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CMA Employee Birthdays	
Jose Acosta, P.E., F.ASCE	August 5
Andres Aristizabal	June 28
Cole Benjamin, P.E.	August 29
Cristobal Betancourt, PLA, AICP	July 5
Joel Brownsey, P.E.	June 23
James Carr	June 28
David Castro, P.E.	July 12
Pamela Chanitz,	June 21
Yan Chen	July 2
Jazmin Cruz	July 31
Daniel Diez, P.E.	July 7
Dante DiTommaso, E.I.	July 5
Suzanne Dombrowski, P.E., ENV SP	August 3
Eric Ferguson	June 19
Ernesto Garcia, P.E., ENV SP	July 15
John Gorham, PLA	July 5
Eric Harrison, PLA	June 6
Shahin Hekmat, P.E., F.FES	August 15
Sharon Johnson	August 4
Vincent Locigno, P.E.	August 13
Amber Mathis, PLA	July 20
Jose McCray	July 25
Peter Moore, P.E., F.ASCE, FACEC	June 15
Karen Rachles	June 14
Jennifer Smith, P.E.	July 4
Victor Thomas	August 22
Philip VanDeventer, P.E.	June 21
Brian Voelker, M.S., SPWS, C.A., CLI	June 29
Brent Whitfield, P.E., ENV SP	June 25
Brad Wilson, P.E.	August 15

CMAnniversaries	
Sara Benbasat	August 16 - 2 years
Stefan Bortak, PLA, ASIC, CID	June 3 - 12 years
Safiya Brea, P.E., LEED AP	June 3- 21 years
James Carr	June 9 - 12 years
Bryan Castro	August 1 - 1 year
Bill Daly, III	July 30 - 10 years
Melissa Dannelly	August 30 - 6 years
Daniel Davila, P.E.	June 13 - 12 years
Jessica Diaz, P.E.	August 22 - 7 years
Dante DiTommaso, E.I.	June 1 - 1 year
Chloe Dolby	June 12 - 4 years
Eric Ferguson	June 12 - 6 years
Robert Guttman	August 22 - 1 year
Dave Hopkins, P.E.	June 9 - 41 years
Barry Hurst, E.I.	July 12 - 24 years
Amber Mathis, PLA	July 18 - 1 year
Phuoc Nguyen	August 1 - 1 year
Beatriz Oliva, E.I.	July 26 - 1 year
McKenna Page	July 11 - 1 year
Arnaldo Roman, E.I.	June 13 - 1 year
Derrick Smith, CFM, LEED AP	August 28 - 17 years
Justin Tagle, P.E., LEED AP	July 30 - 5 years
Craig Wallander, E.I.	August 18 - 3 years
Nilsa Zacarias, AICP	July 27 - 14 years

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American Planning Conference

CMA Director of Planning Nilsa Zacarias, AICP attended the American Planning Conference (APA) conference in Philadelphia from April 1-4. The conference program was focused on content developed through peer discussion and research within the planning profession. Several sessions were offered including Public Participation “Tools for Tricky Twists in Community Engagement” in which Nilsa is pictured.



Mega Viernes Infrastructure Conference

CMA staff members Jose L. Acosta, P.E., F.ASCE and David Castro, P.E. attended the Mega Viernes Civil 2023 Career Fair at the Convention Center in San Juan, Puerto Rico on April 28. During this event, conferences, workshops and exhibitions were held on topics related to the construction, design and maintenance of infrastructures and buildings. Conferences for this year’s event revolved around the topic of mitigation and resilience in rebuilding the island’s infrastructure after the impact of recent natural disasters. In addition, Mega Civil Friday offered the opportunity to network with colleagues and industry leaders, and to participate in discussions about the challenges, current and future opportunities in the civil engineering profession. More than 1,100 students were in attendance. For more information, please visit <https://ciapr.org/>



GEER Conference

CMA Senior Engineer Stephanie Long, PhD, P.E. presented at the Greater Everglades Ecosystem Restoration (GEER) Conference April 17-20 at the Marriott Coral Springs. The presentation included the Flood Protection Level of Service (FPLOS) study for a 200 square mile area in Miami-Dade County on behalf of the SFWMD. Other CMA staff who worked on the project and were present included Laura Vogel, PhD, P.E., ENV SP, Justin Tagle, P.E., LEED AP and Brent Whitfield, P.E., ENV SP. A special thank you also to the SFWMD team: Ana Maran, PhD, P.E. for moderating the event and to Akin Owosina, Hongying Zhao, and Ruben Arteaga for their leadership on the FPLOS program. For more information, please visit <https://conference.ifas.ufl.edu/geer/index.php>



Meet our New Employees!

Employee: Mariah Green
Title: Administrative Assistant
Office: Fort Lauderdale



Employee: Alicia Quero
Title: Administrative Assistant
Office: Miami



Employee: Natalie Titus
Title: Administrative Assistant
Office: West Palm Beach



Employee: Ernesto Garcia, P.E., ENV SP
Title: Project Engineer
Office: Miami



Kayak Intracoastal Cleanup

CMA's Community Service Committee hosted a Kayak Intracoastal Cleanup on Saturday, April 8 at Waterway Adventures in Hollywood. Six bags of trash were collected by our team! Participants for the 90-minute event were: Safiya Brea P.E., LEED AP, Daniel Davila, P.E., Jessica Diaz, P.E., Charmaine Emmanuels, P.E., Marcelo Grandi, E.I., Ruben Soto, Craig Wallander, E.I., and Stephanie Williams.



CMA Company Picnics

The CMA Annual South Florida Family Picnic was held on Saturday, April 29 at Tradewinds Park in Coconut Creek with a 'western' theme. Congratulations to our engineer Alessandro Bologna, E.I., who won the costume contest! Approximately 60 employees, friends and families enjoyed the day with a BBQ lunch and cake.

The CMA Annual North Florida Family Picnic was held on Saturday, May 6 at Ginnie Springs in High Springs with a 'western' theme. Approximately 40 employees, friends and families enjoyed the day with a BBQ lunch, cake, volleyball, and swimming/tubbing down the river. Some CMAers even camped out at the springs! 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 events! We can't wait until next year!



South Florida Picnic

North Florida Picnic

Wilton Manors Canoe Race

CMA participated in the 30th Annual Island City Canoe Race, which consisted of a 6 mile relay race around the City of Wilton Manors. Participants included Dominique Bethel, Jessica Diaz, P.E., Dante DiTommaso, E.I., Suzanne Dombrowski, P.E., ENV SP (Dan Dombrowski, P.E.), Charmaine Emanuels P.E., Sara Hollenbeck, E.I., Vince Locigno, P.E., Justin Tagle, P.E., LEED AP, Brian Voelker, M.S., SPWS, C.A., CLI and Jason McClair, P.E., CFM, LEED AP. The team had a career best finish of 2nd overall!



FES/ACEC Professional Engineer Legislative Days

CMA staff members Jose L. Acosta, P.E., F.ASCE, David Cowan, Jr., P.E., ENV SP, Shahin Hekmat, P.E., F.FES, Patrick Kaimrajh, P.E., Ben Lehr, P.E., DBIA, LEED AP, Peter Moore, P.E., F.ASCE, FACEC, Laura Vogel, Ph.D, P.E., ENV SP and Brent Whitfield, P.E., ENV SP attended the FES/ACEC Professional Engineer Legislative Days in Tallahassee. The event was held March 20-22 where they met



most of the legislators and/or staff that represent Southeast Florida. Peter Moore also testified to the Appropriations Committee for Education on behalf of FES/ACEC-FL. In addition, Brent Whitfield was called out from the floor of the Senate to speak for the Senate Session.

Giving Gators a Shot

On April 7, CMA attended the second annual Sporting Clays Shooting Tournament, benefiting the Sarasota County Gator Club Scholarship fund. 88 shooters participated in the event, held at the Knight's Trail Park in Sarasota.



The Sarasota County Gator Club will give out

\$10,000 in scholarships to local students attending the University of Florida, \$3,000 more than last year! CMA served as the Swamp Event Sponsor for the second time.

Criminal Justice Day

Senior Engineer Yulet Miguel, P.E. attended the 'Criminal Justice Day' for Leadership Broward on April 20th. She attended the Broward County Jail, which was a very unique and impactful tour learning about the logistics and visiting the high-profile convicts. Then the group had lunch in the courthouse library and a panel discussion from The Honorable Judge Elijah Williams, Harold Pryor, State Attorney, 17th Judicial Circuit, Gordon Weekes, Public Defender, 17th Judicial Circuit. They ended the day with a virtual reality simulation at the Broward Police Academy.



FDOT Project Management Conference

CMA staff members Ben Lehr, P.E., DBIA, LEED AP, Yulet Miguel, P.E. and Brad Wilson, P.E. attended the FDOT Project Management Conference at the Hyatt Regency in Orlando on April 10th and 11th.



ASCE East Central Branch's Younger Member Forum

On Friday, April 14th, Madeline Batey, E.I. and Rob Best, P.E. attended the ASCE East Central Branch's Younger Member Forum (YMF) Central Florida Field Trip, which was a tour of the Brightline's Vehicle Maintenance Facility (VMF) in Orlando. As the current East Central YMF President, Maddie helped plan the event.

