Governor’s Employee Safety Award

Cheryl Zwack and Patrick Simpson have been selected by the Office of Risk and Insurance Management (ORIM) Nomination Committee to receive the Governor’s Employee Safety Award (GESA) for their dedication to excellence in safety. Their achievement for their work will be recognized by the Governor on August 24, 2007 at California State University, Sacramento.

In the 2005/06 year, Risk Management discovered that 52% of Facilities Services’ injuries were related to strains. In an effort to decrease the rate of recurrence and severity of these injuries as well as to promote employee wellness, the Facilities Department, the University Fitness & Wellness Coordinator, and the Kinesiology Department collaborated to develop and implement a voluntary stretching program. The program met three times a week and focused its stretching exercises on the specific tasks performed by Facilities staff.

The National Purchasing Institute (NPI) has recognized Procurement Services’ commitment to sustain organizational excellence in Procurement for the third consecutive year by awarding Procurement Services with the Achievement of Excellence in Procurement Award (AEP). Congratulations Procurement on this continued achievement in excellence.

Achievement of Excellence in Procurement

Through the combined efforts and strong leadership of Pat, Cheryl, Kara Witzke, Ruth Gossard, Lisa Dickinson, and Nicholas Tyerman, this program has been a success. Since the implementation of the stretching program in 2006, the statistics have changed drastically, decreasing from 37 injuries to only one injury, related to repetitive motion. Not only has this program shown a drop in the occurrence of injuries, but it has also promoted morale within the department. Congrats to Cheryl, Pat and all who contributed to and participated in the stretching program. This is an outstanding achievement and a job well done!
Patrick Simpson, Cheryl Zwack, Dr. Kara Witzke, Ruth Gossard, Lisa Dickinson, and all the morning stretchers: Thanks to all of you for your role in the Facilities Wellness and Stretching Project! This project was put forward as a nomination for the Governor’s Employee Safety Award. All of you were very integral in the development and implementation of the stretching program that encourages occupational safety and wellness. You all are certainly great examples of "Excellence in Safety"! Keep up the good work.
– Regina Frasca

Thank you to Katy Rees for always being so supportive of both me and the Police Department.
– Doug Miller

Thanks to Tracey Richardson, Ron Mattos, and Brad Atherton for all of your efforts to prepare for the launching of the "one-stop shop" concept for event scheduling. I know that you will receive excellent support under Campus Enterprises!
– Linda Leiter

Thank you to Gretchen, Sharon and Dina. You are all awesome! What am I going to do without seeing you at least once a week with rush jobs? Thanks for making every week an adventure.
– Debbie Frasca

I would like to thank Chris Lambert in Systems Operations Department. Chris and I were trying to figure out a 3 million reconciling difference in Student Financials AR balances with PeopleSoft GL balances for the upcoming fiscal year end. Chris took the initiative to develop a schedule of processes and coordinate departments and individuals doing various tasks that affected one another in order to identify and clear our differences. Thanks to Chris’ ability to see the big picture, Accounting was able to close the fiscal year with only $582.00 difference in Student Financials AR, and this difference has been fully identified. Thanks Chris, it is a pleasure to work with you — Alma McFarland

A special thanks to Janice Ponchetti and Sue Belt for helping me get through the first months here at CSUSM. Their insights and help and great sense of humor along with a lot of detailed experience has helped me transition into the RMB& team much easier.
– Bruce Bradley

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– Cindi Peters

Gustavo Parra, Parking Field Event Logistics, thank you for all your patience with my 10,000 calls every morning regarding our daily events on our campus.
– Dora Knoblock

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– Tammy Carr-Kron

Ryan Ambrose, thank you very much for all your assistance with the CE media projects that we’ve asked you to complete, and, of course, we want them "Now". A sincere thank you.
– Dora Knoblock

Thanks a bunch to Sue Belt for all of her assistance to me and all of our staff. Most of all, your attitude is totally appreciated and definitely essential to our daily operations!
– Gina Frasca

Lt. Jones, I saw this opportunity, and wanted to take it to thank you for your professional and noble service to the university police department.
– Sandra J. Young

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– Mercedes Wilson

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– Debbie Frasca

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– Doug Miller

Thanks to Neal Hoss and Linda Leiter for their leadership and professional support while I was a member of the FAS division. Best wishes to FAS as "The Clarke" makes the transition to a new reporting structure through Student Affairs.
– Timothy Bills

Thank you to Deb Hobbs for all your help with EVERYTHING! I’m so glad you are part of our office!
– Jennifer Williams
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Thank You Notes

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