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## Photos From Left to Right

- Campus refresh of building exteriors
- OPC at work, power washing the roof
- Entrance Road update; nearing completion
- Flowers in bloom in front of Broome

## DAVE CHAKRABORTY'S CORNER

Safety is Job No. 1.

We are all sad and concerned that Romy was seriously injured while working on a hot water line. Fortunately, Romy is recovering well. He is a champion and is in good spirits. Romy is one of our most experienced engineers, but even he forgot to be safe while doing his job.

It can happen to anyone. When we do a job, we are focused on getting the work completed. We want to jump

right into the work. I urge you, though, to step back first and assess the hazards. Have you analyzed the area you are working in? Do you know of all the potential hazards? Do you have the right tools to do the job? Be safe – take the time, ask questions.

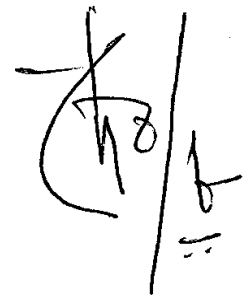
You have heard me talk about “looking outside the fence”. It applies to everything we do – to high voltage electrical and steam line repairs, to capital projects, to reaching under-

neath a sink to clean, to lifting heavy boxes, to mowing lawns, etc., etc., etc. Plan your jobs before you pick up the tool. Think safety first, and then think of impacts to the campus community. Finish the job, keep your customers satisfied and go home safe. Your family is your “customer” too.

A note regarding the newsletter, the Student Assistants interviewed several of you regarding the format. The

feedback they received was that the newsletter was too long. So, we are limiting the newsletter to four pages. Hope you like it!

Again, Safety is Job No. 1. Have a wonderful Summer!



## FIRE ALARM NETWORK UPGRADE

It's safe to say that most of us don't notice a lot of small things that keep us safe on campus. Most of the time things like fire alarms are invisible to the everyday student, staff or faculty. Thankfully OPC has a lot of highly talented and dedicated people to help keep this campus

running smoothly. One of those people is Theresa Kocis. Kocis is the mastermind behind CI's new fire alarm network.

The new system is an advanced network which connects all the fire alarms on campus together. In the past each building on campus had a fire alarm system, however they were not connected to a central network. The network doesn't just identify if there is a fire, it can also detect if there is a malfunction with a particular alarm. Each code displayed on the dispatchers screen is color coded to recognize the urgency of the problem. This new system reduces the reaction time for first responders as well as improving our fire safety. The

Fire Alarm Network works like this; the fire alarm control panels monitor the different devices connected to that local panel. The control panels are interconnected to each other through fiber optic communication. Lastly, these panels are connected to our police dispatch, allowing them to respond immediately to the incident because they can see the exact location of the problem. The infrastructure project updated the fiber optic cables allowing the campus to integrate the fire alarm network.



Theresa Kocis receiving the California State Employee Safety Commendation on March 17, 2011



Remote Annunciator Panel



The Fire Alarm Control Panel in Arroyo Hall



## THE MAINTENANCE WAREHOUSE

Do you know where your work station gets its materials from? Do you know who handles ordering, receiving, stocking, and issuing everything you see on campus? The answer is simple, the Maintenance Warehouse does. The Maintenance Warehouse provides the materials needed to thirteen different trades that work on campus. If you need an item they have it, and if they do not have it,

they can order it. Most commonly used items are stocked in the warehouse, while the more unusual materials require a work order to buy them. Buying the necessary materials involves getting an item number for the item you want, then the warehouse workers will check their five hundred vendors that contain more than six thousand items to choose from.



Maintenance Warehouse

## REAL AWARD WINNERS FOR JANUARY AND FEBRUARY

The REAL Award winner for the month of January was Lizzy Silva. Lizzy is the Work Center Coordinator for OPC. Her job includes attending to the incoming inquiries to the Work Center, processing incoming work requests from the campus community, and watching over the entire work order process to ensure that

the procedures are being followed. Along with working on work orders Lizzy also works on updating the OPC website. She strives to provide excellent customer service at all times. When asked how she felt about receiving the Real Award Lizzy had this to say,

**"I was very honored and grateful to receive this award for my work establishing standard rates for internal events. It is my hope that this will contribute to the ongoing goal of making our process more efficient and providing our customers with exceptional service."**



January REAL Award winner,  
Lizzy Silva



February REAL Award winner,  
Wes Cooper

Wes Cooper, the Assistant Director of Operations for OPC, was the February REAL Award winner. His job entails managing everything from the Building Trade Shops to Field Management of the emergency operations for OPC. These include managing the maintenance and repairs for facilities, managing all multi-trade projects that include building trades and MEP shops, and managing

minor capital outlay projects and the JOC program. When asked how he felt about winning the REAL Award, Wes had this to say,

**"I was extremely honored and humbled to receive this award as it came from those who report to me – they are my first priority in everything thing I do, and knowing that they are aware of that gives me a great sense**

**of accomplishment and pride.**

**My staff deserves all of the credit for the work that gets done on a daily basis, they are my eyes and ears around the facility and keep me well informed on the needs of the campus. I deeply appreciate their support and will continue to do my best in meeting their needs along with the needs of the campus community."**

## HIDE AND SEEK CHALLENGE

How well do you really know Channel Islands? Hidden somewhere around the campus you can find the item located in the picture seen here.

Think you figured it out? Email your guess to robert.hovious392@csuci.edu. The first correct response wins a free CSUCI coffee mug.



### Current OPC Projects

- Campus Wide Exterior Building Refresh
- Central Mall Upgrade
- Presidents Office Security Upgrade
- A4 Lot Sloped Walkway
- Sage Hall Interior Refresh
- University Hall Interior Refresh
- Broome Automatic Door Openers
- Regional Park Kiosk
- Entrance Road
- Boating Instruction Safety Center
- North Hall
- West Hall Design
- Santa Rosa Village Design
- Steam to Hot Water Projects

### OPC PICTURE CHALLENGE

Answers to last edition's picture: Theresa Cilley. The last edition's winner is Derick Nguyen. He correctly guessed Theresa's picture and won a free CSUCI coffee mug.



Theresa Cilley

*The OPC Newsletter is brought to you by the student assistants of OPC. We are honored to have the pleasure of bringing you the personalities and qualities of OPC through connecting you with your fellow OPC colleagues. Thank you for your efforts in making OPC and CSU Channel Islands a great place to work for!*



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