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CMA Anniversaries	
Michael Albert, P.E.	May 7 - 5 years
Andres Aristizabal	April 11 -12 years
Mina Bebawy	March 15 - 2 years
Maikel Cayon	April 26 - 2 years
Jinna Cooper	March 9 - 3 years
David Cowan, Jr., P.E., ENV SP, LEED AP	April 6 - 3 years
Bryan Cullop	March 16 - 3 years
Thy Duong E.I.	May 6 - 4 years
Charmaine Emanuels, E.I.	May 20 - 4 years
Chris Gearhart, III, .P.E.	April 4 - 1 year
Jeffrey Hubbard	May 2 - 1 year
Vincent Kelemen	March 28 - 29 years
Vincent Locigno, P.E.	May 15 - 6 years
Stephanie Long-Marquez, P.E.	March 5 -2 years
Daniela Martinat, P.E.	April 6 - 2 years
Jason McClair, P.E., CFM, LEED AP	April 15 - 22 years
Jose McCray	May 14 - 11 years
Yulet Miguel, P.E.	May 31 - 1 year
Jennifer Smith, P.E.	May 30 - 17 years
Ruben Soto	March 15 - 2 years
Vithulan Suthakaran	May 16 - 1 year
Brian Voelker, M.S., SPWS, C.A., CLI	May 31 - 1 year
Frankie Wilson, III, .P.E.	May 21 - 33 years

CMA Employee Birthdays	
Mina Bebawy	March 13
Robert Best Jr., P.E.	May 25
Alessandro Bologna E.I.	April 13
Bryan Cullop	May 24
William Daly III	March 21
Alice Everard	March 20
Alexander Farfan	April 8
Maritza Figueroa	March 26
Chris Gearhart III, .P.E.	March 30
Robert Guttman	April 29
Barry Hurst E.I.	April 19
Patrick Kaimrajh P.E.	March 14
Vincent Kelemen	April 27
G Lehr P.E., DBIA, LEED AP	April 7
Lance Lilly	May 25
Stephanie Long-Marquez P.E.	May 18
Jason McClair P.E., CFM, LEED AP	April 12
Tanya McCormick PLA, AICP	May 30
Phuoc Nguyen	March 11
Todd Nochomson	March 31
McKenna Page	May 28
Brandy Peters	May 30
Ashley Quijada	March 26
Austin Reheiser	March 2
Arnaldo Roman E.I.	March 4
Megan Schmidt	April 18
Jose Tamo	April 15
Stephanie Williams	March 28

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ASCE Miami Field Day

On Saturday February 11, CMA staff Jose L. Acosta, P.E., F.ASCE, Dominique Bethel, Charmaine Emanuels, E.I., Patrick Kaimrajh, P.E., Kobie Lynch, Yulet Miguel, P.E. and Ashley Quijada attended the annual Miami-Dade ASCE Field Day at Zoo Miami. Participants played a series of tailgating games and enjoyed a picnic lunch. CMA was a sponsor for the event, which raised funds for the annual Miami-Dade ASCE scholarship program.



Planning Event

CMA Director of Planning Nilsa Zacarias, AICP and Board Member of the Palm Beach County Planning Congress coordinated a planning event on Saturday February 11 with planners from the APA Gold Coast Section and the Palm Beach County area. The event known as ‘The Impact of Transportation and Connectivity in Urban Planning’ provided an overview of Palm Beach current transportation initiatives, and focused on the City of West Palm Beach proactive approach to revitalize its downtown.

The group met at the Brightline station in West Palm Beach then received a guided walking tour of the Downtown area led by Raphael Clemente, Executive Director, Downtown Development Authority and Valerie Neilson, AICP, Executive Director of the Palm Beach Transportation Planning Agency. Presentations were then held at the DDA offices where lunch was provided, and leaders in the field spoke including Chelsea S. Reed, Mayor, City of Palm Beach Gardens; Dana Little, Urban Design Director, Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council; Wes Blackman, AICP, Principal, CWB Associates; and Nilsa Zacarias, AICP. The event ended with a trolley ride back to the Brightline station and an optional social gathering at El Camino.



FES Mathcounts

FES Miami’s Mathcounts Competition was held on February 17, 2023 at Miami Dade College’s Kendall Campus. 41 schools signed up and over 250 students competed in this program that promotes mathematic achievement. In Florida, participating middle schools compete individually or as part of a team in one of nineteen FES Chapter MATHCOUNTS Competitions held in February. FES Chapters send their winning teams and individuals to the State competition held in March.

Jose L. Acosta, P.E., F.ASCE volunteered and presented the awards as President of FES Miami.



Meet our New Employees!

Employee: Kobie Lynch
Title: Engineer
Office: Miami



Employee: Angelina Cabrera
Title: Associate Landscape Architect
Office: West Palm Beach



Employee: Nicole Wasko
Title: CAD Technician
Office: West Palm Beach



Employee: Muhammad Ashraf
Title: Senior Construction Specialist
Office: West Palm Beach



University of Florida Design Charette

CMA, along with University of Florida's College of Design, Construction and Planning (DCP), hosted a design charette to the Landscape Architecture students. CMA staff Tanya McCormick, PLA, AICP, Eric Harrison, PLA and John Gorham, PLA kicked off the charette on January 13th and concluded the charette on January 20th. The subject site used for the charette was Currie Park in West Palm Beach. The students were given certain parameters and site information and were asked to prepare site designs to present to CMA for a scholarship of \$1,800. The students presented their designs to Tanya, Eric and Dan Manley of UF DCP. The designs were scored based on the inclusion of the provided program elements, observation of site constraints and the deliverables. CMA heavily weighed the creativity and quality of the presentations, and ultimately presented the scholarship to four deserving students. CMA is grateful to have been given this opportunity to begin building relationships with these amazing students and we look forward to seeing them again at the DCP career fair next month!



Race for Relevance

CMA staff attended Race for Relevance at the Autobahn Indoor Speedway in Jacksonville on February 2. Hosted by the Northeast Florida Chapter of FES, the race is a fundraising event created to help support the future of the engineering profession by encouraging youth to engage in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM). The funds raised from the event go towards the Chapter's scholarship fund. CMA attendees were Jose L. Acosta, P.E., F.ASCE, Brad

Wilson, P.E., Freeman Bass, P.E., Jimmy Carr, Tommy Gardner, P.E., Phuoc Nguyen, Floyd Fasking, P.E., Chris Gearhart, P.E., Alexander Farfan, Derrick Smith, CFM, LEED AP and Austin Reheiser. <https://www.fesr4r.com/>

UNF IEEE

On February 14, 2023, CMA Principal Engineer Thomas Gardner, P.E. spoke to the University of North Florida Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers Club about what a consulting engineer does.



ASCE Multi-Regional Leadership Conference

Madeline Batey, E.I.; Charmaine Emanuels, E.I.; and Justin Tagle, P.E., LEED AP attended the ASCE Multi-Regional Leadership Conference (MRLC) January 20-21. The event, held in Charlotte, NC, allows upcoming leaders a chance to gain Society and Region knowledge, interact with students, younger members, section, branch, and institute leaders, while gaining personal leadership training.



Joint Professional Societies Annual Legislative Breakfast



CMA Director of Water Resources Brent Whitfield, P.E., ENV SP led the Joint Professional Societies Annual Legislative Breakfast Thursday 'Planning for a Resilient Florida' at the Marriott Hotel in Palm Beach Gardens. CMA would like to extend a special thank you to our Florida State Representatives, Senators and Assistant County Administrator for listening to our fellow engineers and sharing your legislative goals prior to this year's session: Rep. Katherine Waldron, Rep. Kelly Skidmore, Rep. Jervonte 'Tae' Edmonds, Senator Lori Berman, Senator Bobby Powell and Assistant County Administrator Todd Bonlarron. CMA also served as a sponsor for the event and our other staff members who attended included: Jose L. Acosta, P.E., F.ASCE, Suzanne Dombrowski, P.E., ENV SP, Shahin Hekmat, P.E., Peter Moore, P.E., F.ASCE, FACEC, and Nilsa Zarcarias, AICP.

ACEC-FL EEA Banquet

Shahin Hekmat, P.E., F.FES; Robert Best, Jr., P.E.; and Ben Lehr, P.E. attended the American Council of Engineering Companies of Florida Engineering Excellence Awards Banquet on February 17. For more than 50 years, hundreds of consulting engineering firms have entered their most innovative projects and studies in state competitions. Finalists move on to the national competition in Washington, D.C. For more information, please visit <https://acecfl.org/events-and-awards/awards/>



MLK Day of Service

CMA staff Safiya Brea, P.E., LEED AP, Craig Wallander, E.I., and Stephanie Williams volunteered to help clean the community at Provident Park in Fort Lauderdale in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day on January 16.



Career Days Clay Shoot

CMA staff members Mike Bell, P.E., Ben Lehr, P.E., Jason Sutton, PLA, CA and Brad Wilson, P.E., attended the 4th Annual Northeast Florida Construction Career Days Clay Shoot on January 26 at Jacksonville Clay Target Sports. CMA served as a silver sponsor for the event that also includes an educational outreach program on February 28-March 2. CMA staff members Freeman Bass, P.E., Derrick Smith, CFM, LEED AP; Jennifer Smith, P.E. and Brad Wilson, P.E. attended and volunteered as chaperones. The program is designed to introduce high school students to the wide range of career opportunities available to them in the construction industry in a hands-on environment.

