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#### **CMA Annual Picnics**

The CMA North Florida and South Florida Family Picnics were held on Saturday, May 21 at Anastasia State Park in St. Augustine and Saturday, May 7 at Spanish River Park in Boca Raton respectively. Staff members, family and friends enjoyed the day with a 'nautical' theme and a BBQ lunch and ice cream by Ben & Jerry's. Thank you to our Marketing Coordinator Stephanie Williams for the t-shirt design worn by all staff and to the social activities committee for planning the event!





**CMA South Florida Family Picnic** 

**CMA North Florida Family Picnic** 

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**Journal Largest** 

**Engineering Firms** 

CMA ranked 14 in the

Journal Engineering Firms

list! The list includes 32

engineering firms located

in Duval, Clay, St. Johns,

Nassau, Baker, Putnam and

Flagler counties ranked in order by number of licensed

Business

**Business** 

Jacksonville

engineers.

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## Take your Child to Work Day

The Fort Lauderdale office celebrated take your child to work day on Thursday 4/28. Events included making a Rubber Band Powered Car, hosted by Safiya Brea, P.E., LEED AP; making a Popsicle Bridge, hosted by Craig Wallander, E.I.;

Movie Lunch, where the kids watched Dream Big Engineering, hosted by Craig Wallander, E.I; an Engineering Counting Game, hosted by Jennifer Smith, P.E.; an Engineering Drawing Game, hosted by Jessica Diaz, P.E.; and Popsicle Building, hosted by Jennifer Smith, P.E. Lunch was provided for both the kids and the employees there that day! Victor Thomas; Jennifer Smith, P.E.; Safiya Brea, P.E., LEED AP; Megan Schmidt; and Manny Caamano's children participated.



In the WPB Office, Tanya McCormick, PLA, AICP and Suzanne Dombrowski, P.E., ENV SP's children participated. They helped design Currie Park, learned about everyone's job and then had a pizza lunch played a ring toss game.











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## Meet our New Employees!

Employee: Chris Gearhart, III, P.E.

Title: Principal Engineer

Office: Jacksonville

Mr. Gearhart recently
joined CMA with over
20 years of experience
in the electric utility
industry, specializing
in transmission and distribution line
design.

Employee: Yully Scott
Title: CAD Technician
Office: Fort Lauderdale
Ms. Scott recently
joined CMA as a CAD
Technician. She has
experience with

AutoCAD LT, AutoCAD
Civil 3D, Autodesk Inventor.

Employee: Vithulan Suthakaran
Title: Associate Engineer
Office: Fort Lauderdale
Mr. Suthakaran
recently joined CMA

recently joined CMA as an Engineer. His previous experience includes serving as

a Graduate Research Assistant, Project Consultant for FAU.

Employee: Jeffrey Hubbard

Title: Senior CAD Designer

Office: Orlando

Mr. Hubbard recently joined CMA
as a Senior CAD Designer. He has
experience serving



experience.

#### **ASCE Palm Beach Branch Engineer of the Year**

Congratulations to Suzanne Dombrowski, P.E., ENV SP who was recently named the ASCE Palm Beach Branch 2022 Engineer of the Year! She was honored at the 2022 Engineers in Government Night on Thursday, April 21st, 2022 at the Boynton Beach Arts and Cultural Center. The event honors the accomplishments and contributions of engineers in public and private practice in Palm Beach County. For more information, please visit https://branches.asce.org/palmbeach/



## **Habitat for Humanity**

On April 9, 2022, Brent Whitfield, P.E., ENV SP; David Cowan, Jr., P.E., ENV SP, LEED AP; Laura Vogel, P.E., Ph.D., ENV SP; and Brandon Sullivan volunteered at a Habitat for Humanity Build in Belle Glade. They helped lay sod for the new home of Mattie Moore and her 15-year-old granddaughter, Kimora.



## **Zweig White Best Firms to Work for Awards**

CMA is proud to have ranked 31st in the Multi-Discipline category of the Zweig White Best Firms to Work For awards for the Architecture/ Engineering/Construction industry. CMA also placed 16th in the 100 - 199 employees' category. In addition, CMA ranked 56th in the Zweig Group



2022 Hot Firm list. CMA was ranked 83rd in 2021. The Best Firms award celebrates top architecture, engineering, planning, environmental and construction (AEC) firms based on firm culture, workplace practices, employee benefits, employee retention rates, professional development, and more, from both management and staff perspective. Awards were given in multiple categories based on firm size and discipline. Firms are ranked on the Hot Firms list by a score comprised of both dollar and percentage revenue growth rate over a three-year period. Thank you to all staff that completed the survey! Winners will be honored at the 2022 Elevate AEC Conference in Las Vegas in September. Congratulations to all of our employees! https://www.zweiggroup.com/

## **FES Miami Mentor/Mentee Appreciation**

CMA attended the Mentor/Mentee Appreciation Networking Event on March 31 at the University of Miami RSMS Campus' SALT Café on Biscayne Bay for FES Miami. In its inaugural year, the program attracted over 160 student mentees from UM, FIU, Miami Dade College and Nova Southeastern University. Over 70 professionals throughout S. FL served as mentors to students from all engineering fields. Patrick Kaimrajh, P.E.;



Shahin Hekmat, P.E.; and Jose Acosta, P.E., F.ASCE were on the program planning committee, which Jose also chaired.

#### **MDWASD CIP Presentation**



On April 6, Patrick Kaimrajh, P.E.; Laura Vogel, P.E., Ph.D., ENV SP, Greg Mendez, P.E.; Shahin Hekmat, P.E.; and Nick Karpathy, P.E., ENV SP attended the Miami-Dade Water and Sewer Department (WASD) Capital Improvements Program (CIP) Presentation and Social hosted by the Miami-Dade ASCE Utility Engineering and Surveying Institute (UESI). The event was held upstairs at Bulla Gastrobar Coral Gables and included an evening of learning about upcoming projects at WASD and socialization with WASD staff, consultants, and contractors. CMA

was the presenting sponsor for this event.

#### **Corporate Runs**

CMA participated in the Annual Mercedes-Benz Corporate Run on April 7 at Huizenga Plaza in Fort Lauderdale. Team members who participated in the event were: Dr. Ben Chen, P.E., BCEE, Susan Chen, Jessica Diaz, P.E., Sara Hollenbeck, Nick Musick, E.I., Karen Rachles, Brandon Sullivan and Justin Tagle, P.E., LEED AP. Congratulations again to our entire team for placing 3rd in the t-shirt design contest last year for the 'Creative Use of Your Company Logo' category!



 ${\sf Madeline\ Batey,\ E.l.\ and\ Rob\ Best,\ Jr.,\ P.E.\ participated\ in\ the\ Annual}$ 

SimplyIOA Corporate 5k on April 21 at Lake Eola Park in downtown Orlando.

## **Relay for Life**

On April 23, CMA participated on the Relay for Life Event in Cooper City High School.

Relay is a national fundraising event by the American Cancer Society to raise awareness and money for the research for the cure for cancer. Each Relay is run by different cities, counties or groups of people driven to help the cause. Relay is always held around a field or track and members of each team walk around that track to signify that cancer never sleeps.

Besides walking around the track in support, CMA also collected \$351.93 to donate to the cause.



#### **Sarasota County Gator Club**

CMA was the Swamp Event Title Sponsor for the Sarasota County Gator Club ~ Giving Gators a Shot event held on April 8. The event was held at Knight's Trail Park in Nokomis and included a sporting clays shooting tournament, breakfast, lunch and an awards ceremony. Mike Bell, P.E., John Gorham, PLA, Peter Moore, P.E., ASCE, ACEC and Jason Sutton, PLA participated in the CMA team. Proceeds will benefit the Sarasota County Gator Club annual scholarships for local graduating seniors. For more information, please visit http:// www.sarasotagators.com/golftournament.html



#### FRPA

On April 7, Cris Betancourt, PLA,
AICP and Rob Best, Jr., P.E.
attended the Florida Recreation
and Park Association, Inc. Directors'
Meeting. CMA was a Summit Title
Sponsor. The event was held at The
Brownwood Hotel & Spa in The
Villages, FL.

