

# EXCELLENCE IN THE RESPONSE TO COVID-19

Employees in the Office of Administrative Services have shown incredible strength, resilience, and commitment during a time that has been challenging for all. In this special edition of the Forward Focus newsletter, we've gathered a few of the many stories within our organization showing how we have adapted and continue to provide excellence in our daily work during the Covid-19 response. While we can't possibly show all of the outstanding efforts each and everyone of you are contributing right now, below are some unique stories that show the wide reaching efforts of OAS in keeping our campus operating.

If there is an OAS employee we missed that you feel has shown their commitment to excellence throughout this difficult time, and deserves recognition, we would like to remind you that our Excellence Recognition Program is still running. We encourage you to submit a nomination form online at [bit.ly/ves-recoprdrRecognition](https://bit.ly/ves-recoprdrRecognition).

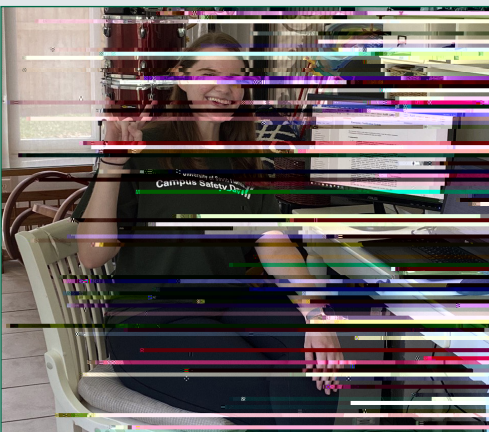
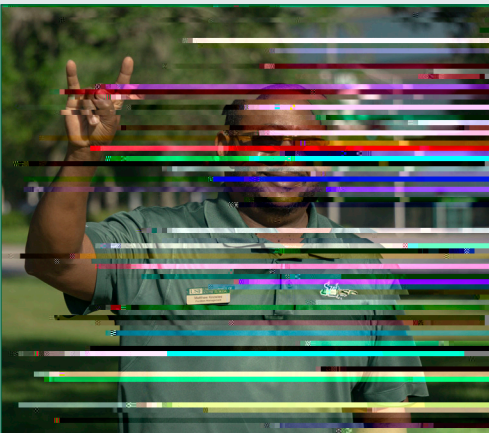


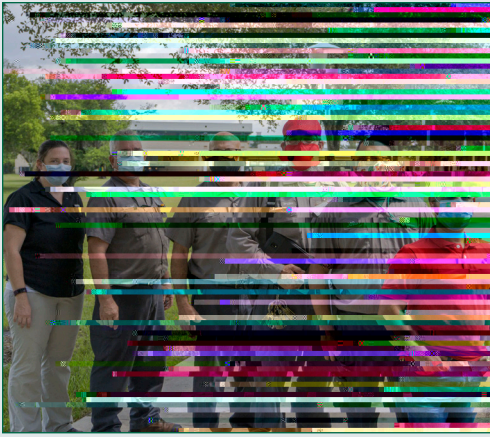
**Tony Espinosa, Latoria Witt, Pamela McHayle, Brian Davis** *(left to right)*

## **BULL RUNNER**

The Bull Runner has continued to operate throughout the entire length of remote instruction and remote work. We sat down to talk with a few of the Bull Runner team members pictured about their role during the pandemic. As Pamela puts it, “there are still many students and staff around campus who depend on us.”

These community members heavily rely on the Bull Runner just to get around the area. “Transportation is essential and without us, people would be negatively impacted” says Brian. While the drivers agree there has been a reduction in the number of riders, those who still ride the Bull Runner utilize it consistently. They see local community members and USF employees who still need this service.





Rachel Leonard, Saul Ponce, Jose Rivera, Bradley Orr, Jason Ramos, Eliezer Rodriguez (left to right)

### FACILITIES OPERATIONS

Due to low building occupancy over the past four weeks, USF Maintenance Technicians of every trade skill have carved out time in their busy schedule every Wednesday to flush the domestic water system for a minimum of two hours (each building). Pictured are some of the lead plumbers and managers who spearheaded this effort, but many more were involved in this project. This effort is necessary to purge any lead and copper contaminants that may have been introduced into the water system from reduced water flow. This task helps ensure that USF faculty, staff, and students have healthy drinkable water when the campus begins phasing back into normal operations.

## A Message From the Technology and Equipment Pillar

for ways to improve. If you have an idea that you think would improve OAS, you can submit it to be reviewed for further action or implementation.

You can attach your

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## Anniversaries | July 2020

### Facilities Management

Ermilot Blanc	15
Julie Van Horn	8
Debra Miller	6
Edwin Vasquez	6
Jeremy Peterson	5
Hari Patel	5
Stevette Reeves	3
John Benedict	3
Paul Gardner	1

### Parsons & Technology Services

Frances Salo	13
Gareth Neville	9
Beth Anne Collins	6
Timothy Seidel	1
Joshua Santiago	1

### Business Center

John McCall	23
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## Retirements

### Patricia Woodard (4 years)

Transit Bus Driver

Patricia Woodard, Transit Bus Driver