Winter Celebration
The current plan is to keep the December 9th date, and each unit within CPFM is doing its own celebration. Shortly after we all tune in for the annual year-end review slideshow and remarks from Mike Harwood.

Gold Duck Recognition

Matt Smith, Utility Electrician, Utilities & Energy

A transformer in the CPS compound sustained a major fault that resulted in a fuse being blown out of its canister, followed by the release of bio-degradable oil from the inside of the transformer. While oil continued to flow into the vault below the transformer, Matt had the idea to use a pipe plug to stop the flow coming from the space formerly occupied by the fuse. Fortunately, Matt was able to find one that was the perfect size for the fuse canister, which stopped the flow of oil into the vault. Matt’s quick thinking stopped the oil flow before it could rise above the conduits in the vault and possibly affect the high voltage cables inside. This transformer contained 416 gallons of oil and Matt’s quick thinking prevented a major cleanup and wire replacement resulting in saving the University an estimated additional $60,000.

Gold Duck Recognition

Gold Duck Shelly Knight, Contracts Specialist, Design and Construction
Just before the pandemic hit, Business Operations had someone leave and go to another job. Shelly was more than willing to assist with taking over some of those duties. Shelly was told this would only be temporary, but the extra work load has lasted over a year now. There have been no complaints from Shelly doing this extra work, and her supervisor has said that she has done a great job.

Baby Announcement

On November 4th, one of our newest employees, Mike McCoy (Maintenance Support), and his wife welcomed their newest daughter and 13th child into the world. Mary Evangeline arrived at a healthy 6lbs 9ozs.

VPFA Employee Spotlight

Morgan Driggs

What area do you work in within the VPFA portfolio?

I work in Work Control which is part of the Facilities Services portion of Campus Planning & Facilities Management.

Read full story here

UO’s Common
Reading Program

The UO’s Common Reading program provides first year students with a shared experience through the reading of a compelling text. The program also reaches a broad swath of the campus community, including other undergraduate and graduate students, the faculty who teach them, and professional staff looking to connect with the academic mission of the university.

The Office of Sustainability has been particularly involved with the book selection for the 2021-22 academic year, Braiding Sweetgrass by Dr. Robin Wall Kimmerer, which merges traditional ecological knowledge, western science, and Kimmerer’s own stories to explore how we might achieve a truly sustainable world. Program manager Sarah Stoeckl served on the committee selecting the book and then worked with Taylor McHolm in the Student Sustainability Center and four graduate students to design the teaching guide for the book. Sarah will also be convening a staff reading group to discuss Braiding Sweetgrass beginning in winter quarter. Date and time are TBD but if you are interested in joining the group, email or Teams message Sarah, sstoeckl@uoregon.edu. All are welcome!

5 Years of Service

Judy Peters Work Control Program Assistant 5 Years
Richard Vaughan Refrigeration Mechanic 5 Years
Jeremiah Christofferson Pipe and Steam Fitter 5 Years
Bret Jensen Zero Waste Program Coordinator 5 Years
Kayla Kemp Custodial Services Coordinator 5 Years
Michael Mc Gee Grounds Maintenance Worker 2 5 Years
Kevin Waldrop Facilities Engineer 3 5 Years
Kai Adams Electric and Central System Technician 5 Years
Kevin Farthing Associate Director Facilities Services 5 Years
Alison Hake Interior Designer 5 Years
HR has done its best to identify honorees using employment dates in Banner. If employees have questions about why they are or are not included on the list of honorees, please direct questions to the program contact to resolve the issue.

(Years of Service through Sept)
Hello,
I wanted to let you know that you guys rock! Judy is always a dream to work with but she really saved the day when I called about the big leak here at 1715. She helped me get a ticket created and we had folks out here to help within 15 minutes!

Thank you so much!
Megan DeLaney
Program Representative | FASS

Hello,
I would like to thank Marc for getting the part in so quickly and taking the initiative to have additional pieces welded to it so that it functions properly. This has shaved days off the outage and helped the staff and the patients of UHS. We are very happy with the response and solution.

Regards,
Volga Koval, MPA University Health Services

Hi,
I wanted to pass on a sincere thank you to a CPFM staff member that changed out a handful of office lights at our 1600 Millrace location this afternoon. They were very friendly and very willing to help - so much so that they fulfilled an additional outstanding work request while in our office.

They left before I caught their name and could thank them.

Thanks so much!
Lucy Walsh | Oregon’s ShakeAlert Coordinator
The Oregon Hazards Lab
Good afternoon,
I just wanted to take a moment to give Kudos to a member of your staff who is working the morning shift here at the Lillis Business Complex. Armida (and please correct me if I have spelled her name incorrectly) has been a wonderful addition to the team. She does a wonderful job and is such a pleasure. It is obvious she cares about the building and our students. She has brought items to the office that she has found, including a student’s wallet and books someone threw in the garbage area, so that we could reunite them with their rightful owners.

In short, she conscientious, friendly, and doing a wonderful job in the Dean’s suite and beyond.

Have a great day!
Michele Civiello,
Executive Assistant to the Edward Maletis Dean

Hello,
Although it’s belated, I wanted to say a huge THANK YOU to the team who removed the social distancing stickers from our classrooms in Agate Hall and moved all of our student desks from storage to the classrooms over the summer. I had been trying to figure out how I was going to do that by myself, but then I came in one day and it was already done, and all of the desks were in beautiful, perfect rows in the classrooms. A big weight was lifted from my shoulders at a very busy time, so I’m SO grateful for the help!

Thanks,
Alli Magee
(she/her/hers) Why Pronouns Matter
Student Engagement Coordinator
University of Oregon | American English Institute
Sponsors of the Lylye Reynolds-Parker Black Cultural Center Project Win Campus Sustainable Design Award!

Every year, the Offices of Campus Planning and Design and Construction sponsor the Campus Sustainable Design Award, which recognizes a project sponsor who has demonstrated excellence, leadership, and creativity in implementing the Oregon Model for Sustainable Development (OMSD, https://cpfm.uoregon.edu/sustainable-development). The offices of Campus Planning and Design and Construction have worked with partners across campus to successfully implement the OMSD, ensuring that the University of Oregon continues to be on the leading edge of sustainable design.

This year’s Campus Sustainable Design Award went to the project sponsors of the Lylye Reynolds-Parker Black Cultural Center Project represented by Vice President for Student Life, Kevin Marbury. The project was managed by Martina Oxoby. This project made a commitment to integrating sustainable design measures, which was particularly impressive given the that it was exempt from meeting full OMSD and LEED certification requirements due to its small size. Notably, the project furthers environmental sustainability by achieving LEED Silver certification as well as social sustainability by supporting the success and retention of the University of Oregon’s Black students. These efforts are well deserving of recognition!

For more information about this award and other 2021 Sustainability Awards, visit https://cpfm.uoregon.edu/2021-sustainability-awards-winners.
It's not too late to buy raffle tickets for the Charitable Fund Drive!

Raffle ticket purchases are only accepted online through the Oregon Charitable Fund Drive Organization to ensure entries receive credit for their contributions.

Visit this link to enter!

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Worklife resources: [https://hr.uoregon.edu/programs-services/work-life-resources](https://hr.uoregon.edu/programs-services/work-life-resources)

Eugene weekly events: [https://calendar.eugeneweekly.com/venues/135001](https://calendar.eugeneweekly.com/venues/135001)

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