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Photos From Left to Right

- The New Boating Instructional Safety Center
- Majestic Sycamore tree outside Madera Hall
- Front Entrance Bell Tower

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DAVE CHAKRABORTY'S CORNER

Dear Colleagues,

I was listening to a podcast last week and the speaker talked about collaboration and civility. Collaboration does not mean "doing it my way, or else ...". Collaboration means working together towards a solution that satisfies the mission of our department. We don't have to feel "I won" if our idea is accepted. We don't have to feel rejected if the idea was not adopted. We should feel satisfied when the mission is accomplished.

Civility is treating others the way you want to be treated yourself.

Bobby and Rosalina, our recent Core Value winners, embody the spirit of collaboration and civility. Our Core winners first comment, after thank you, was to speak of not being able to win the award without their co-workers. They expressed how they value the team and the team values them – they do this by collaborating and communicating with their team, and being

civil with each other while they work to complete their projects. This allows the team to excel. If we are to succeed, there is no place in OPC for those who cannot or will not collaborate or be civil.

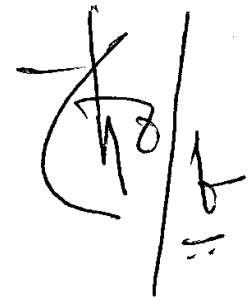
I met with the Divisions of Academic Affairs and Student Affairs recently to present OPC's 2012 Customer Service results. I am pleased to report that the Campus is very satisfied with our services. They are extremely complimentary of the work we are doing and are very thankful. I heard comments like "the campus looks great", "OPC is so helpful and friendly", "I wish my previous campus had this kind of service", etc., etc.

I was in a meeting with Dr. Rush recently, where he complimented, again, regarding how great the campus is looking. Yes, our campus looks awesome. It is an OPC-wide joint effort. It is because of the buildings PDC designs and builds, the repairs and painting Operations perform, the hard work our Landscaping group puts in to

maintain our grounds, and the meticulous cleaning performed by our Custodian group.

Congratulations on a job very well done.

Let me conclude by mentioning two awards won recently by OPC. Landscaping won the Tree Campus USA designation for our campus. CI is the first campus within the CSU system to win this award. PDC won an award for integrating sustainability into the road design. You will find more information about these awards inside this newsletter.



INVOLVEMENT FAIR



Austin Eriksson and Carissa Collinge



Austin Eriksson at the Involvement Fair

In early January, OPC student assistants Carissa Collinge and Austin Eriksson tabled at CI's Involvement Fair. Carissa and Austin met with CI students and discussed the need for student volunteers. The students were presented with several upcoming and ongoing projects related to landscaping, energy conservation, water conservation, waste management, and communication; all of which are being led by OPC. They successfully gathered the names of and e-mail addresses of 20+ students. The effort acquired our newest student assistant, John Slagboom.

OPC looks forward to working with students to help improve sustainability efforts on the campus through education and action.

PAYDAY CONTEST

2013 kicked-off OPC's monthly Payday Contest where employees guess the number of candies presented in a variety of containers. The winner gets a Dolphin Gift Card and all the candy!

Congratulations to January's Hershey Kiss Contest winner, Student Assistant, Brandon Tuminaro and February's Hot Tamales Contest winner, Tim Berndtson, as well as March's M&M Contest winner, Jose Luis Lopez.



ENTRANCE ROAD PROJECT AWARD



Dan Gerrard, Alan Paul, and Steve Calvano

The Entrance Road Project has won the “2012 Project of the Year” award from American Public Works Association Ventura County Chapter. The honor is bestowed for integrating flood control, habitat restorations, sustainability, and historical preservation with a ‘simple’ road project.

Alan Paul stated that this project was such more involved than originally anticipated. The collaboration between the University various agencies, and contractors brought the Entrance Road to a successful completion.

A Big THANK YOU to everyone who contributed to this project!



TREE CAMPUS USA

OPC is pleased to announce that CI has earned 2012 Tree Campus USA recognition! The Tree Campus USA Program recognizes college and university campuses that have demonstrated excellence in effective tree management, superiority in fostering healthy urban forests, and success in engaging the student population in utilizing service learning opportunities in forestry efforts. CI received this great honor through its Urban Forestry Management Plan, which places aesthetics, safety, and sustainability in the urban forest as top priorities. This plan has provided CI with an environment for research, education, and recreation through responsible urban forest management.

This award was earned through the hard work and dedication of a number of individuals here at Channel Islands. John Fluharty, Gardening Specialist, along with Tiffany Smith, Grounds worker, both worked tirelessly to write the Urban Forestry Management Plan for Channel Islands. Austin Eriksson, Student Assistant, filed the application and received our certification for this tremendous honor.

The Award Presentation was held on April 22, 2013 at El Dorado Park.

GREAT work everyone!



John Fluharty



Tiffany Smith



STEVE CALVANO, JANUARY REAL AWARD WINNER

As a Project Manager, Steve Calvano has successfully completed several complex projects for CI. Most notable the



January REAL Award winner,
Steve Calvano

Infrastructure Improvements, Entrance Road and BISC Projects. Steve worked above and beyond to keep these projects on schedule and within budget. Other project credits include the Nursing Sim Lab, North Campus Parking Lot, and Burgess Courtyard.

Steve enjoyed **“seeing [his] work materialize”** on campus. He appreciates the recognition and stated **“I’m glad to help improve the campus and to complete the projects”**.

Steve retired in the end of February. We thank Steve for all of his hard work and dedication to the CI campus and wish him all the best in his future endeavors!

MARCH REAL AWARD

John Naylor is March’s REAL award winner for going above and beyond his job by handling a near sewer catastrophe when the sewer lift station at Anacapa failed. His quick thinking and response saved the students and the campus from having raw sewage spill into student rooms ultimately averting exposure to environmental and safety hazards.



March REAL Award Winner John Naylor

ANGELA AZEVEDO, FEBRUARY REAL AWARD

Angela Azevedo has won the REAL Award for the month of February. She first started working at OPC during her second semester as a freshman at CI. Since then, she has graduated and has been hired as a full-time employee. February marks her 4 year anniversary with OPC.

Angela is a Business Services Analyst, and her primary role is to process all Account Payable paperwork. She also processes travel claims, charge backs, requests for goods & services and change requests. Angela enjoys working at OPC because of all the great people here. She stated **“You get a little bit of every personality, and have the most diverse conversations.”**



February REAL Award winner,
Angela Azevedo

GOOD-BYE AL!

Alan Paul, our Associate Director of Planning Design & Construction retired from OPC on February 28th. Al has worked on many projects over the years, such as the Entrance Road, Sierra Hall, and Napa Hall. Al stated that he enjoys seeing

“tangible results from my work”. When Al came to OPC, he originally thought he was only going to be working here for two years. Those two years turned into five, because he enjoyed working at a **“Great University”**.



Alan Paul

Al has plans to spend his retirement sailing on his boat, golfing and perhaps even traveling to Europe!

Al will be missed.!

CORE Value Award Recipients

Congratulations to Bobby Perez for receiving the CORE Value Award.

Over the summer of 2012 Channel Islands undertook the immense task of moving over one- hundred employees from several buildings into their new offices in Madera Hall. This major undertaking was managed by Bobby Perez; who despite the scheduling concerns of many, completed the project on-time without a hitch and with ZERO complaints.

During acceptance of his award, Bobby thanked his team members saying that the move could not have been successful without them. He has demonstrated true collaboration and leadership. It is because of Bobby's excellent work ethic and positive attitude that he is awarded the Core Value Award.



Bobby Perez



Additional congratulations goes to Rosalina Sarreal for also receiving the CORE Value Award.

Rosalina received this award for her dedication, strong work ethic, and positive attitude. Her leadership pushes the library crew to give 100% . On any given day you can tour the library and see the results of her team's hard work.

Beyond cleaning, Rosalina consistently reports safety hazards as well as repairs that need to be fixed. She greets everyone with a smile and her sunny disposition is contagious among those she works with.

It is for all these attributes that Rosalina is well respected by her peers and why her dedicated service is truly appreciated by all!

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