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FM CELEBRATES NEW MEXICO ARBOR DAY

BY STEVE HOWE

On March 8, in celebration of New Mexico Arbor Day, Facilities Management (FM) arborists and Grounds and Landscaping staff planted two Piñon Pine trees on The University of New Mexico campus.



The first tree was planted in the morning on the HSC campus immediately north of Novitski Hall, located along Yale Boulevard between Camino de Salud and Tucker Avenue. The second was planted at noon in Tight Grove at the northeast corner of Central Avenue and University Boulevard.

At both plantings, FM staff were available to answer questions and they provided handouts on the Piñon Pine.

Arbor Day has a longstanding tradition on the UNM campus. William G. Tight, who served as UNM President from 1901-09 and is the namesake for Tight Grove, began planting trees at the corner of University Boulevard and Central Avenue. He would recruit students to help transplant trees from the Sandia Mountains to campus in order to fulfill his belief that a beautiful campus led to a better academic environment.

The State Legislature formally adopted the Piñon Pine, also called the Two Needle Piñon, as New Mexico's state tree on March 16, 1949.

The March 8th event was a precursor to the week-long tree plantings activities scheduled for April 22-26 in recognition of National Arbor Day. See page 8 for details.



FM Arbor Day Crew: Evan Lehman-Baker, Ethan Spilker, Matt Elbrecht, Alan Billau, and Scott Harden

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FM ALL STARS

JANUARY



Al Sena, Donald Martinez, Steven Dussart

Donald Martinez

As a Master Electrician, Donald has been a Facilities Management team member for 30 years, and in Area 3 for 11 years. Donald is a dedicated employee who prides himself on getting the job completed safely, correctly the first time, on budget and on time, often exceeding his customers' expectations. Donald exhibits a genuine concern for the students' learning environment and focuses heavily on his customers' best interest when performing his duties, ensuring safety and facility reliability. Donald often works early morning hours to minimize any impacts to his customers.

Donald continually provides outstanding customer service and respect to the students, faculty, and the Area 3 team members. He routinely mentors and serves as an outstanding role model to the Area 3 Electricians by wearing the required PPE and sharing job knowledge. He quickly responds to power outages, and his vast electrical knowledge equates to timely repairs. Donald is a key contributor to the success of Area 3 and we are fortunate to have him as a member of the Facilities Maintenance team.

- Steven Dussart



Mary Clark, John Shaski, Al Sena

John Shaski

John, or "Ski" as he prefers to be called, came to UNM Recycling with many years of experience in materials handling and composting. Because of his past experience, Ski provides a high level of customer service and promotion of better recycling practices to the campus community. Ski encourages teamwork and best practices with the Recycling Techs, who he supervises, and demonstrates respectful communication and polite behavior in all his interactions. Facilities Management is lucky to have someone as professional as Ski to lead our recycling program. - Mary Clark



FM ALL STARS FEBRUARY



Al Sena, Mark Garcia, Steven Dussart

Mark Garcia

Mark Garcia has been an Area 3 Facility Service Technician for 3 years with Facilities Management and a UNM employee for 12 years. Mark demonstrates professionalism, reliability, respect, and excellent customer service by effectively communicating with Area 3 team members, customers, and management. Mark is a dedicated team member, always willing to help others reach their goals. He exhibits a genuine concern for the students' learning environment and often comes in early to execute his assignments to avoid disturbing the staff and students, focusing heavily on his customers' best interest. Mark consistently creates work orders to ensure his assigned facilities are in a safe operating condition for the staff and students. Mark produces a quality product, focusing on doing the job right the first time and setting a fine example to others with his can-do attitude. Mark is a key contributor to the success and reputation of Area 3's Facilities Maintenance. We are very fortunate to have Mark Garcia as a member of our team. - *Steven Dussart*



Edwin Trujillo, Albert Morgas, Dave Gauthier, Al Sena

Albert Morgas

Albert is an important part of the Area 4 shop. He is an outstanding technician with over 30 years of experience working with commercial and residential plumbing systems. He has taken the time to reorganize the plumbing bench stock area; ensuring parts are available for emergencies and everyday repairs. He has assisted our Expediter with cataloging the part numbers for most of the plumbing parts, significantly improving the ordering process. The shortage of Plumbers in Area 4 has meant additional work for the two remaining Plumbers. Albert has the organizational skills needed to maintain a balance between accomplishing preventive maintenance on critical safety equipment (over 400 eyewash stations monthly) and keeping up with numerous corrective maintenance work orders. Sometimes, that means coming in early or staying late to get the job done. Through it all, Albert has maintained a positive attitude. We appreciate the extra effort Albert makes every day to keep the plumbing systems in Area 4 buildings functioning. - *David Gauthier*

**HAPPY ADMINISTRATIVE
PROFESSIONAL DAY**
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24

FM ALL STARS MARCH



Al Sena, Will Monette, Mary Clark

Will Monette

I initially nominated Will for an "All Star" award because I so very much appreciated his help when he overheard me being told that a tire on my car was flat. Will changed my tire and his kindness got me to reflecting on how our department, Facilities Management, is in many ways a big family. We know and care about each other and want to be helpful and kind to each other when we have the opportunity. Will is the Electrical Trades Inspector and I have learned that he is known to be very professional and knowledgeable. He listens to the electricians and other trades and asks for their feedback. We are lucky to have someone as helpful and knowledgeable as Will in our department. - *Mary Clark*



Al Sena, Paul Benavidez, Victor Tovar

Paul Benavidez

Paul Benavidez has been employed with the University for over 25 years. Some of his attributes include helping out employees throughout the University. Paul is very customer driven and is willing to take on any task, no matter the circumstances. Paul has had an outstanding record for perfect attendance for the past several years. We have really enjoyed having Paul Benavidez as a member of the custodial department. - *Victor Tovar*

FM SAFETY AWARD WINNER BRIAN DAMAZYN

From February 2018 through February 2019, Brian Damazyn volunteered to serve as the FM Area 2 Safety Representative, and performed in an exceptional manner. Over the course of this 12-month period, Brian provided eight safety presentations to the Area 2 staff. He also assisted the Master Technicians in the creation of PowerPoint slides for their safety presentations. Brian's use of PowerPoint slides and videos, both entertaining and educational, along with his communication style, kept the staff engaged and encouraged dialogue.

Brian also worked with the Grounds and Landscaping unit to successfully resolve a hazardous blind-spot situation on the north side of the HSSB Building where vehicles and fast moving cyclists had near collisions with sidewalk pedestrians. - *Leo Lucero*

NEW ARRIVALS

WELCOME!

Area 2

Carlos Sanchez
Electrician 2

Area 3

Richard Lindgren
HVAC Tech 2

Abrian Grine
Facilities Services Tech

Automotive

Zachary Page
General Services Asst.

Grounds & Landscaping

Daniel Pfel
Turf Tech

Yisim Lampiris-Tremba
Turf Tech

Kevin Shanks
Turf Tech

Utilities

Craig Barnard
Utilities Project Manager

MOVING UP! CONGRATULATIONS!

Area 2

John Nolen
Promoted to
Master HVAC Tech

Special Activities

Nick Royle
Promoted to
Supervisor of Special
Activities

Utilities

Zach Shadle
Promoted to
Maintenance Mechanic 2

RETIREMENT

GOOD LUCK!

MICHAEL RODRIQUEZ

After 35 years, Michael Rodriguez retired from the FM Grounds and Landscaping Heavy Equipment Team.

Thank you, Michael, for your dedicated service to UNM and Facilities Management. We wish you the very best in retirement.



Paul Lopez, Daniel Tibbetts, Terry Plake, Michael Rodriguez, Franklin Wittkofsky, Juan Garcia, and Jose Bejarano

NOTICE!

President Stokes has authorized July 5th as an official UNM holiday! If you have already been granted that day off as annual leave, please go to LoboTime at myUNM and cancel the request.

CONGRATULATIONS

**In March, Bob Notary,
Associate Director of
Engineering and Energy
Services, celebrated 20
years of service to UNM and
Facilities Management!**

MCCORD GRADUATES LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

In January, Environmental Services Division Manager Michael McCord graduated from the APPA U 2019 Leadership Academy in Fort Worth, Texas. The three-day academy teaches facilities management professionals effective leadership skills in one of four development tracks of their choosing, including individual, interpersonal, managerial, and organizational leadership. According to APPA, the purpose of the academy is to “enhance and further develop leadership throughout the educational industry” and to enable attendees to discover their personal leadership potential.

Congratulations, Michael!

A NOTE OF THANKS FROM OPERATION GRATITUDE



“On behalf of the Blue Star Mothers of Valencia County, I thank you for contributing to Operation Gratitude, your support of us as we support our loved ones and friends who are deployed. Each small item donated grew into a very large collection - over a TON, actually! Through your generosity, not only were we able to fill and ship nearly 300 boxes in January but also we have enough for another mailing this year! It is such a morale booster to our troops when they get notes and goodies from home; it lets them know they are NOT forgotten when they are fighting for freedoms away from home. Thank you. - Ruth Romero, Secretary, Blue Star Mothers of Valencia County.

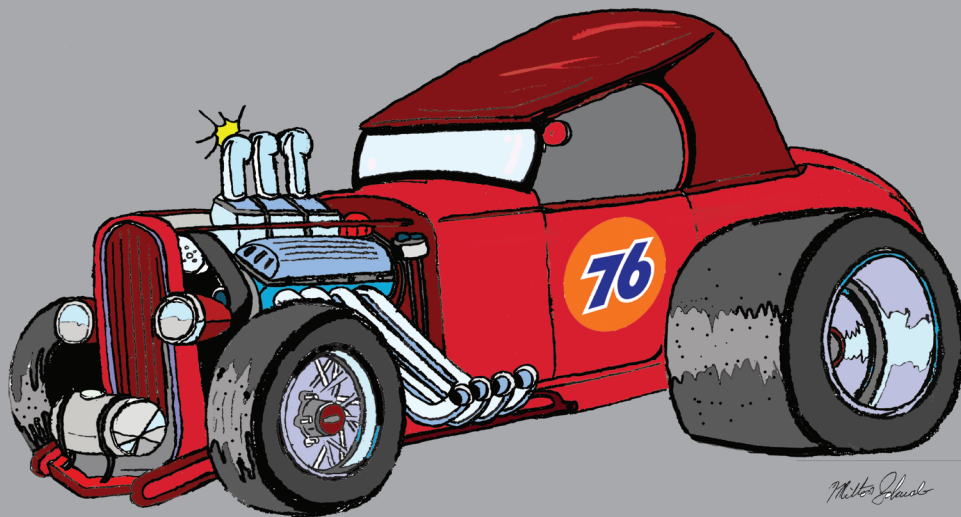
SAVE THE DATE

3rd ANNUAL CAR & MOTORCYCLE SHOW



FACILITIES
MANAGEMENT

FRIDAY, MAY 17th
11:00am to 1:00pm



Service Bldg.
Westside Parking Lot

FACILITIES MANAGEMENT ANNOUNCES EARTH DAY AND ARBOR DAY ACTIVITIES FOR APRIL

BY STEVE HOWE

Facilities Management (FM) invites The University of New Mexico community to participate in activities commemorating Earth Day and National Arbor Day.

On Thursday, April 20, FM Grounds and Landscaping had a table at the Sustainability Expo on the Cornell Mall. Certified staff arborists were available to answer questions and provided tree-related handouts and information to the public.

FM Recycling was also represented at the fair. Staff educated fairgoers on the importance of sorting trash and recyclables at initial disposal to avoid contamination later in the process. Contaminated recyclables not only require disposal in the landfill, but represent lost revenue opportunities for the University.

The week of April 22 – 26, FM Grounds and Landscaping will be planting a variety of trees at several locations around campus. Extra shovels will be on hand for those who wish to participate in the planting, and arborists will discuss the species of trees being added to the campus landscape.

Monday, April 22

10 a.m. – In Tight Grove, planting a Valley Cottonwood.
Noon – At Hodgin Hall, planting an Espresso Kentucky Coffee.

Tuesday, April 23

10 a.m. – At Scholes Hall, planting a Lavelle Hawthorn.
Noon – At the Anthropology building, planting a Greenspire Linden.

Wednesday, April 24

10 a.m. – At Novitski Hall, planting a Common Hackberry.
Noon – At the Innovation, Discovery and Training Complex (IDTC), planting a Washington Hawthorn.

Thursday, April 25

10 a.m. to Noon – At the College of Education, planting three Greenspire Lindens.

Friday, April 26

10 a.m. – At Santa Clara Hall, planting a Yellow Delicious Apple.
1 p.m. – At Laguna Hall, planting a Red Delicious Apple.

In 1994, The University of New Mexico campus was designated an arboretum and is home to over 5,000 trees, representing over 200 separate species.



EMPLOYEE WELLNESS

Stadium Stair Challenge – UNM Employee Wellness is hosting the 4th Annual Stadium Stair Challenge! On Saturday, April 27, 2019, come walk/jog/run the Dreamstyle Stadium stairs! [Register](#) for the event to receive a Dri-fit t-shirt and a tote bag. This is a timed event and prizes will be awarded for various categories.

****New This Year** – Employee Wellness is hosting a Kids K race! All registered participants (13 and under) are eligible to participate in the Kids K fun run around the football field.

FACILITIES MANAGEMENT SCHOLARSHIP

The Facilities Management Scholarship Committee is now accepting applications for the Barber Memorial and M. F. Fifield Scholarships. Children of full-time or retired Facilities Management employees who currently attend UNM, and high school graduates who were recently accepted to UNM, are eligible to apply for the scholarships.

The committee will award two students a \$300 scholarship per semester for the 2019-2020 academic year. Awards for the second semester will be contingent upon satisfactory scholastic performance during the first semester. These scholarships are based on demonstrated academic performance, financial need, and educational program.

Applicants need not designate to which award they are applying. The committee will select the most deserving student in each case. Applicants will be notified in August 2019 of their application status.

Application forms are available at Facilities Management office in the Service Building. The form is also available [online](http://fm.unm.edu) at fm.unm.edu under the "For Facilities Management Staff" menu. Complete the form, print, and return the completed form with grade transcripts to Clare Gibson in the Facilities Management office no later than June 30, 2019. If you have any questions please call Clare at 277-2425.

OPEN ENROLLMENT IS ALMOST HERE!

OPEN ENROLLMENT FOR THE 2019-2020 PLAN YEAR BEGINS APRIL 24 AND SEVERAL CHANGES ARE COMING YOUR WAY.

[TAKE A LOOK AT SOME OF THE HIGHLIGHTS THAT MIGHT AFFECT YOUR BENEFITS OR LEARN MORE AT ONE OF OUR VENDOR FAIRS OR TOWN HALL MEETINGS.](#)

OPEN ENROLLMENT VENDOR FAIRS

Main Campus

Friday, April 26, 2 p.m. - 5 p.m. and

Thursday, May 2, 2 p.m. - 5 p.m.

John & June Perovich Business Center
Room 1016/1018

1700 Lomas Blvd NE, Albuquerque, NM

North Campus

Tuesday, April 30, 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Domenici Center NW Main Lobby

1001 Stanford NE, Albuquerque, NM

OPEN ENROLLMENT TOWN HALL MEETINGS

Main Campus

Wednesday, April 24, Noon - 1 p.m.

UNM SUB Theatre

North Campus

Tuesday, April 30, Noon - 1 p.m.

Domenici Auditorium



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MISSION

Facilities Management's mission is to consistently deliver effective programs and efficient facility services based on sustainable and collaborative outcome aligned with The University of New Mexico's core mission.

VISION

Facilities Management's vision is that our community, state, and national peers will recognize The University of New Mexico's Facilities Management as a leader in campus sustainability and facilities stewardship.

