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ACEC Awards

CMA's Dames Point Bridge Electrical and Lighting project for the Florida Department of Transportation – District 2 was named an Honor Winner in the Energy Category by the American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC) of Florida. ACEC Florida presented award winners with their Engineering Excellence Awards during the February 23, 2024 ACEC Florida Engineering Excellence Awards Banquet in Orlando.



CMA Women's Alliance - Session 6 in Orlando

CMA's Women's Alliance met for their 6th session in Orlando at the Hyatt Regency Orlando International Airport. All of the South Florida staff who attended traveled via the Brightline, utilizing their new train station located at the Orlando Int'l Airport. This session started off with a Panel Discussion, followed by Q&A session from our own CMA staff members: Jennifer Smith, P.E., Maritza Figueroa, Nilsa Zacarias, AICP, Suzanne Dombrowski, P.E., ENV SP, and Tanya McCormick, PLA, AICP. Moderated by Safiya Brea, P.E., LEED AP. The goal of this event was a recap of all our previous



sessions, checking back in with the members ensuring we are encouraging and empowering our female staff members given the challenges females face in our industry. The event also included guest speaker Lila Jaber, founder of Lila Jaber Consulting and founder of the Florida Women in Energy Forum. Lila spoke on PICCH Leadership (Patience, Integrity, Character, Compassion and Humility). Following a lunch break, the second half of the event ended in interactive group exercises, encouraging groups to use teamwork and communication to achieve their goals. Event attendees included: Angelina Cabrera, Ashley Quijada, Charmaine Emanuels, Dominique Hawkins, Jazmin Cruz, Jennifer Smith, Jessica Diaz, Jessica Spicer, Johanna Zona, Katherine Penarete Pena, Laura Vogel, Linda Mazziotti, Madeline Batey, Maritza Figueroa, Megan Schmidt, Melissa Dannelly, Nilsa Zacarias, Safiya Brea, Sara Hollenbeck, Stephanie Williams, Suzanne Dombrowski, Tanya McCormick, TeAnna Morgan, and Yulet Miguel.

Race for Relevance

CMA sponsored the 10th Annual FES Race for Relevance, held February 1 at the Autobahn Indoor Speedway. The Race for Relevance is a fundraising event created to encourage youth to engage in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM). All the proceeds raised from the event go towards the Chapter's scholarship fund. Racers included Freeman Bass, Brad Wilson, Chris Gearhart, Devon Cox, Madeline Batey, Alex Farfan, Phuoc Nguyen and grandstand attendees were Jennifer Smith and Floyd Fasking.



Meet our New Employees!

Employee: TeAnna Morgan
Title: Project Landscape Architect
Office: Orlando



Employee: Jessica Spicer
Title: CAD Technician
Office: Fort Lauderdale



Employee: Alexis Valenzuela
Title: AutoCAD Designer
Office: Miami



Employee: Ernesto Villate Garcia
Title: Water Resources Modeler
Office: Miami



University of Miami ASCE

Patrick Kaimrajh, P.E. spoke at the University of Miami ASCE Meeting on January 23.



Coastal Cleanup

Brian Voelker, M.S., SPWS, C.A., CLI, Craig Wallander, E.I., Mathew Aleman, E.I. and Ruben Soto participated in a coastal cleanup at the John D. MacArthur Beach State Park on November 18. Volunteers kayaked to adjacent islands and collected two bags of trash. After doing such a good job, the guys got to relax and spend some time fishing. Although not a single fish was caught, they remain optimistic for next year.



Community Service End of Year Recap

CMA is proud to recap our participation in community service events from 2023 and we look forward to how we can help our communities more in 2024! Our projects from 2023 include:

- Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – staff prepared care packages at Provident Park in Fort Lauderdale.
- Give Kids the World – staff joined the local FES chapter at GKTW serving dinner to the children and their families.
- Shared Meal Event hosted by HOPE South Florida – staff prepared and served approximately 150 hot meals to homeless individuals at Vision of Hope Family Worship Center in Fort Lauderdale.
- Waterway Adventures Kayak Intracoastal Cleanup – staff collected six bags of trash in Hollywood.
- Food Drive for Feeding South Florida (Boynton Beach)- staff helped by cutting and prepping onions, red peppers and celery for meals to be distributed in the South Florida area.
- Sleep in Heavenly Peace (FES Palm Beach Branch)– staff were responsible for building, assembling, and delivering top-notch bunk beds to children and families in need.
- Broward Education Foundation (BEF) School Drive - staff raised \$500 to go toward supplying bags of supplies to the Adopt-a-School program in Broward County to support BEF's mission for the 2023 new school year.
- International Coastal Cleanup - staff collected a total of 70 pounds of trash in Miami and Hollywood beaches.
- Broward Education Foundation School Drive – staff passed out free backpacks with school supplies to children attending Castle Hill Elementary School. These backpacks were purchased with the \$500 raised by CMA in July.
- Habitat for Humanity of Broward, Fort Lauderdale - staff assisted with painting the interior of a single-family home.
- Food Drive – Fort Lauderdale staff donated over 100 items to Ruth Ministry.
- November Coastal Cleanup – staff participated in a coastal cleanup at the John D. MacArthur Beach State Park.
- Feeding Florida Holiday Drive – staff donated over \$500 to Feeding Florida.
- Adopt-a-Family of the Palm Beaches - staff collected gifts for the holiday season and donated to selected families in need.



Autodesk University

CMA CAD Manager Todd Nochomson presented a class on “Plant(3D)ing Civil 3D Pressure Network Parts” at Autodesk University in Las Vegas. The conference, held November 13-15, brought together innovators in engineering, architecture, construction, product design, manufacturing, media and entertainment, to share ideas, advance industry practices, and explore opportunities for the future. Congratulations!



CMA Office Parties

Holiday parties were held in December for our various offices. Thank you to the Social Activities Committee for their coordination!

- Miami: Saturday, December 16 at Perry's Steakhouse
- Fort Lauderdale: Friday, December 8 at Sonesta Fort Lauderdale Beach
- West Palm Beach: Friday, December 8 at Canopy by Hilton (pictures were not available at time of production)
- Orlando: Thursday, December 14 Russell's on Lake Ivanhoe
- Jacksonville: Thursday, December 7 at Jacksonville Town Hall



FES/SFWMD Event



The Miami, Broward, & Palm Beach Chapters of the Florida Engineering Society recently organized an event where Mr. Sean Williams, Bureau Chief at the South Florida Water Management District, discussed the district's new engineering contracts. CMA Project Engineer Vincent Locigno, P.E. played a key role in planning and coordinating the event. Highlights included insights into Restoration Strategies, CERP Projects, and O&M Capital Program. Other CMA attendees were: Jose L. Acosta, P.E., F.ASCE, Mike Albert, P.E., Jessica Diaz, P.E., Shahin Hekmat, P.E., F.FES, FACEC and Laura Vogel, P.E., ENV SP. The event was held at the Signature Grand in Davie on January 31.

Black History Month @ Rohi's Readery Children's Bookstore

Stephanie Williams assisted Justin Tagle, P.E. on Saturday at Rohi's Readery in West Palm Beach, an award winning social justice driven children's bookstore and learning center, promoting Black History Month for kids. Stephanie and Justin both represented for CMA's Diversity committee, but Justin also represented ASCE Palm Beach, and brought STEM activities for kids.



ASCE FL Section Student Symposium in Orlando

Madeline Batey, E.I., Rob Best, P.E., and Charmaine Emanuels, P.E. attended the ASCE-FL Section Student Symposium in Orlando on Saturday February 10. They spoke with students from universities throughout the state of Florida. Charmaine and Madeline were speakers at the Young Member Forum, and Rob participated on a Hiring Panel.





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CMA Employee Birthdays

Darren Badore	March 27
Mina Bebawy	March 13
Robert Best, Jr., P.E.	May 25
Alessandro Bologna, E.I.	April 13
Devon Cox	April 6
Bryan Cullop	May 24
William Daly, III	March 21
David Dominguez	April 25
Alexander Farfan, E.I.	April 8
Maritza Figueroa	March 26
Ernesto Garcia, P.E., ENV SP	May 21
Matthew Garcia-Menocal	May 1
George Gearhart, III, .P.E.	March 30
Barry Hurst, E.I.	April 19
Patrick Kaimrajh, P.E.	March 14
Vincent Kelemen	April 27
Ben Lehr P.E., LEED AP	April 7
Lance Lilly	May 25
Stephanie Long-Marquez, PhD, PE	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
Jorge Nunez, Jr.	April 3
McKenna Page	May 28
Brandy Peters	May 30
Alicia Quero	May 15
Ashley Quijada, E.I.	March 26
Arnaldo Roman, E.I.	March 4
Megan Schmidt	April 18
Jose Tamo	April 15
Alexis Valenzuela	March 18
Stephanie Williams	March 28

CMA Anniversaries

Michael Albert, P.E.	May 7 - 6 years
Andres Aristizabal	April 11 - 13 years
Saad Ashraf	March 1 - 1 year
Mina Bebawy	March 15 - 3 years
Maikel Cayon	April 26 - 3 years
Jennifer Cook	March 7 - 1 year
Jinna Cooper	March 9 - 4 years
David Cowan, Jr., P.E., ENV SP	April 6 - 4 years
Bryan Cullop	March 16 - 4 years
Charmaine Emanuels, P.E.	May 20 - 5 years
Ashley Espinoza	May 15 - 1 year
Alexander Farfan, E.I.	May 16 - 1 year
Ernesto Garcia, P.E., ENV SP	May 2 - 1 year
Chris Gearhart, III, .P.E.	April 4 - 2 years
Mariah Green	April 17 - 1 year
Jeffrey Hubbard	May 2 - 2 years
Vincent Kelemen	March 28 - 30 years
Vincent Locigno, P.E.	May 15 - 7 years
Stephanie Long-Marquez, PhD, PE	March 5 - 3 years
Daniela Martinat, P.E.	April 6 - 3 years
Jason McClair, P.E., CFM, LEED AP	April 15 - 23 years
Jose McCray	May 14 - 12 years
Yulet Miguel, P.E.	May 31 - 2 years
Alicia Quero	April 4 - 1 year
Jennifer Smith, P.E.	May 30 - 18 years
Ruben Soto	March 15 - 3 years
Vithulan Suthakaran	May 16 - 2 years
Natalie Titus	April 24 - 1 year
Brian Voelker, M.S., SPWS, C.A., CLI	May 31 - 2 years
Frankie Wilson, III, .P.E.	May 21 - 34 years