

Dear DFA colleagues,

We are at the start of another academic year, and each of you have worked hard over the summer to better serve our campus. We helped host another successful Rams training camp, increased custodial services to the campus, created a new lab renovation program, and completed several construction and infrastructure improvement projects. The state-of-the-art Anteater Learning Pavilion recently opened which transforms the teaching and learning environment. Many of our departments supported the planning, design, and construction of this 65,000 square foot state-of-the-art building dedicated to instruction. The use of technology for learning is inspiring. If you have not already, please visit the building or learn more by visiting the following website: www.alp.uci.edu.

In partnership with UCI Health, we are continuing Lean Six Sigma White Belt trainings, which introduce principles of both **Lean** and **Six Sigma**, and provide an opportunity to practice those principles to streamline processes, reduce waste, and identify other areas for improving efficiency. We have three remaining classes for the year. Please register for training on [UCLC](#) and search **Lean Six Sigma**.

As a reminder, our next town hall is scheduled for Wednesday, October 3rd from 10:15 a.m. - 12 p.m.; please click [here](#) for more information. In addition, please take the opportunity to submit nominations for the [employee recognition program](#). Winners will be announced at this town hall.

Thank you for all of your hard work, and I look forward to seeing you next week at the town hall. As always, feel free to share your comments and suggestions by sending an email to WithUForU@uci.edu.

With appreciation,

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DFA and UCI Events Calendar

- **September 27:** Fall Quarter Instruction Begins
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CUSTOMER SERVICE SPOTLIGHT: HAZARDOUS WASTE PICK UP EVENT





Picture of lab personnel lining up at Rowland Hall loading dock to dispose of hazardous waste.

With funding support from the Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor Faculty Enhancement Fund, Environmental Health & Safety (EH&S) held a free hazardous waste disposal event on August 23rd and 24th. The event was a great opportunity for researchers to dispose of unwanted chemicals and radioactive waste.

127 labs participated in the event, in which 44,000 pounds of chemical and radioactive waste was collected. This resulted in a reduction of safety hazards, including a reduced risk of a fire and explosion from potentially explosive compounds and other high hazard materials.

Another free hazardous waste disposal event is planned in November.

DEVELOPING OTHERS: INTERNAL AUDIT INTERN PROGRAM



Internal Audit Services staff pictured with intern.

It began with a shadow. In the Fall 2011 quarter, a business administration undergraduate requested permission to shadow UCI auditors for experiential training. She worked a paying job as an auditor for the purchasing card program on campus and was interested in the further workings of audit. This led to a discussion with the Paul Merage School of Business undergraduate career counselor who, coincidentally, was interested in the internship since it would be held on campus during the school year. The career counselor offered to post the intern opportunity in their quarterly newsletter.

A site visit to UC Riverside's Audit and Advisory Services department demonstrated how they ran their successful internship program and helped to formulate procedures for UCI Internal Audit Services (IAS). Over the next three years, IAS hired five bright and eager interns, all with undergraduate business administration majors with accounting specializations.

The program was put on hold for a few years for evaluation. After editing job responsibilities to conform to the new Department of Labor guidelines regarding unpaid internships, and partnering with the Paul Merage School of Business' Assistant Director for Career Services for the Master of Professional Accountancy program (MPAc), a new graduate student intern was on-boarded in January 2017. For academic year 2017-18, two students were hired during both Winter and Spring quarters. Many of these students had experience in auditing and had worked for public accounting firms, such as Deloitte and Ernst & Young. The graduate students were familiar with and had conducted traditional auditing reviews; however, IAS gave these students the experience to conduct data analytics on a number of projects by introducing them to UCI software applications. By applying various scripts or queries, they analyzed large data sets, such as general ledger information and vendor records, to look for errors and fraud and helped identify operational efficiencies.



STEP UP UCI 2018 - 2019

Registration is now open! Step Up UCI is a premier wellness program for UCI faculty and staff. Please click the following link for more information: [About Step Up UCI](#).

COLLABORATION CELEBRATION: UCI AND IRVINE RANCH WATER DISTRICT



Jerry Nearhoof, assistant director of utilities operations, directs a tour of UCI's central plant.

On Wednesday, August 15, officials from UCI and the Irvine Ranch Water District hosted a dedication ceremony of UCI's renovated Central Plant. This year-long project took place at night to avoid campus traffic interruption and successfully installed 3,000 feet of pipeline to transport recycled water from the [Michelson Water Recycling Plant](#) to UCI's central plant.

UCI now uses 80 million gallons of treated recycled water annually to cool 65 buildings across campus, which helps UCI achieve its goal to reduce per capita drinkable water use 50 percent by 2025, ahead of UC's goal of 36 percent reduction.

CAMINO DEL SOL - STATION TOUR



Officer Green shows the group of Community Advisors the holding cell during the Camino Del Sol station tour.

Each year, the Camino Del Sol General Manager, Alex Rubio, brings his new Community Advisors (CA) to the police department for an educational workshop with the purpose of having his CAs learn how they can work with the officers to ensure the safety of not only themselves, but also the Camino Del Sol residents for whom they serve. Unlike many jobs, the duties of a police employee can't be easily described to people outside of the profession. Giving students a behind the scenes look into the life of a police officer adds to their knowledge and understanding of some of the problems and complexities within the profession. Officer Green and Officer Patton led this year's group of students through our facility while describing each area. The group was escorted through the police station stopping at the report writing room, dispatch, the holding cell, and ending with a peek into a patrol vehicle. Inside the communications center, they were given a presentation by dispatchers Jadwiga Rocko and Beth Backstrom on typical protocols and procedures for handling incoming 9-1-1 calls so that the CAs understand what happens on the back end when they call during an emergency. Beth gave insightful tips to the students so they know what



2018 UCIRIDETOBERFEST

Join Transportation & Distribution Services at uciRIDEtobefest: a festival of bikes, good food, and fun! The celebration takes place at the Aldrich Hall flagpoles on October 9 and 10. Click [here](#) for more information.

EMPLOYEE PROFILES



Antonia Cruz, Custodian, Facilities Management

I have worked at UCI for 16 years and have been in my current position for one year.

What has surprised you most about working in your department or UCI? Getting to meet friendly people and students.

What are three words to describe your department? Unity, safety, and responsible.

What do you like most about UCI/department? I enjoy being able to work with friendly people along with seeing the hardworking students graduate.

Who is one colleague that deserves praise and recognition? Why? Every single colleague of mine deserves recognition because we all work really hard.

What is the weirdest thing you've ever eaten? Armadillo meat.

If you were to write about yourself, what would be the name of your book? Oaxaca, Where My Story Began.

Gavin Ketcheside, Fire Inspector, Environmental Health & Safety.

I have worked at UCI in my current position for three and one quarter years. I am responsible for managing the Title 24 Inspection Program. Title 24 contains the regulations that govern the construction of buildings in California.

What are three words to describe your department? Efficient, diligence, and proactive.

After a long day at work, what do you look forward to the most? Seeing and spending quality time with my daughter.

Favorite travel spot? Anywhere that has a beach.

Before your time at UCI, what was your most interesting or oddest job? Most interesting job was maintaining phone systems at Disney Studios, Burbank.

If you were stuck on an island, what three things would you bring? Hammock, beach chair, and blender.



Saul Valdez, Employee Transportation Coordinator, Transportation & Distribution Services.

I have worked at UCI for four years and ten months all in the same position. I help administer the commuter and employee transportation benefit programs, from connecting rideshare partners to analyzing data and delivering reports. I also work closely with UCOP Sustainable Transportation to stay current on applicable legislation and ensure compliance with state and regional regulatory agencies. Along with our Sustainable Transportation team, I assist in the implementation of the annual commuter survey and report to the Air Quality Management District to maintain compliance with state law. We also conduct outreach through orientations and events, such as the upcoming

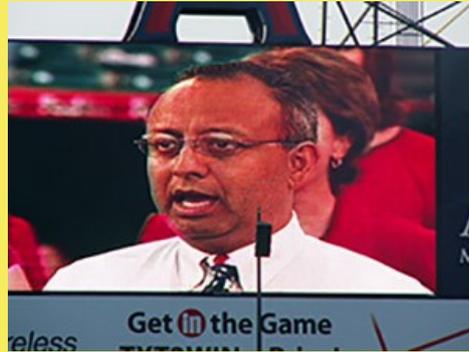
[uciRIDEtobefest](#).

What do you like most about the UCI Transportation department? There are almost 60 people in our various units (not counting the student workers) and I really do like every single one of them. And let me tell you, this is a rare thing at my age! I'm 58 years old and I've worked for many different employers and with many different groups, and have never before been able to say that I like everyone I work with. I'm sure some of it might have to do with the fact I'm older and have come to realize that

there is value and something to like in everyone - even my mother-in-law!

Before your time at UCI, what was your most interesting or oddest job? My most interesting job was being a diamond grader for an importer in San Francisco. My oddest job was cleaning up after the butchers in a meat market. I got paid \$2.20 per hour to clean up the slop and grease. I also had to sanitize the butcher blocks and knives each evening.

People would be surprised if they knew: I've sung the National Anthem at Angels Stadium prior to baseball games on three separate occasions. I'm part of a singing group called the Anaheim Chorale. And I have the pictures to prove it!



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