Please welcome **Yu Chen**, who has joined Dr. Pei-Sung Lin’s ITS team as a Visiting Scholar! She has been working on two of their projects: The Development of Statewide Guidelines for Implementing Leading Pedestrian Intervals in Florida and the Optimization of Road Ranges Operations for FDOT District 7 Freeway Systems. She received her Bachelor’s degree in Computer Science at Huazhong University of Science and Technology and her Master’s degree in Traffic Information Engineering and Control at Chang’an University. Before coming to the United States, she worked 12 years as a teacher at the Ningbo University of Technology in China. She was sponsored by the government to conduct a one-year academic exchange to gain additional experience in her field of study.

Please welcome **Derthalie Joseph** to the frontdesk! She is an undergraduate student pursuing her B.S. in Mathematics with a Minor in American Sign Language with an expected graduation date of Spring/Fall 2017. She will be working Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. She can help you with conference room reservations, collecting jean fund money, and general front desk tasks. She can be reached at frontdesk@cutr.usf.edu, extension 4-3120.

Please welcome **Saurabh Hindjuja** to Dr. Pei-Sung Lin’s ITS team! He is pursuing his MS degree in Computer Science to graduate this August. He completed his BS degree in Engineering from Birla Institute of Technology in India as well as his MBA from Symbiosis International University. He is working on the SHRP2 Phase 2 project using his computer vision techniques to create a software that can automatically detect pedestrians, signs, and signals in a video so it can be used for understanding interactions between drivers and pedestrian features at signalized intersections.

Please welcome **Kellie Russell**, who has recently joined CUTR to work with the Motorcycle Injury Prevention Institute! She has vested interest in motorcycle safety programs and has more than nine years experience as a certified MSF RiderCoach. She is involved in the New Port Richey HOG Chapter and currently teaches New RiderCourses (NRC) for Harley-Davidson Riding Academy. She will be working with Dr. Chanyoung Lee's team performing program outreach for MIPI.
UPCOMING EVENTS

April 5  
CUTR Manager’s Meeting, 1:30 pm, CUT207

April 11—13  
Airport Leadership Class, CUT102

April 19  
CUTR Staff meeting, CUT102, 9:00 am

April 20  
CUTR Advisory Board Meeting, Boardroom, 1:30 pm

April 26-27  
Managing for Performance Course, CUT102

April 28  
Administrative Professional Day

CUTR WEBCASTS AT NOONTIME

April 13  
Emerging Technologies Fulfilling First and Last Mile Needs, Presenter: TBD

April 28  
Motorcycle Crashes in Florida: Who’s at fault? Presenter: Chanyoung Lee, PhD

GRADUATE TRANSPORTATION SEMINAR ON FRIDAYS, 11 AM, CUT202

April 8  
Dr. Hani Mahmassani, Northwestern University presenting Autonomous Vehicles and Connected Systems: Market Adoption and Flow Implications

April 15  
Bijan Behzadi, Presentation: TBD

April 22  
Yanfeng Ouyan, UIUC, Presentation: TBD

KUDOS

Joshua Barillas accepted an internship for the summer through the U.S. Department of Transportation’s 2016 Summer Transportation Internship Program for Diverse Groups (STIPDG). He was selected to participate as an Economist Intern with the Safety Regulatory Analysis Division within the Federal Railroad Administration.


NOTEWORTHY ACCOLADES

On March 17, a group of local citizens and professionals gathered at the University Area Community Development Center to train staff to fit children with bicycle helmets. Safe Routes to School Tampa Bay, WalkWise Tampa Bay, the Center for Urban Transportation Research, and the Florida Department of Transportation worked together to provide safety tips and training from several areas of expertise.
NOTEWORTHY ACCOLADES

The Tampa Bay Clean Cities Coalition (TBCCC) attended the Temple Terrace Touch-a-Truck event on March 19. This family friendly event featured Temple Terrace police, fire, and SWAT mobiles, a powerboat rig, giant tow truck, and farm equipment from TBCCC member M&B Products, who also showcased their compressed natural gas (CNG) truck. TBCCC and Ryder Systems answered questions and distributed literature on the benefits of CNG and other alternative fuels.

On March 11, the city of Temple Terrace, in partnership with Bike/Walk Tampa Bay, held its third annual “Bike with the Mayor” ride in celebration of Florida Bike Month. Bike repairs, helmet fittings, bike lights, commemorative red t-shirts, and safety tips were also provided to attending riders, and when they returned they were greeted with water and free ice cream. Julie Bond, Senior Research Associate at CUTR and Bike/Walk Tampa Bay Program Director, welcomed attendees and the audience applauded the city’s efforts to improve the biking conditions in Tampa and encourage cyclists to get out and ride with the mayor. She stated: “The citizens, we really want to welcome you and thank you for coming, you’re what it’s all about. We want to make the roads safe and friendly for you.”

AEGIS Timesheets

Pay period 3/25/16 to 4/07/16
AEGIS submission date is Tuesday, April 5th by 10 am.

Pay period 4/08/16 to 4/21/16
AEGIS submission date is Tuesday, April 18th by 10 am.

Alma Mater Days

SHOW YOUR ALMA MATER PRIDE: Wear your favorite college t-shirt, sweatshirt, and the like (must display the College’s logo or name) the first Friday of every month. Friendly banter on performance of affiliated sports teams or alumni news is also highly encouraged. If you want to add a banner or anything to your door, that’s great too. Dress code restrictions on sleeveless shirts, shorts or sandals will remain enforced. Jeans can, of course, be worn (with a reminder that a contribution ($1) is appreciated).

GO BULLS!!!

Alma Mater Days:

- May 6
- June 3
- July 1
- August 5
- September 2
- October 7
- November 4
- December 2
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INFORMATION

General information on CUTR procedures:

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Hiring a new employee? The wiki site is the place to find the form and submit it electronically:
https://sites.google.com/site/cutrwikisite/admin-group-page/ken-short/hr-tasks/hiring-new-people

If you are on FaceBook, Like Us at this link:
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