

Dear A&BS Colleagues,

Thank you to those of you who came out to our inaugural A&BS Team Building picnic, I look forward to our next one! Survey information and pictures will be available in the next week or two. Congratulations to our raffle winners:

- \$25 Gift Card - Alisa Reich, Police
- \$25 Gift Card - Nathan Montana, Facilities Management
- Police Ride-Along - David Martin, Facilities Management



I am pleased to announce the launch of our bi-monthly A&BS Newsletter. Each issue will include articles on divisional programs, event highlights, project updates, and an employee profile section. The A&BS calendar highlights our events as well as campus events that may be of interest.

I hope you will find our topics and information useful. In support of the campus' mission of teaching, research, and public service, and to drive forward UCI's Strategic Plan, changes are occurring daily. My goal is to make sure you are informed of the changes as quickly as the information is available. I am utilizing all channels of information, some examples include email, in-person meetings, and Twitter ([@RonCortez\\_UCI](https://twitter.com/RonCortez_UCI)). In addition, an A&BS employee town hall meeting will be scheduled for October.

Please share your comments and suggestions by sending an email to [ABSWithUForU@uci.edu](mailto:ABSWithUForU@uci.edu).

Sincerely,

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## A&BS and UCI Events Calendar

- **July 19:** [Green Lab Fair](#)
- **July 22:** [Angels vs. Red Sox Game with UCI Staff Assembly](#)
- **July 29:** [LA Rams Camp Begins](#)
- **August 9:** [LA Rams Camp with LA Chargers](#)
- **August 24:** [UCI Staff Appreciation Picnic](#)



## BEHIND THE BADGE

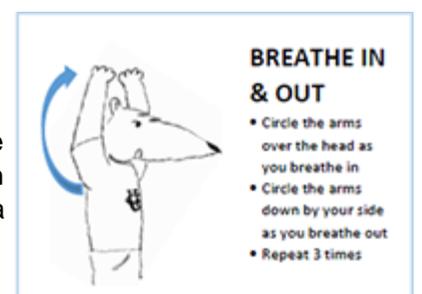


UCIPD hosted its first 'Behind the Badge' event for faculty and staff in partnership with UCI Staff Assembly. Information was strategically separated into three categories: Administration & Investigations, Academy 101, and Patrol Operations. These three topics gave UCI faculty and staff a comprehensive look at the UCI Police Department's operational fundamentals and a unique insight to the daily life of a police officer.

Attendees learned about the inner workings of a police department and the arduous training standards of the Orange County Sheriff's Academy. Officer Patton and Officer Akingbemi led the Academy 101 module, sharing their insights into the training program. The duo explained the program's high-stress environment is deliberately designed to aid the officers in developing a high tolerance level, as officers frequently encounter stressful situations in the field. Chief Cisneros participated throughout the event and spoke in each of the modules, helping to expand on the talking points of the officers. Between his humorous stories, he shared his vision for the department, goals, and hiring standards, reassuring the community that the UCI Police Department is a highly skilled and professional organization that is here to serve the community.

### ZOT! Stretches

It's important to take care of yourself! Working at a desk all day can be hard on the body and mind, but allowing yourself a chance to stretch gives your body the TLC it deserves. Click the following link for a complete list of [ZOT! Stretches](#).



## HAZARDOUS WASTE TEAM

Environmental Health & Safety and Risk Services' Hazardous Waste Team collects, processes, and disposes of chemical, biomedical, radioactive, controlled substances, eWaste, mercury lamps, and universal hazardous waste generated by UCI facilities. UCI's [Hazardous Waste Team](#) is among the smallest in the

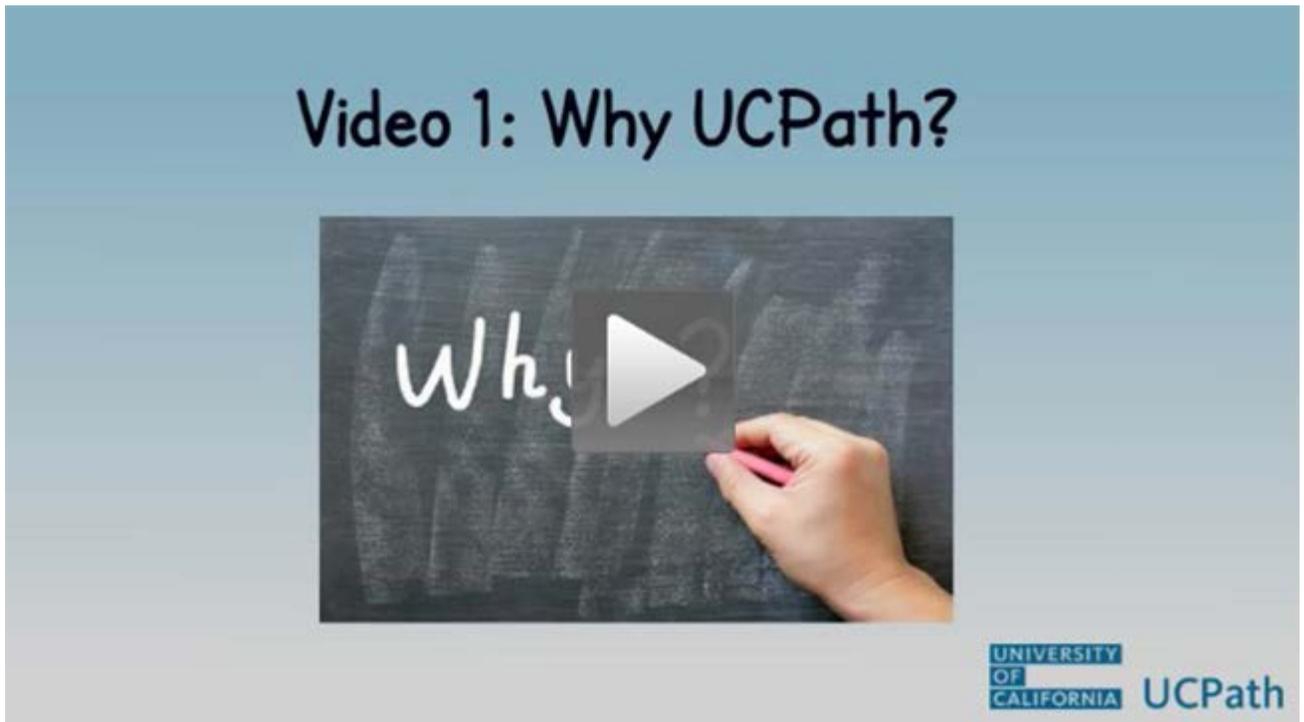
UC system, and this highly effective team averages 30 pickups per day which translates to 200 tons of hazardous waste per year! Management of hazardous waste must be in accordance with federal, state, and local regulations. The team helps protect human health and the environment by removing barriers and simplifying processes. Recently, the team started to provide pre-labeled hazardous waste containers, routine automatic waste pickups, and instituted a [Text a Pickup](#) service which saves customers over 500 hours per year versus the traditional online requests.



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## A&BS HIGHLIGHTS

### UCPath



[UCPath](#) is the University of California's priority program to implement a comprehensive payroll, benefits, human resources, and academic personnel system for all UC employees. UCPath is the largest administrative project in UC history and is scheduled to go-live at UCI in July 2018.

Click on the play button to view the introductory video that addresses some frequently asked questions, provides reasons for why a new system is needed, and how UCPath will drive improvements at UCI and across the UC system.

## DMV Registration Services



UCI is now offering California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) automated services, becoming the first university and first independent location in California. UCI faculty, staff, students and visitors may now process vehicle registrations or file for Planned Non-Operational status through an automated DMV NOW Self-Service Terminal. DMV services will be available at [Transportation & Distribution Services](#) Monday through Friday, 7:30am - 4:00pm (no appointments are necessary). Click the photo for more information.

## Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) Program



Environmental Health & Safety's [PPE Program](#) provides labs with personal protective equipment - lab coats, safety glasses, goggles, and face shields - at no charge to laboratory employees. During a fit appointment, employees are integrated into a culture of safety, receive personal instruction on the proper fit for their coat and eyewear, and learn how to utilize the available free laundry service. Campus PPE fit events are held every quarter or interested employees can contact the Lab PPE coordinator for a fit appointment at [ehs-](#)

## Medical Sciences C Renovation



[Facilities Management](#) completed a major building maintenance project for the Med Sci C building. This 56,000 square foot medical research building was constructed in 1978 and all of the major mechanical equipment as well as the roof were at the end of useful life. A construction contract was awarded for approximately \$8 million; which included replacement of the roof, major rooftop mechanical equipment, interior laboratory controls upgrades, interior and exterior lighting upgrades, modern drop ceilings in laboratories, and corridor flooring and painting.

## EMPLOYEE PROFILES



**Barbara Niemand, e-Commerce Program Administrator Senior Analyst, Procurement Services.** I have worked for UCI for over 9 years and I am currently responsible for the management, administration, and technical maintenance of UCI's e-Commerce Portal (UCIBuy). I work to implement agreements dedicated to offering cost savings and campus solutions by strategically onboarding suppliers into UCIBuy and design solutions targeted towards improving the usability experience.

**What has surprised you most about working in your department or UCI?** To have had the opportunity to apply skillsets from a corporate, business background in sales and marketing in my varying roles with UCI Procurement Services has been an exciting journey. I appreciate the cultural and linguistic diversity, coupled with the occasional German, Spanish, and French interchanges with students, faculty or staff.

**What aspect of your job do you enjoy the most?** Each day offers new opportunities for professional growth and continuous improvement. I truly enjoy facilitating in a business administrative, project-based environment, while also fostering strong, productive relationships with colleagues and suppliers. Being

part of such a strong research community keeps me curious, engaged, and open to new processes, ideas and approaches.

**If you were stuck on an island, what three things would you bring?** My family, a selection of healing oils, and a camera.

**If you were to write a book about yourself, what would you name it?** Changing the World...One Smile at a Time.

**Motto or Personal Mantra:** Be your own advocate and follow your instincts.

**Matt Mahoney, Patrol Sergeant, UCI Police Department.** I started at UCI on April 20, 2017, and started with the City of Irvine in May of 1989 as a patrol officer where I worked on a variety of assignments as an officer, sergeant, lieutenant, and commander. As a UCI Patrol Sergeant, I lead, guide, and mentor patrol officers, respond to emergency calls for service, and direct field officers.



**What has surprised you most about working in your department or UCI?** After 28 years with the Irvine Police Department, I joined UCIPD in April, 2017. The transition to UCIPD has been very easy for me because the personnel at UCIPD are professional, service oriented and helpful, very much like my former agency. I like how the staff routinely go above and beyond to provide exceptional service to faculty, staff and students that make up our community.

**What do you find the most challenging at UCI/department?** Even though I graduated from UCI in 1988, I find it very challenging to navigate around the university. There has been a lot of new construction which makes getting around the university difficult. The app, [ZOTFinder](#), has been a great assistance for me in locating buildings.

**Favorite travel spot?** I enjoy traveling to the islands of Hawaii with my wife, MaryAnne and sons, Patrick and Logan.

**People would be surprised if they knew:** I spent almost 10 years as a SWAT team member at my former agency. I held a variety of positions, such as, operator, grenadier, and assistant team leader.



**Wendy Chew, Contracts Analyst, Design & Construction Services.** I've been with UCI for 6 1/2 months as a contract analyst. I facilitate the process of professional services agreements and work authorizations. I also ensure documents are in compliance with university policies and guidelines, and assist with various phases of the design build process.

**What has been your favorite project at UCI/department?** Probably my first project, Middle Earth Housing Expansion. It was exciting to partake in the process and see how all design-build teams worked together to create a design that supports our campus.

I will never forget this project because it allowed me to see how the role of our department is instrumental to supporting our campus, especially when a project is out to bid. I have greater appreciation for everyone here and all the roles we hold. It allowed me to see that no matter how small or big a task may be, everything is important.

**Who is one colleague that deserves praise and recognition?** Definitely Brenda Duenas! **Why?** Since

the beginning, she was instrumental to helping me learn everything there is to learn about contracts. Everything is a continuous process and she is always willing to help me learn. She never shies away from answering any question I may have. She is supportive and dedicated to the work she does. She always goes above and beyond to help others and everyone in our department.

**What piece of advice would you give to a new employee?** Jump in. Give yourself the ability to learn about your colleagues and learn the various functions they are responsible for. Knowing what everyone else does helps you better understand the work you do. It allows you to see the bigger picture and appreciate the collaboration that takes place to accomplish something bigger.

**If Hollywood made a movie about your life, who would you like to see cast as you?** Probably Julia Roberts because she is just awesome!

**If you were to write a book about yourself, what would you name it?** Turning Point, it would identify key experiences that made me who I am today.

**Favorite travel spot?** San Francisco, California. I love the driving, seeing football games, the weather, and of course the company. I especially love SF during the holidays because you are able to see it so beautifully decorated.

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