August 5, 2013

NEWS FROM THE DIRECTOR
August 1st has come and gone. CUTR once again will be well-represented at the TRB Annual Meeting as we have had many paper submissions for the 2014 Annual Meeting.

I’m also pleased to announce that Dr. Pei-Sung Lin has had his career path application approved. Congratulations Pei-Sung! The committee is reviewing other applications as we speak.

I’m hopeful that you’ve enjoyed the summer thus far and hope that you all get a chance to squeeze in some additional rest and relaxation during August. The 2013-2014 academic year is shaping up to be one of the best, yet possibly one of the most trying, for us. I’m looking forward to it! Jason

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 6  CUTR WOW factor presentations, 12:00 pm, CUT102, RSVP to Grace Hunt by Monday, August 5th (Pizza served)
August 7  CUTR Advisory Board Teleconference, 1:30 pm, Boardroom
August 13  Managers Meeting, 10:30am-12:00pm, CUT207
August 15  CUTR WOW factor presentations, 12:00 pm, CUT102
Aug 12-16  Fundamentals of Bus Collision Investigation, CUT 102
August 20  CUTR Staff Meeting, 9:00 am, CUT102
August 20  CUTR Picnic, 12:00 pm, CUT102
September 1  USF Holiday — Labor Day

BACKPACKS FOR HEALTHY FAMILIES PASCO

A BIG THANK YOU to all those who provided backpacks, school supplies, and monetary donations to help those children less fortunate. The “Backpacks for Healthy Families Pasco” was successful because of the following people who made a difference in a child’s life:


August Birthdays
4 — Tram Pham
9 — Matthew Wills
9 — Jana Huss
12 — Phil Winters
12 — Steve Stopiak
13 — Kristine Williams
15 — Chris DeAnnuntis
18 — Ali Akram
21 — Lucas Cruse
23 — Nagesh Nayak
25 — Xuehao Chu
27 — Sean Barbeau
27 — Deborah Sapper
29 — Rishikesh Limaye
31 — LaToya Fipps

August Anniversaries
Xuehao Chu — 20 yrs
Lisa Staes — 15 yrs
Sisinnio Concas — 13 yrs
Huaguo Zhou — 10 yrs
Diana Byrnes — 10 yrs
Achilleas Kourtellis — 9 yrs
Reena Raturi — 7 yrs
Navid Faranhbakhsh — 2 yrs
Vijay Sivaraman — 4 yrs
Jodi Godfrey — 1 yr
Ela Bialkowska-Jelinska — 1yr

AEGIS Timesheets

Pay period 8/02/13 to 8/15/13
AEGIS submission date is Tuesday 8/13@ 10am

Pay period 8/16/13 to 8/29/13
AEGIS submission date is Monday 8/26 @ 10am
Welcome New CUTR Employees

David Cruz has been an emergency medical technician intermediate for 40 years. His past experience includes working on the Track Trauma Unit of New Hampshire International Speedway. David is a certified motorcycle rider coach and comes to us from Harley-Davidson of Tampa where he was the Rider’s Edge instructor and rental manager. David also spent 7 years as a conductor on the Long Island Railroad as both a passenger and freight conductor. David currently volunteers with the Pasco County Sheriff’s Office as a deputy. David’s experience with motorcycles and trains will be utilized by Dr. Lin in the ITS department where he will focus on the Comprehensive Motorcycle Safety Program and provide technical support for the current railroad projects.

Sharath Sunder Rajan is pursuing his Masters in Electrical Engineering at USF. He received his Undergrad in Electronics and Communication Engineering at Jawaharlal Technological University, Hyderabad, India. He also pursued his software engineering along with his Undergrad at NIIT, Secunderabad. He is an Microsoft Certified Professional. Sharath will be working with Alex Kolpakov’s group on their project websites.

Good Luck/Farewell

Jodi Godfrey, USF ITE Vice President and student research assistant for Dr. Steve Polzin, is graduating Magna Cum Laude with her Bachelors degree in Civil and Environmental Engineering. She is continuing her education here at USF pursuing her Masters degree in Transportation Engineering.

Serkan Gunipar, graduate research assistant for Dr. Lin since 2011, is graduating with a PhD Degree in Industrial and Management Systems Engineering. He accepted a position as an Operations Research Analyst for Land O’Lakes, Inc. in Minneapolis, MN.

Information — Facebook — CUTR Alumni Book

If you have any information for CUTR’s Facebook, please forward to Grace Hunt at hunt@cutr.usf.edu.

Check our FB page.

Also, if you know anyone that worked at CUTR, please share the CUTR Alumni link to gather information for a CUTR Alumni book here.
CAT board approves five-year transportation plan

Bill Morris of the Center for Urban Transportation Research at the University of South Florida discussed the CAT’s Transportation Development Plan at a June 27 community meeting.

The plan is designed to provide operational and strategic guidance. It includes $105 million in capital improvement projects and allocates $4.3 million to help pay down debt after the end of a five-year partnership with Veolia, a company formerly hired to manage CAT.

In addition, the transportation development plan looks to expand service, establish new routes, attract commuters in Bryan and Effingham counties and partner with businesses.

The plan was funded through a grant and prepared with assistance from the Center for Urban Transportation Research at the University of South Florida. A number of surveys of riders and community leaders were conducted over the past year.

QUIET QUALITY AWARD — DEADLINE AUGUST 16 FOR SEPTEMBER AWARD

Do you work with someone who goes above and beyond? Are they a staff member? Nominate them for a Quiet Quality Award. The nomination process is very simple and will only take a few minutes of your time.

Just go to: http://usfweb2.usf.edu/usps/qqa.html, click on create a new nomination. This award is for “Staff” (formerly USPS) employees only and does not include “Administrative” or “Temporary/OPS” employees.

Members of the Staff Morale/QQA committee evaluate the nominees based on the nomination form submitted. Please be sure to write something in each box and then click “submit” when you are finished. Letters of support are optional but prove very helpful to the evaluators.
PROPOSALS SUBMITTED/UNDERWAY

Project: Substance Abuse Management Oversight and Technical Assistance Program  
Sponsor: FDOT  
PI/Co-PI: Staes  
Value: $200,000

Project: Impact of TDM Elements on Managed Lanes Toll Prices  
Sponsor: FDOT District 4  
PI/Co-PI: Pessaro  
Value: $128,090

Project: NHTSA Pedestrian Electronic Device Use  
Sponsor: USDOT  
PI/Co-PI: Lin  
Value: $670,383

Project: Florida's Bicycle/Pedestrian Focused Initiative Communication and High Visibility Enforcement Implementation  
Sponsor: FDOT  
PI/Co-PI: Lin  
Value: $4,500,000

Project: TBEST Technical Support Services, Upgrades, and Training for FY2014  
Sponsor: FDOT  
PI/Co-PI: Polzin/Mistretta  
Value: $113,562

NEED TO SUBMIT TO CUTR CONNECTIONS?
If you have information that you would like to share and include in the monthly issue of the CUTRConnections—CUTR Employee Newsletter, please send an email with the information to Grace Hunt.

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