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Todd White joined UCSD on October 16, 2016 as a Custodial Supervisor. Todd is responsible for providing & leading mid-day Custodial Services to UCSD's on and off-site locations. Todd also supervises and directs FM's Disinfecting Team, manages their vehicle fleet and during 2020, supervised the Building Maintenance Workers responsible for the maintenance and repair of custodial equipment and window and pressure washing services across the campus.

2020 obviously brought numerous challenges for everyone. This was especially evident within Facilities Management, where we quickly had to adapt to constantly changing requirements to ensure a safe and healthy environment to those remaining on campus and those who returned to work in labs, classrooms and other campus spaces. Todd was often Building Services' go-to employee and Supervisor throughout the pandemic response, helping to ensure the safety of our essential FM teams while also ensuring safe and clean spaces for those returning to campus.

As UCSD developed the Return-To-Learn Program, Todd and his team were systematically implementing critical elements of the program. Todd placed over 100 A-frame signs around campus to inform staff, faculty, students and visitors about UCSD's policy of wearing masks and maintaining social distances. Todd also led efforts to place over 3000 signs in bathrooms and elevators informing occupants of their responsibility to adhere to UCSD's COVID requirements.

Anticipating students returning to campus, Todd worked closely with the EOC and others to prepare spaces for returning researchers, staff, students and professors. Todd quickly led efforts to prepare Return to Research and Return to Learn sanitizing kits that were provided to returning labs and placed in classrooms to be used in the Fall of 2020.

Todd also led efforts to have 1500 hand sanitizers placed campus-wide, one at each building entrance. To further help ensure the campus was able to Return to Learn and Return to Research, Todd led efforts to staff and now leads FM's sanitizing team, responsible for ensuring additional daily disinfecting of all indoor & outdoor classrooms and well as high touch point areas throughout the campus.

Another important effort Todd has been involved in during the pandemic has been COVID related disinfections. These are cleanings and full disinfections of spaces that had or may have had a student or staff test positive for COVID-19. After using specialized vendors for the first few cleanings, we realized that the University could save substantially by completing these disinfections using our in-house custodial teams. Todd stepped up again and has now led his team to complete a large percentage of our in-house COVID related disinfections. By doing this work in-house, the University has achieved substantial cost avoidance versus using contractors to perform this work.

Todd's work and achievements continue to evolve, most recently leading efforts to partner with UC Health & Rec Services to provide additional custodial services and disinfecting at the RIMAC COVID Vaccine Supersite. In addition, the most recent 2020 Customer Satisfaction Survey results reflected a continued increase in scores as a direct result of Todd's leadership of the Porter Team and efforts on maintaining clean restrooms and other campus spaces.

Todd's performance this past year has been a model of an exemplary employee and I enthusiastically and proudly nominate Todd for this significant award.