint Palette made the hallways more welcoming. MIC also painted the hallway doors and frames which added to the pleasing aesthetic. As part of the upgrades, the existing room number signage was removed to install new ADA compliant signage. Bulletin strips were installed to help alleviate random fliers from being posted.

BEFORE

The custodial crew followed up after sanding and maintained a clean environment during the project. Post-it strips were installed to help maintain the Facilities and help consolidate random flyers everywhere.

MIC enjoys working with the College of Technology and appreciates that they took the initiative to update their facility and make it look better. The Dean and supporting staff were critical in the success of the project.

AFTER



Sustainability Fest



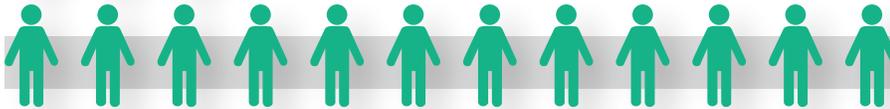
Every spring multiple offices of the UH campus meet to promote and teach students about sustainability. This year Facilities was very pleased to be a part of the event once again. This year the Sustainability Fest was celebrated in the park in front of the MDA Library. The weather was splendid and it encouraged everyone to stay and learn more about all the different organizations present in the fest. Students from all over campus walked through the area and were able to be part of some of the activities that the fest had to offer. Facilities offered games and free gadgets for whoever was interested in learning about the important work that Facilities does to maintain and enhance the campus.

Facilities was glad to use this opportunity to promote its' brand new Instagram page dedicated to highlight important news and events happening within the facilities. Students that played in one of the activities were encouraged to follow facilities on different social media platforms, especially the new Instagram account. Thanks to the Sustainability Fest and all the efforts done during the event to promote the account, Facilities received a total of 60 followers on our new Instagram account.

NEW SOCIAL MEDIA FOLLOWERS FROM SUSTAINABILITY FEST



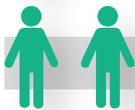
15 FOLLOWERS



60 FOLLOWERS



5 FOLLOWERS



10 FOLLOWERS

UH Libraries Annual Staff Recognition Awards

The University of Houston Libraries annually recognizes an employee from outside the UH Libraries to show appreciation of his or her efforts that go above and beyond their normal work routine. This award is known as the Dean's Library Advocate. The recipient must have worked closely with the Libraries during the past year, and should have made a contribution to the success of the Library. In March, Facilities Building Management Systems Lead Bill Allen was honored with this award.

“Bill has a very welcoming personality, and is always willing to go the extra mile. Bill is an absolute pleasure to work with.”



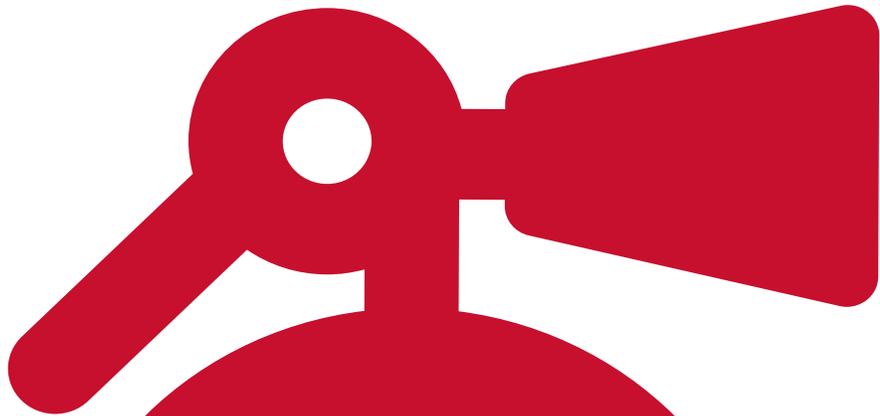
Over the last year, Bill Allen had been assigned to the UH Library to address all Heating and A/C issues. As a result, Allen had been very attentive in making sure all temperatures in the Elizabeth Rockwell Pavilion remained at a comfortable level for various events. Allen also made sure if for any reason he was not available to respond, he would contact someone else within his group to troubleshoot the call. Allen made it a priority to constantly check in with library on a daily basis for any adjustments needed for temperature and made sure to address them immediately. In addition, Allen made sure to notify the building manager of any work that was going to be done well in advance of the timeline. This allowed the manager to effectively communicate with occupants to foresee any issues. Allen was also a part of the UH Ride out team during hurricane Harvey and made sure to fix all HVAC issues that resulted from loss of power.

The library department is more than thankful for Bill Allen and all his hard work. Dean Lisa German had many kind words to say expressing the libraries appreciation of his dedication. “Bill has a very welcoming personality, and is always willing to go the extra mile. Bill is an absolute pleasure to work with.”

Facilities continues to strive for excellent customer service and Bill Allen sets a great example.

Fire Department holds training at UH demolished buildings

The Quads served as a practice buildings for local firefighters



Several local Houston fire departments were able to train in the freshly demolished quads. This is the first time training was conducted on campus in a building undergoing demolition. Releases were signed in order for these two training days to be scheduled along with the approval from JE Dunn, the contractors in charge of the demolition.

This type of training offered the fire fighters an unfamiliar setting. They were able to practice search and rescues, breach walls, open multiple types of doors with forcible entry and overall have a much more realistic experience compared to props typically used for training at the station.

This is not the first time training was done at the University of Houston. Previously, the Houston Fire Department has used the elevators at Moody Towers to practice elevator rescues and safety. There was also a practice in the garages for the standpipes in the stairwells. These drills involved deploying a water hose from a higher floor in order to reach a possible fire on another floor.

Fire Marshal Chris McDonald has been with the University for seven years. He had the opportunity in his career to have hands on experience and says “it was great training for the fire departments”.

Facilities looks forward to future opportunities to support local Houston fire departments.



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Leadership Philosophy

by Jeffrey Benjamin Executive Director of Facilities Services



Executive Director of Facilities Services Jeffrey Benjamin believes a Leadership Philosophy provides clarity of purpose. He has seen high performing organizations united and driven by a sense of shared direction, shared purpose and shared values. His philosophy for Facilities Services lays the foundations for each of these. He has been honored to lead a group of tremendously talented and hardworking people over these last two semesters. He feels the team has gotten through some of the biggest catastrophes including flooding, freezes and a burning building.

Benjamin feels his Leadership Philosophy is a template for everything that will follow. Below is the information posted in each of the shops in order to help guide daily decisions made by Facilities Services staff members.



MY VISION

While I am new to this position and our organization has undergone, and is likely to continue to undergo a great deal of change, we will continue to build upon our past success. My **vision** for the Facilities Services team is **...to be world class provider of facility services and facility management to the University of Houston.**

To achieve this vision, I commit to foster a culture where our customers are our number one priority; where every employee is treated with respect, clearly understands how he/she contributes to our mission, is recognized for a job well done, seeks opportunities for professional and personal growth, and strives to make a difference; and where communications is clear, open, timely and flows freely throughout the organization. **I am committed to providing a safe, secure, and mishap free environment for the University's students, faculty, and staff.**

Below, in no particular order of precedence, are the basic tenets by which I expect you to engage your duties. They are essential to executing our mission and achieving our goals.

Take Care:

- Of Our Customers – We exist solely to meet their needs.
- Of Each Other – Treat all with dignity and respect.
- Of our Equipment – **Safely** maintain the highest state of readiness of **all** equipment and systems.
- Of our Business – **Safely** accomplish the job on time, **every time**

Strive for Excellence:

- **Always** do your best ... set the right example. Do the right thing ... even if it hurts.
- **NEVER** compromise on safety or quality.
- If you see something wrong, let your leadership know. Don't be afraid to raise issues.
- **Always** be honest and professional.
- Meet commitments and deadlines.
- Take ownership of everything in your area of responsibility.
- Continuously seek to improve processes... don't be satisfied with the status quo.
- Don't let the day-to-day details force you to lose sight of our mission or goals.
- Be a good communicator.
- Treat everyone fairly.
- Be receptive to change and learn from your mistakes.



HAVE FUN

- **On The Job** – Learn from each other and work as a team to achieve common goals.
- **At Home** – Take time with your family ... they are part of our team. Maintain a proper balance between your professional career and your personal life.

Being part of the Facility Services Team provides each of us the opportunity to accomplish great things. Our potential can only be realized in an environment where everyone is encouraged to contribute to his or her full potential. Anything less is not fair to our customers, ourselves, or the people we work with.

My focus will be to ensure we work together while concentrating on what is essential for Facility Services support to the University's mission; stewardship of our resources, growth and development of our people, our organization, and leadership for today and the future.

Be proud to be a part of this University and this organization, it has a great heritage and many great accomplishments!

~Jeffrey Benjamin, P.E., DBIA
Executive Director of Facilities Services

Lynn Eusan Park goes Green

While taking a walk or driving on a cart around Lynn Eusan Park, one will notice that the older trash cans that donned the park have been replaced with Smart Bins to suit the aesthetic of the campus. This change was initiated this May and completed two weeks after Facilities decided that the bins be replaced.

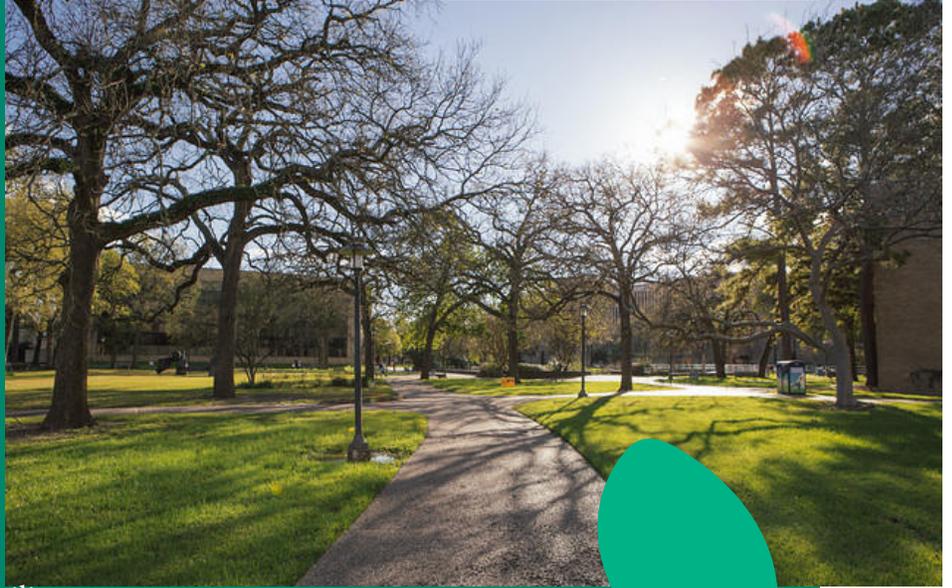
The four new additions to the park are an upgrade of the old ones as they are not just trash cans but contain a recycling component. The Smart Bins send solar powered Wi-Fi alerts to inform Waste Management when it needs to be emptied. In addition to this, the new bins were recycled from different locations around campus where the bins were not being utilized and moved to Lynn Eusan Park.

Supervisor of Recycling and Solid Waste Danielle C. Woods stated that she and her colleagues, Liliana Simmonds and James Ballowe, decided to replace the trash cans in order to aid the beautification of the park as well as to continue the college's initiative of being recognized as a sustainable university. The recycling bins will come in handy at the over 100 events that are held in the park annually.

The crew plans to embark in other sustainable activities. More information will be coming out soon.



Tree Inventory Survey



UH Facilities and the Office of Sustainability are enthusiastic about the future results of the tree inventory survey.

As part of a larger project, the campus is getting an entire tree inventory survey completed. Every tree with a diameter 4-inches or greater will be noted, inventoried and safely tagged. This has tremendous benefits for UH Facilities in the way of future construction projects along with grounds keeping and maintenance. For the Office of Sustainability, this helps with the STARS reporting and initiatives. “This project will benefit the University on many different levels.” stated Senior Project Manager Barry Simmons.

The Tree Survey is a multiple phase endeavor utilizing numerous technologies that includes drones and ground vehicles utilizing light retention and ranging (LiDAR) surveying applications as well as using carts with cameras and physical walking through the Campus tree by tree, step-by-step. This inventory will help to maintain a Tree Campus USA certification and track greenhouse gas.

After it is complete, UH Facilities Planning Department will have an AutoCAD file of the trees on campus showing every tree location along with information such as species, diameter, potential age, and health attributes.

Once the base tree survey document is in place, the tree inventory will become a living document showing the campus’ tree diversity and able to be updated with every new tree over 4-inches in diameter and every loss.

The use of this information is endless and the excitement is unequalled.

Health 2 Highlighted

In May, the completion of the new Health and Biochemical Sciences building was featured by American School & University in an article titled "Health and biomedical sciences facility completed at University of Houston" written by Mike Kennedy. The article was posted under the highlights of Planning and Design.

<http://www.asumag.com/new-construction/health-and-biomedical-sciences-facility-completed-university-houston>

The article highlights the new amenities and multipurpose spaces for students and faculty. Particularly, the building's façade caught everyone's attention. The limestone base, fritted glass curtainwall, and pre-cast concrete wall panels, perfectly add elegance and works independently with the surrounding buildings of the campus.

The University of Houston is proud to present a new 300,000 square foot facility. The building provides new research and teaching labs, faculty offices, an expanded health sciences library, and a mix of modern teaching spaces.

2017 Tree Campus USA

During the spring semester, the University of Houston was recognized as a 2017 Tree Campus USA by the Arbor Day Foundation. The Tree Campus USA recognition started in 2008 which honors colleges and universities and their leaders for promoting healthy trees and engaging students and staff in the spirit of conservation. The University achieved this award by meeting the five core standards for an effective campus forest management.

- Establishing a tree advisory committee
- Having an evidence of a campus tree-care plan
- Having a dedicated annual expenditure for the campus tree program
- An Arbor Day observance
- Sponsorship of student service-learning projects

In the letter of recognition, the President of Arbor Day Foundation, Dan Lambe stated "Your entire campus should be proud of your sustained commitment too environmental stewardship... we celebrate your diligence in improving the environment and quality of life at University of Houston."

At this time, UH Facilities would like to congratulate the Grounds team for their efforts which have greatly contributed to this recognition. They have shown their commitment to protecting and preserving the trees around campus which helps the world wide issues relating to air quality, water resources, personal health and well-being as well as energy use. The UH Office of Sustainability was also instrumental to this recognition. Review their article.

UHV UCommons Topping Out Event

University of Houston Victoria celebrates the progress of the new University Commons.



The University of Houston-Victoria recognized the considerable progress of the first of three new major building projects planned for UHV's campus; UHV University Commons on May 2, 2018.

The University Commons is shared between the Student Center and Library for UHV. It will include student study, meeting & lounge areas, small and large group collaboration spaces, Student Government work areas and offices, multiple food service venues, a Barnes & Noble Bookstore and plenty of exciting space for student interaction. The library is located on levels two and three and will include library stack area as well as a "Glass Box" for a historic regional book collection, Library office areas, Student Success and Maker Spaces as well as many individual computer work areas.

We send a special Thank you to our special guest and everyone else who participated in this celebration.

UHV President, Vic Morgan

The President's Cabinet

UH Principal Project Manager, Jim Norcom

UHS Facilities Planning and Construction Project Team

UHV Staff

Students, Management and Staff

Representatives from BE&K Building Group's Administration

Team Members from Gensler

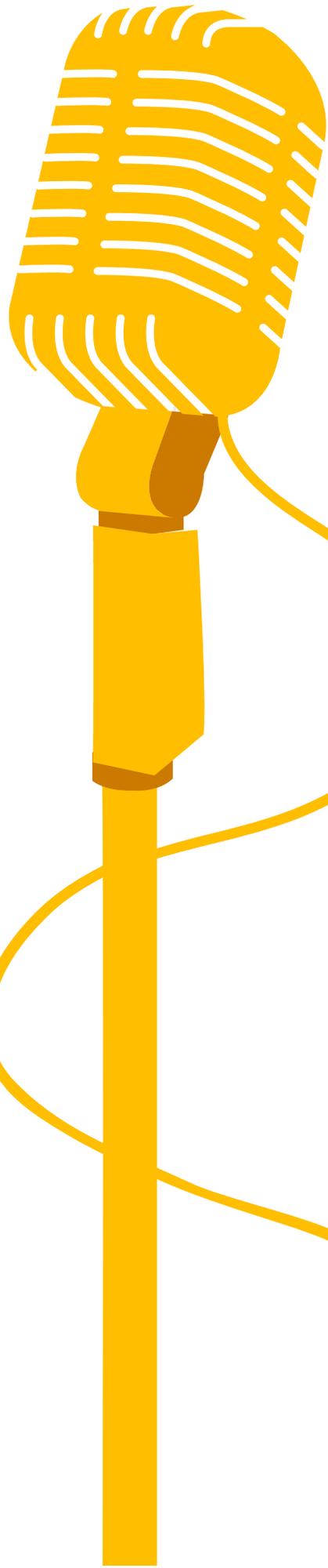
Architect of Record

Topping Out Celebrations are a tradition that have been held around the world for centuries to announce the highest point of the structure has been completed. Often an evergreen tree is attached to the topmost point symbolizing positive things for the building occupants, and construction workers have been known to symbolically affix a flag announcing they've climbed the mountain and reached the summit.

Both flag and evergreen were present for the event, although due to windy conditions and safety concerns the tree stayed at ground level, however the flag was flying high!

In a sign of respect and thanks to the workforce for their conscientious safety record, trade workers were invited to be the first to serve themselves a delicious BBQ lunch.

While important as a symbolic measure of success and cause for celebration, the building is only about halfway completed when the building structure is topped out. MEP systems are currently being installed and interior finish out will follow, having the building ready for UHV to occupy over the Christmas holidays.



Voice of Facilities

Facilities Coordinator, Erica Vazquez becomes the voice of Facilities.

Facilities Coordinator Erica Vazquez is more than just the friendly smile at the Key window when you pick-up your key at the General Services Building from UH Facilities. She happens to now also be the voice we hear on many answering services.

UH Facilities asked Vazquez to record the updated message for the FIXIT message. Once a few individuals heard her pleasantly sounding voice, more departments throughout campus asked for her to lend her services for various recordings.

Her voice can be heard notifying department office hours, when the department is closed for holidays or events and also giving the caller options to choose. UIT provides her with a script tailored to each specific department and she simply uses her desktop phone to read the message on voicemail. UIT Analyst Ray Hernandez takes the recording from the voice mail and transfers it to the departments' answering system. She is happy to be able to help beyond her normal job duties and plans to continue to partner with UIT on any upcoming projects.

UH Katy

Groundbreaking

The University of Houston broke ground on a new campus to serve the higher education needs in the Katy area. Groundbreaking for the new UH Katy occurred 1 p.m., Wednesday, May 23, at the north-east corner of Grand Parkway and I-10.



“This new facility extends the reach of UH into Greater Houston, pairing programs with the education and workforce needs of the community,” said Jay Neal, associate vice president and chief operating officer of UH Katy. “These students will be prepared for excellence.”

The project is expected to be completed by fall 2019.

The 80,000-sq.-ft. building at UH Katy will be constructed on 46 acres in a growing area known as University Center. Students will take classes from the UH College of Nursing and the UH Cullen College of Engineering, as well as the University of Houston-Victoria at Katy.

The College of Nursing will offer a traditional Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree. The first cohort can accommodate up to 30 students. New to the college, the traditional BSN degree will debut at UH Katy.

Among the engineering programs to be offered at UH Katy is the Subsea Engineering program, the first such U.S. academic program in the discipline.

UHV Katy will offer classes from its Arts & Sciences, Business Administration and Education programs. These classes will be available online and face-to-face.

UH Katy is designed by SmithGroup and will be constructed by Tellepsen.



Congratulations !



Facilities is proud to congratulate Kanagavel Rivandran, a former Facilities Communications Student, who graduated from UH with a master's in Information Systems Security.

Congratulations as well to Contract Manager Guicela Salazar, for completing her Master's of Business Administration from Texas A&M Corpus Cristi.



WELCOME



Blessy Abraham

FACILITIES CONTRACT COORDINATOR



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KEY ACCESS SERVICES COORDINATOR



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National Safety Month

During National Safety Month, Facilities highlighted a few safety tips to ensure a safer work environment and lifestyle for all our employees. During the month of June, we encouraged employees to learn more about important safety issues like Emergency Preparedness, Wellness, Falls, and Driving. We believe safety is top priority so these measures will help us effectively guard against injuries, illnesses and fatalities. They include:



Emergency Preparedness



Wellness



Falls



Driving



Emergency Preparedness

Plan for possible emergencies. Research and prepare for natural disasters common to your area, such as floods, earthquakes or tornadoes. Keep your emergency kits stocked and refreshed with non-perishable foods, water, flashlights and extra batteries.

Prioritize your wellness by focusing on your well-being everyday. Take advantage of workplace wellness programs and choose healthy snacks each day. Get 7-9 hours of sleep each day as well as take breaks throughout your day to refresh your body and mind.

Wellness



Falls

Take the necessary precautions to prevent slips, trips and falls. Remove clutter, including cords and other tripping hazards from walkways, stairs and doorways. Wear the proper footwear and clean up all spills immediately. Distracted walking is a serious risk as well.

Driving

Always drive safe and avoid dangerous driving behaviors. Pay attention to vehicle alerts and warnings. Avoid cell phone distracted driving, including hands-free. If you drive for work, talk with your employer about safe habits.





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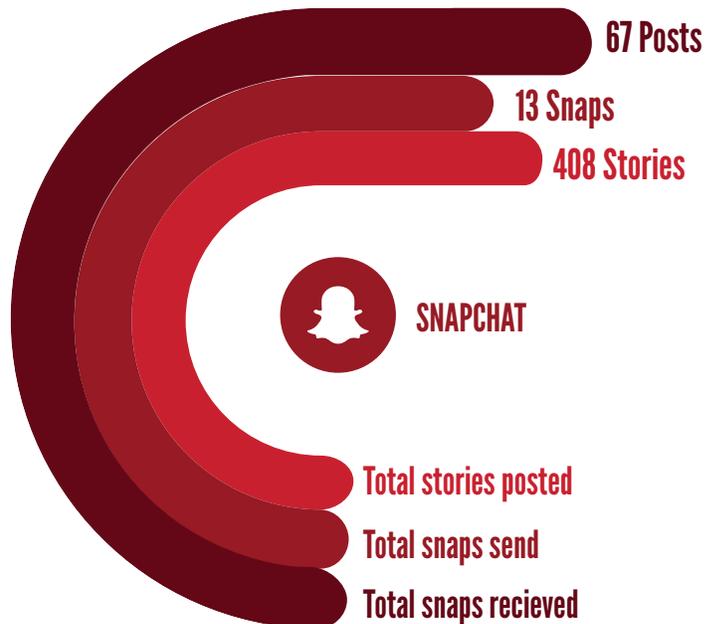
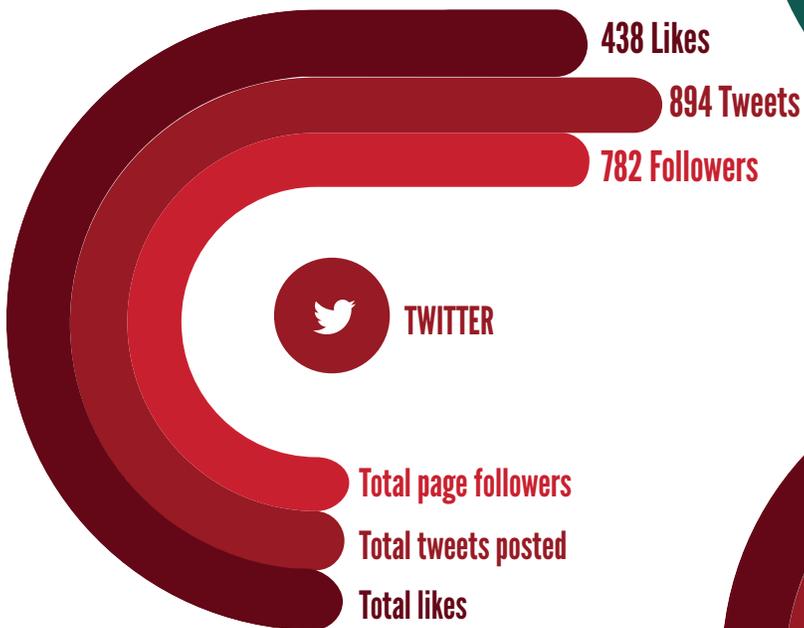
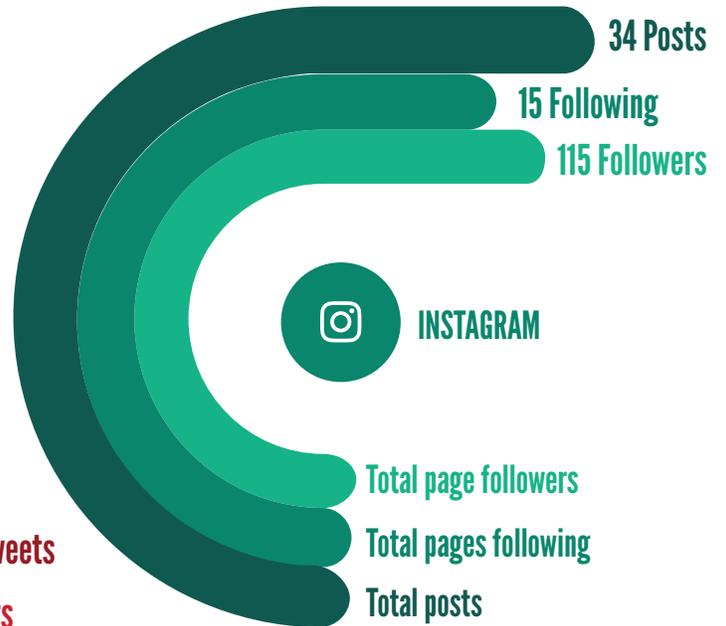
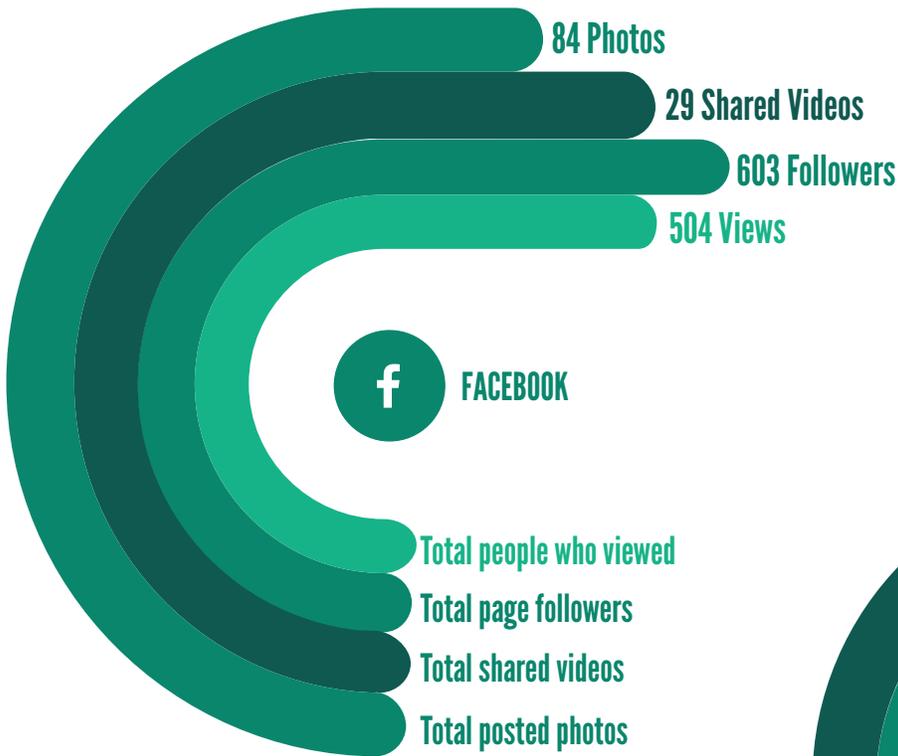
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Facilities Communication Team



Name: Emmanuella Aina but you can call me anything that ends in -ella par example Cinderella, Umbrella (you can sing it too) and Nutella.

What's your major? I'm a Communication student studying the media with a minor in Women's studies.

What's your graduation date? I'll be graduating from my alma matter in the spring semester of 2019.

What's your dream job? It will be great to be an ambassador advocating for people who don't have a forum to speak for themselves. I'll also love to be a news anchor for CNN Africa.

What's your favorite show? Jane the virgin has my affection. It's the right amount of drama I can handle.



Name: Destinie Holiday

What's your major? Broadcast Journalism with a minor in psychology

What's your graduation date? Fall 2018

What's your dream job? Anything that will make me more successfull

What's your favorite show? I love sponge bob !



Name: Michele Totoy

What's your major? Architecture with a Minor in French

What's your graduation date? Hopefully, Spring 2020

What's your dream job? I would like to work for a landscape architecture firm and do community base projects around the world.

What's your favorite show? I love Pretty Little Liars but Game of Thrones is the all time favorite



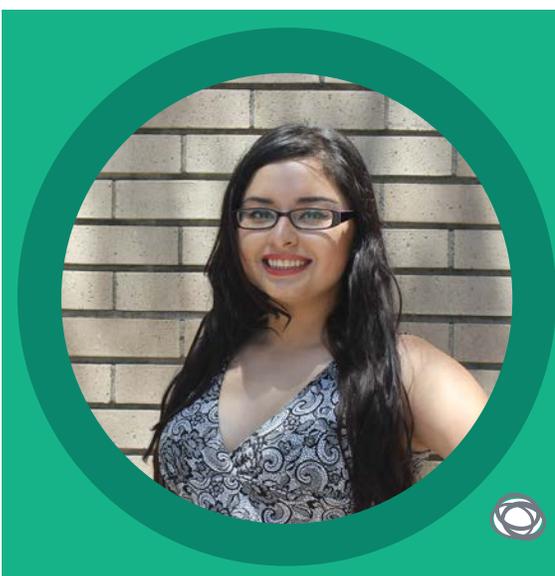
Name: Angie Sandoval

What's your major? Media Productions and considering a minor.

What's your graduation date? Spring 2020

What's your dream job? My dream job is to be an actress but I will settle for BuzzFeed.

What's your favorite show? BREAKING BAD is the all time favorite, Game of Thrones, Stranger Things, Malcolm in the Middle



Name: Jeylen Arteaga

What's your major? Interior Architecture

What's your graduation date? Spring 2019

What's your dream job? I would love to work for a Health Care Design Firm like Mass Design or Perkins + Will. I just want to help the world be a better place

What's your favorite show? Uhhhh I have a lot ! But I could rewatch The Office several times and my favorite anime Attack on Tittans

