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CELEBRATING SERVICE AWARDS

Division of Finance and Administration
May 17, 2021



DFA HONOREES

5 YEARS

Adrian Del Toro Jr. / Dining Services
Michelle Escalante / Center for Business Services & Solutions
Dierdre Johnson / Early Childhood Education Center
Priya Lakireddy / Contracts and Real Estate Services
Arturo Martinez Chavez / General Accounting
Kelli Maxey / Financial Planning and Analysis
Sharlin Owdisho / UCM Payroll Services
Mubeena Salaam / Financial Systems Support
Stephanie Zuniga / Center for Business Services and Solutions

10 YEARS

Jorge Herrera Gomez / Dining Services
Carlos Iniguez / Housing Services
Jessica Johnston / Travel and Expense Management
Leonardo Munoz / Logistics Services
Linda Murillo / Early Childhood Education Center
Gilbert Rios / Dining Services
Mouang Saechao / Early Childhood Education Center
Julie Sagusay / Auxiliary Enterprises and Fiscal Innovation
Ernesto Saldivar / Housing Services
Frankie Santos Jr. / Dining Services

15 YEARS

Irma Garcia / Housing Services
Jaymz Harkey / Housing Services
Deborah Henderson / Hospitality Services
Jan Owens / Treasury, Banking and Cashiering Services
Maria Tinoco / Financial Planning and Analysis
Mitch Vanagten / Dining Services

20 YEARS

Carla Krogh / Treasury, Banking and Cashiering Services



Auxiliary Enterprises and Fiscal Innovation Honorees

Auxiliary Enterprises and Fiscal Innovation
Early Childhood Education Center
Dining Services
Hospitality Services
Housing Services



Adrian Del Toro Jr.

5 Years of Service

Dining Services



Adrian Del Toro Jr. has established innovative practices that uphold and improve health and safety standards at UC Merced. He mentors others in safety practices and is always proactive in mitigating risk. Adrian participates in a range of opportunities to learn about and experience diversity on campus and encourages others to do the same. He also analyzes processes to identify redundancies and workflow inhibitors and is quick to restructure processes to improve quality of service.

- Kunal Sinha



Dierdre Johnson

5 Years of Service

Early Childhood Education Center

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Dierdre Johnson, known as Ms. Dede, has been a valued teacher at the ECEC over these past 5 years. She brings an enthusiasm for working with young children that is noticeable and fun. She has big celebrations with each child in her care for every success. Ms. Dede brings a joy to the classroom. - Danielle Waite



Jason Davenport 10 Years of Service

Fleet Services



I am extremely thankful for my time here at UC Merced. Over the past ten years I have had the opportunity to build great working relationships with members of the local community and across campus departments that I highly value. I am especially grateful for the opportunity to mentor our student ambassadors who work with us and the genuine friendships I have with my co-workers. The future looks bright!



Jorge Herrera Gomez

10 Years of Service

Dining Services



Jorge Herrera Gomez is a great role model when it comes to cooperation and teamwork. He consistently creates circumstances for himself and others to improve their working relationships and cultivate success. Jorge consistently goes above and beyond his direct responsibilities to achieve team and department goals and welcomes new challenges and opportunities. Jorge loves working with people. He values, supports and inspires the highest quality of customer service. - Kunal Sinha



Juan Carlos Iniguez

10 Years of Service

Housing Services



Juan Carlos is as charismatic as they come. He smiles and people fall right into his friendliness. He's got the gift of the "gab" and makes people feel welcome. Congratulations JC! – Peter Arroyo



Linda Murillo

10 Years of Service

Early Childhood Education Center

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Over the past decade, Linda Murillo has worked in every classroom at the ECEC. Ms. Linda shows what a nurturing and caring person she is with each child she works with. The relationships she builds with the children in her care allow the children to feel confident to explore and learn. The parents also see this relationship and that allows them to feel secure knowing their child is in her care. Ms. Linda is a valuable early educator for the campus. - Danielle Waite



Mouang Saechao

10 Years of Service

Early Childhood Education Center

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Mouang Saechao has been an invaluable part of the ECEC community. She shows her true delight in working with the youngest infants, while toilet training the most stubborn of toddlers, and when exploring nature with curious preschoolers. Ms. Mouang has shown her professional expertise in working with all the ages served at the ECEC. She is the first to try on the fireman's overalls or dance in a shark costume to delight the children and her fellow teachers. We are happy to have her and work by her side each day. - Danielle Waite



Julie Sagusay

10 Years of Service

Auxiliary Enterprises and Fiscal Innovation



The people I have worked along-side have shaped my experience here at UC Merced, from the Directors that make big decisions for the future of our campus, to the student workers that come and go, and especially to the essential workers that make sure our UC Merced students are safe and fed. I am so excited for what is yet to come in my career here at UC Merced!



Ernesto Saldivar

10 Years of Service

Housing Services



Ernie is very polite and soft spoken but has a wealth of knowledge about many things. We usually talk of train paraphernalia, one of my favorite items, and he makes me jealous of all the things he has in his collection. Ernie is part of the original team and has been in Housing for a very long time. I want to let him know how much I appreciate his dedication. – Peter Arroyo

Irma Garcia

15 Years of Service

Housing Services

Irma is the rock of Housing/Dining Custodial team. Irma has a focused eye on what she does and has shown a dedication in making Housing a clean and safe environment for the students that occupy these spaces. I know if I had a child staying at UC Merced with Irma on board, I would rest easy at nights full well knowing they would be more than comfortable. Irma has made many a friends in her time at UC Merced and will add a few more as she continues her journey with us. Great to have you on our team Irma! You Rock! – Peter Arroyo



Debbie Henderson

15 Years of Service

Hospitality Services

I spent most of my career within the UC system at UCLA and I appreciated the opportunity to continue my journey in higher education at UC Merced. Coming from a campus that has deep roots in tradition, I found it refreshing to be in an environment of creation and opportunity. I look forward to continuing to support the mission of UC Merced and all that it has to offer to the community of Merced and the Central Valley of California in preparing the best and brightest to make a difference in our world.



Mitch Vanagten

15 Years of Service

Dining Services

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My 15 plus years have flown by at UC Merced. The parts of my job that I love the most are working with our students, the freedom to be creative with our catering menus, and of course cooking.





Financial Planning and Analysis Honorees

Financial Planning and Analysis
Project Portfolio Financial Management



Kelli Maxey

5 Years of Service

Financial Planning and Analysis



These past 5 years at UCM have been full of rewarding experiences. From serving on the 2020 project team to being a strategic partner for leadership in long range planning and campus initiatives, I have enjoyed many unique opportunities presented here. I look forward to more years contributing to our campus.



Lindsay Daniels

10 Years of Service

Project Portfolio Financial Management



I started in March 2010, in my time with UCM I have held 5 different positions in 3 departments, and counting!



Supply Chain and Shared Services Honorees

Center for Business Services and Solutions
Contracts & Real Estate Services
Equipment Management
Logistics Services
Procurement Services



Michelle Escalante

5 Years of Service

Center for Business Services and Solutions



I am proud to have co-workers, supervisors and managers that have helped shape the employee I am today, and I am very grateful for them.

I have learned so much in the past 5 years and I only hope to continue to learn more and develop.



Priya Lakireddy

5 Years of Service

Contracts and Real Estate Services

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Priya never forgets what it means to serve our community. No matter if we have lots to celebrate or concerns that overwhelm. Priya lends her head, heart, and hands to get involved, engaged, motivated and be inspirational. Thank you for all you do as a true leader! - Ro McKinney



Stephanie Zuniga

5 Years of Service

Center for Business Services and Solutions

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I'm so grateful that my career at UC Merced has brought me back to the hometown where I was born and raised! This has reconnected me to family members and friends.

My career with UC Merced began in Procurement Services and after 4 years pivoted me to a customer relationship role with CBS2, where I'm fortunate to have the opportunity to provide support to my fellow campus community members.



Leonardo Munoz
10 Years of Service
Logistics Services



Blessed to be part of UC Merced.



Business and Financial Services Honorees

Financial Systems Support
General Accounting
Payroll Services and Student Employment
Student Business Services
Tax Services
Travel and Expense Management
Treasury, Banking and Cashiering Services



Arturo Martinez Chavez

5 Years of Service

General Accounting



It's been great to be part of the UC Merced Business and Financial Services team for the last 5 years.



Sharlin Owdisho

5 Years of Service

UCM Payroll Services

I have had the pleasure of working at the University of California, Merced since 2015. During my time in the Payroll Services department, I have grown both personally and professionally while discovering the values of my own experiences and successes. For the past 2 years, I joined the Student Employment Services team and am proud to serve our departments and institutions mission in striving for excellence and serving the undergraduate students seeking to work at UC Merced to support educational expenses and gain work experience to assist them with becoming capable, ethical and effective leaders of tomorrow.



Jessica Johnston

10 Years of Service

Travel and Expense Management



I am lucky enough to have seen UC Merced grow from the very beginning and am honored to say I have been with the university as a career employee for 10 years. I have had the privilege to work in multiple departments working with so many amazing people. I cannot wait to see what the next 20 years has in store (my goal - retire from UCM with 30 years).

Jan Owens

15 Years of Service

Treasury, Banking and Cashiering Services

I started working for UC Merced in August 2005 with Dining Services. I feel like I have watched the campus grow from infancy to a young adult. It is a pleasure and honor to work at UC Merced. Go Bobcats!

The picture is of my granddaughter and her friend at the holiday celebration.



With Carla's upcoming June retirement, we would like to recognize her milestone in this year's celebration.



Carla Krogh

20 Years of Service

Treasury, Banking and Cashiering Services



I started as the first payroll person and then transferred to work with Dining/Bookstore before transferring to Campus Cashiering.

I've been blessed to be at the big groundbreaking and opening of campus.

I have had a lot of fun and met a ton of wonderful people, but what brings me the biggest smiles is the students I have had the pleasure to work with.



CONGRATULATIONS AND THANK YOU
TO ALL OF OUR HONOREES

