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DAVE CHAKRABORTY'S CORNER

Dear Colleagues,

What a successful year it's been at OPC! We adjusted and absorbed a growing work-load as the campus has grown. We opened the new entrance road and are preparing to open the North Hall building in time for the start of the fall semester. We completed 47 maintenance and renovation projects in-house. The campus is looking fabulous as a result of the new landscaping and exterior building refresh projects. The Custodian group has started cleaning projects in the interiors. The Mail and Move Services have absorbed increasing demands. The Work Cen-

ter, Warehouse, HR Support and Accounting groups continue to support the ever-increasing demands for their services from other OPC units.

As I review the accomplishments of the past year, I feel humbled to see the amount of work you have done. Your dedication is much appreciated throughout the campus.

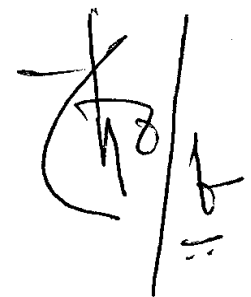
The new fiscal year has arrived. Here are a few of our new challenges: the budget pressures, of course, continue, and may worsen. The number of students will grow again this year by more than 400. We will begin maintaining North Hall, University Hall, 145 acres of North Campus, and CI

Park this year. We hope to complete the designs for West Hall and Santa Rosa Village with construction anticipated to start in early 2013.

We can either "think big" and how to be better and smarter so that we can take on the new challenges, or "do nothing" and let others dictate our future. Let us dictate our own future. Let us remember OPC's core values - *Excellence in service, Value our team members, Continuous improvement and customer service, and Sustainable performance*. Let's keep getting better and smarter. Over the next month, I will meet with the Managers and Leads of each shop and unit,

as we will begin our 6-month Shop Strategic Reviews. Let's discuss how we can we keep getting better and smarter, and how I can help you.

Let's ALL look forward to another successful year,



ACCOUNTING AND ADMINISTRATION

The Accounting and Administration Department here at OPC handle many different tasks and responsibilities in order to ensure that everything runs smoothly. Alisha Perez has worked for OPC for two years now and is in charge of making sure that all of our bills are paid and that purchase orders are issued to meet project deadlines. Alongside her, Angela Azevedo prepares invoices and readies them for the campus's Accounting Department. Claudia Arsinou handles construction projects and all that entails, including balancing to Peoplesoft from the Prolog Construction software program. Linda Covarrubias,

and Sharon Seravic handle OPC's Human Resource functions. They recruit for new positions, run the monthly attendance, as well as update employee Leave and Balance Credits. These women are led by Terrie Cilley, the Accounting and Administration Manager. Terrie's go-with-the-flow attitude towards her job makes her an easy person to work for. When asked what Terrie does, she replied "anything anyone asks me to." Terrie handles the department and construction budgets and any audits that head our way.

Each member of this team is vital to OPC and

CSUCI. We know the state budget cuts affect us all, but as the campus is continuing to grow there is no room to downsize or stop moving. This group seems to take on more and more each day in order to keep up with the demands of the campus. Constantly taking on more responsibilities can be taxing and yet this group continues to persist and keep a smile on their face.

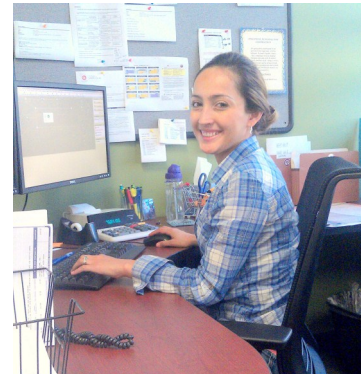


Angela Azevedo and Alisha Perez

ALISHA PEREZ, MARCH REAL AWARD WINNER

Alisha Perez is proof that great things come in small packages. This petite young lady works hard in everything she does in and out of the OPC office. Alisha stated that, **“Every employee in OPC comes in daily and puts all their effort into their job, and to be recognized out of everyone is truly an honor.”** When she isn't tirelessly working at her desk in

Accounting, Alisha enjoys furthering her education by reading books. She loves spending time with family and friends and is currently learning to cook. Her favorite food to prepare so far is chicken enchiladas!



*March REAL Award winner
Alisha Perez*

LARRY HERNANDEZ & JOHNNY CARLIN, APRIL WINNERS



April REAL Award winners

Johnny Carlin and Larry Hernandez

Johnny Carlin and Larry Hernandez were awarded the REAL award after they provided fire watch for residents in Student Housing throughout the night during a power outage. With them, Janel Suliga had “confidence and assurance that all would be well.” The two shared that they felt **“delighted and thrilled to be recognized”**.

Between them, more than 9 years of working at OPC. In his off time, Larry enjoys camping and BBQ-ing in the park. Johnny frequents car shows like Cruise Nights and even owns a 1970 El Camino.



RICHARD ARIAS, MAY REAL AWARD WINNER

Richard Arias, known as Rich, received the REAL Award for the month of May by providing the Plumbing Shop with a leader during Bob Sturgeon's absence. Rich was surprised when he found out about winning the award and remembered thinking, **“I was just doing my job”**. He knew he had to keep the shop running as smoothly as Bob had and continues to work hard to keep it that

way. Rich has been working at CI since the hospital days, approximately 13 years. He shared that in his off-time he enjoys camping, hunting and fishing, specifically in Northern California. When asked what kind of game he hunts he said he prefers “deer and pig”.



*May REAL Award winner,
Richard Arias*

STEPHEN CONTRERAS, JUNE REAL AWARD WINNER

Stephen Contreras has worked as a Laborer for OPC at CI for nearly 4 years. His main duties include setting up and breaking down events that occur on campus. Some of the most notable are Student Orientations, Presidential Events, and Career Fairs. Stephen won the REAL award in the month of June for his outstanding integrity. He found a wallet while working on campus and turned it in with all of the cards and cash. Stephen shared that he was raised by

his grandparents who reminded him to always do the right thing. Another reason for his noble behavior is his belief in Karma, which in a basic sense, is the certainty of cause and effect. During Stephen's interview he stated, **"I feel very appreciated and I want to thank everyone for the acknowledgement"**. When he isn't working at CSUCI, Stephen enjoys spending time with his family. His favorite sport is baseball, and he even played on a family team.



June REAL Award Winner

Stephen Contreras

ALAN PAUL, JULY REAL AWARD WINNER

Associate Director of Planning, Design and Construction Alan Paul received the REAL award for his excellent efforts regarding the new entrance road. Al has been working in OPC for about 4 1/2 years. Alan's favorite part about his job here at OPC is getting to work with all the different people. He included that working with Steve Calvano on the entrance road project was a pleasure. He also enjoys being able to come back to the campus and see

the product of all of his hard work. He is eager to one day see the West Hall building completed. Alan shared that it was **"very nice to be recognized"** for his work with OPC.

After Alan Paul's second round of Graduate School he began to sail. To this day he enjoys sailing in his free time as well as playing a round of golf here and there.



August REAL Award Winner

Alan Paul

CORE VALUE AWARD

We are starting a new tradition: OPC Core Value Award. This award will be presented to individuals who exemplify OPC's core values. The Award will be presented during OPC Department Meetings. Winners will be chosen by OPC's Unit Directors. OPC's core values are:

Excellence in Service— showing dedication and professionalism; on-time and on-budget task or project completion; and always going the extra mile.

Valuing our Colleagues— showing respect, promoting team work, working together with others, and helping others get better.

Continuous Improvement & Customer Service— showing innovation, efficiency, improving our processes and exemplary customer service.

Sustainable Performance— promoting and improving sustainability performance.

Please send your nominations to Linda Covarrubias or Sharon Seravic via e-mail, phone call or note. Please

give details regarding why you think the person should win the Core Value Award. All past REAL Award winners will be automatically eligible for the Core Value Award.

LOREN FLEMING

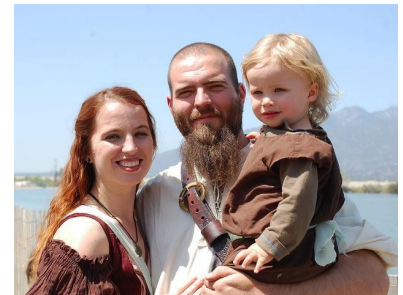


Loren Fleming with Certificate

Loren Fleming works in the Lock Shop here at Channel Islands and has just become an Associate Locksmith of America (ALOA). Becoming an ALOA is no easy feat. Loren had to pass a 300 question test, plus another 50 questions based on two elective classes, Basic Electronics and Electronic Access Control. Loren passed the exam on his first try, an exam that some people have to take two to three times before they pass. He is very proud that he accomplished this in less than three years. He has worked at OPC for ten years and has been in the Lock Shop for the last three.

Loren is responsible for fixing and installing mechanic locks and general door hardware. He also has a

hand in programming electronic locks, as well as cutting and issuing keys and key codes. When he is not working here at Channel Islands, Loren enjoys being outdoors camping and hiking. His favorite local spot is Sandstone Peak. Loren spends a lot of time with his son Liam who is turning two this month and hopes to make him an avid outdoorsman like himself.



Loren and his Wife, Rachael Jordan and 2 yr. old Liam

ISLAND VIEW ORIENTATION



CI held it's Annual Island view Orientation for incoming freshman on June 25, 29 and July 2. Leading up to this time OPC coordinated with the campus to ensure all needs were met and spaces were organized. Franchesca Brown, New Student Orientation and Transition Programs Specialist, had this to say about OPC's participation, **"Without the effective collaboration of OPC staff and IVO staff, all three orientations would not have been such a huge successes."** Kristen Moss-Frye, Associate Director for Access Orientation and Transition Programs, added, **"We all share in the success of programs such as orientation, which is in no small part due to the hard work and care of the OPC staff."**



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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