In Memoriam

Kathy Meadows

Managing Director of IFIS

Kathy worked at UC San Diego for 43 years, spending the majority of her career as the Senior Manager of IFIS. She was a leader and mentor to many procurement professionals throughout her tenure and will be missed by her colleagues and the organization.

Kathy was known for her management of numerous supplies and services contracts and was instrumental in working with the Service Providers to implement a number of sustainability initiatives. For example, through a partnership with Surplus Sales, the IFIS Queen in Procurement, Kathy was able to source props for the Netflix series "Selena." The Surplus Sales program provided a safe, cost-effective, and convenient way for the "Selena" production crew to source props for the series.

"Selena" purchased items from Surplus Sales, primarily in Baja California. UCSD vehicles were the first to sport the new UCSD-branded artwork in support of campus sustainability initiatives. In addition to managing sustainability initiatives, Kathy was a driving force behind the University Communications and Public Affairs' "Small Business First" program, which calls for all UC contracts and purchases between $10,000 and $50,000 to be awarded to a Small Business Enterprise (SBE) by using a streamlined quotation process.

Earlier this year, Logistics Student Mail piloted 229 contactless smart locker banks and saw record-breaking package volume at the rate of 9K per month. The pilot locker bank program is designed to support students who live in dormitories and have limited access to brick-and-mortar locations. The program is a key component of the consolidated student mail strategy at UC San Diego, which brings smart lockers to campus.

In addition to managing sustainability initiatives, Kathy was also instrumental in the implementation of the IPPS banking services program. The IPPS banking services program provides a secure and convenient way for employees to manage their payroll deductions, including retirement plans and benefits. The program also includes a fully online wire transfer service, allowing employees to easily send and receive funds from their bank accounts.

Kathy was a beloved colleague and friend, and her impact on the organization continues to live on. She will be missed by all. Several of her colleagues stayed in touch and were able to provide support and care during her time of need.

Thank you for working with us as we continue to innovate and develop these tools to improve the user experience in both Oracle Procurement & Payables and Concur. We are also working vigorously with many of you to ensure your departments have the tools and resources you need to make the most of these changes.

We hope you will continue to provide feedback as we move forward with these initiatives. As we improve the user experience in both Oracle Procurement & Payables and Concur, we will give you real-time insight into the issues we are aware of and proposed solutions.

We are committed to working with you to ensure that your needs are met and that your experience is as smooth and efficient as possible.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership in making UC San Diego the match of excellence our institution.

Kathleen B. Winter