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Facilities General Session 2008

It was another successful Facilities event – The 8th Annual Facilities General Session. This is the time when all of Facilities Staff from the three colleges get together in one location to mingle and have fun. This year, the event was held on July 18th at Skyline College. José and Mike gave a brief update to the staff on what’s happening on both the Construction and Maintenance & Operations of each campus. Pictures say a thousand words so here are some for you to enjoy!



From Far Left to Right: Mohammad Baydoun (back), Diego Zarco (front), Jimmy Chan, Buu Khuu, Ke Tao Liu and Dave McCargar



Jorge Ramirez (20 Year Service Award Recipient), José Nuñez and Diane Martinez



Bryant Evans and Alex Gordon enjoying the delicious food!



From Left to Right: Tony Burrola, Miguel Gonzalez, Armando Maldonado, Joseph Puckett and Alex Toscano.

August	September	October
2 Cliff Heap	19 James Louie	3 Bob Spacher
2 Huong Nguyen	23 Carol Reed	4 Hugh Wong
5 Dien Huynh	25 Francisco Carlos	4 Qing "Linda" Liu
16 Daniel Hernandez	26 Richard Inokuchi	7 Harold Turner
22 Juan Lopez	30 Danny Glass	7 Diego Zarco
22 Rosendo Zamora		9 Khanh Lam
22 Giao Van Bui		15 Jimmy Chan
26 Ruben Ortega		19 Helen Wong
29 Frank Allegret		24 King Lau
		28 Carina Hass
		31 Eduardo Gonzalez

Birthdays



Cañada FMC "Topping Off" Ceremony

College of San Mateo: Buildings 5/6 Demolition

CSM's Student Services Building 5/6 – the largest on campus at 73,588 square feet is now gone. Under the supervision of the General Contractor, McCarthy Builders, demolition began on July 7, 2008 and three weeks later all that was left were large piles of rubble. At the peak of activity, there were four large excavators (each fitted with a different type of claws, cruncher, or grabber), one mini-excavator to get into tight spots, three small front end loaders to move debris around, a recycling machine which sorted metals from regular construction debris (like drywall), and a concrete crusher. There were even "brooms" - which were large salvage steel beams - that the excavators used to push around debris and cleaned the road! Approximately 8,000 tons of concrete was crushed which will be re-incorporated into the new project as aggregate base



CSM Bldg. 5/6 in the 1960s



Demolition July 2008

for roads. It's too early to know the tonnage of rebar that was salvaged, but the pile before off-haul began was well over 20 feet tall. The upper and lower reflecting pools and both of the colonnades that connected buildings 1 and 5 have also been demolished. New construction on the Design Build Project Building 5N, the "Occupational Health & Wellness Building" is scheduled to begin in October 2008.

Written by Diane Martinez



Cañada FMC “Topping Off”

Cañada College had a the small ceremony on July 2nd to honor the “Topping Off” of the Cañada College Facilities Maintenance Center (FMC).

Many people came to show their support. President Tom Mohr opened the ceremony with a warm speech in appreciation of all the work done by the Facilities Department at Cañada College.

The Cañada Facilities team signed the very last beam to be installed.



Mike McGrew signing the beam.



Jozsef Veres signing the beam.

Written by Tatiana Degai



Skyline FMC “Topping Out”

The Skyline Facilities Team created their our own “Topped Out” ceremony on July 16th. Each person on the team was lifted to two of the highest beams and signed and/or left a message.



Tony Gulli & Tony Vassalle



Diego Zarco & Sheikh Hussein

Written by Richard Inokuchi

What is the Topping Off / Topping Out Tradition? In building construction, topping out, or topping off, is a ceremony held when the last beam is placed at the top of a building. The term may also refer to the overall completion of the building’s structure. The practice of “topping out” a new building can be traced to the ancient Scandinavian religious practice of placing a tree on top of the new building to appease the tree-dwelling spirits of their ancestors that had been displaced. The practice migrated to England with Scandinavian invaders and took root there.

Written by Arlene Calibo

New Work Order System.....Coming Soon!

In 2004, we implemented the Tamis Computerized Maintenance Management System (CMMS) to provide reactive work order and preventative maintenance planning, scheduling, tracking and processing. The preventative maintenance component has not proven adequate to the task of maintenance scheduling and work order processing. Since routine preventative maintenance is a major key to reducing long-term maintenance and operational costs, we decided to search for a replacement CMMS that would fully meet our needs in terms of both work order and preventative maintenance modules. A panel comprised of Facilities, Construction Planning Department, Information Technology Services, and General Services representatives reviewed written proposals from Maintenance Connection and TMA Systems, Inc. Maintenance Connection’s proposal best met the evaluation criteria of the selection process. Their proposed software and implementation costs were the lowest of the three finalists. Their software program’s user interface, ease of use, adaptability and overall functionality were judged the best by our panel. We are planning on starting implementation in September, with a scheduled completion in December 2008.

Written by Mike McGrew

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Spotlight on... Carol Reed!

- Congratulations on being promoted as the new Lead Groundskeeper at CSM. How long have you worked for Facilities?
10 years
- What do you enjoy most about working outdoors? Sunshine and fresh air
- What is your favorite type of plant? Orchids because there are so many different varieties. And they tend to do better when they are neglected.
- If you could go anywhere in the world right now, where would you go and why? Sweden because I have Aunts and Uncles there on my Mom's side of the family. I would also like to go to Tazmania, Australia or take a road trip around the U.S.



- What are your hobbies outside of work? Ceramics, gardening, artwork and glass. I have taken a Blacksmithing Class at CSM and I am taking a Welding class in the Fall.
- If you knew that your next meal would be your last, what would it be? Frosted Flakes or Special K. I love cereal!
- What is the last movie that you saw? Fool's Gold with Matthew McConaughey and Kate Hudson. That was pretty funny!
- What is something that most people would be surprised to learn about you? I play Bluegrass Banjo. I took lessons for 7 years and played in a band with friends. Now I just play for fun.

Written by Carina Hass

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