



UOS, Harvard Respond to the Haiti Earthquake

We've all seen the difficult images coming from Haiti in the aftermath of the 7.3 magnitude earthquake. While this tragedy unfolded more than one thousand miles away, it hit very close to home for dozens of UOS and University employees. Three UOS custodians were actually visiting Haiti at the time of the quake – fortunately they are all okay. However, many employees have lost relatives and friends who were living in or near Port-Au-Prince. In response, a number of resources have been developed to help those directly impacted and for those who would like to contribute to the relief effort.

This past week, UOS and the Employee Assistance Program (EAP) organized support meetings for affected UOS employees. Also, staff trying to locate missing relatives in Haiti now have free access to phones and on-line resources at Blackstone. For information on utilizing these tools, call Eileen Labao in UOS Human Resources at 6-1367.

Harvard has launched the **Haiti Relief Fund** which provides financial assistance to employees who have lost loved ones or otherwise suffered personally. So far, the fund has raised more than \$11,000 through staff, faculty, and student donations. For more information on the Relief Fund, including how to make a tax deductible donation, visit <https://www.huecu.org>.

The University is also organizing a memorial service for the victims which will be held at Memorial Church on Thursday, February 11 from 2-3pm. For other events related to the Haiti disaster check the Harvard Gazette calendar: <http://news.harvard.edu/gazette/section/calendar/gazette-calendar/>.

When you read and hear stories about the earthquake, please keep your fellow workers in mind because many of them consider Haiti, and especially Port-Au-Prince, their home.

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Staying Safe on Campus

UOS and the Harvard University Police Department (HUPD) are hosting a Brown Bag Lunch to provide employees with information on how to stay safe in the workplace and around campus. HUPD officers will also be available to answer any safety related questions employees may have. This presentation is part of the HUPD's efforts to maintain a safe campus through education and outreach.

February 3rd, noon-1pm, Blackstone South, Room 415

Happy Retirement Margaret & Winston

Dozens of UOS employees gathered on Wednesday, January 6 at Holyoke Center to wish custodians Margaret Gittens and Winston Newton a happy retirement. Margaret has worked at Harvard for the last 30 Years, Winston for 25 years. Most of their careers were spent working at 54 Dunster Street—The Office of Career Services. Congratulations and Good Luck to Margaret and Winston!



(l-r) Jason Luke, Margaret Gittens, Winston Newton, Augusto Arevalo, Carlos Vielmann

Serious About Safety

The Safety Committee is launching a significant effort to get feedback from UOS employees about any unsafe conditions that might exist around the University. In the coming weeks, a number of "safety" suggestion boxes will be deployed in a number of locations where employees will be able to anonymously report unsafe workplace conditions. A webpage for reporting safety concerns has also been developed—http://heath.uos.harvard.edu/safety_committee. The information gathered from employees will be carefully reviewed each month. The Committee will then decide what action is necessary to remedy the issue.



"The Safety Committee promotes safety and health in the workplace by providing a forum for information exchange between employees and senior management," said Committee Chairman and E&U Engineer Craig Bradford. "Members are mostly front-line employees from across UOS who understand the safety needs and concerns of their fellow workers."

The locations of the suggestion boxes will be announced soon. In the meantime, take some time to think about safety and use the webpage to report any issue you feel the Committee should address.

The People of UOS

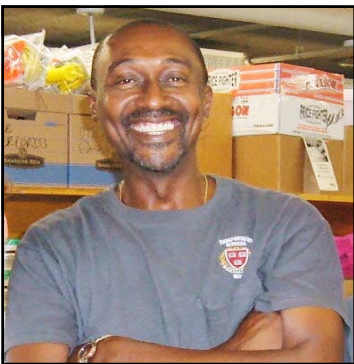
Did you know that UOS employs more than 700 people and most of them work in various locations all around the University. We would like to take some time to highlight the employees who are on the front lines everyday performing important work and interacting with our customers and the greater Harvard community.



Greg Kousidis is an FMO HVAC Controls Mechanic and Working Foreman. He's worked at Harvard for more than 10 years and was born and raised in Brighton.

What's your typical day like? I install, service, and maintain systems that control heating and cooling equipment throughout the University.

What part of your job do you like the best? I really enjoy being able to use my experience to develop and provide effective solutions to fit the individual needs of our customers. I also feel fortunate that I can get up everyday and come to a place where I am valued as an employee and can do my job to the best of my abilities.



Mail Clerk Saint Clair Lowe has worked at Harvard for 11 years. He was born in Barbados and came to Cambridge when he was 7-years old.

What's your typical day like? I run the mail center at the Center for Government and International Studies (CGIS) at 1737 Cambridge Street. I essentially deliver mail and information to the CGIS community. A large portion of my day is spent interacting with faculty, staff, and students in the CGIS departments.

What part of your job do you like the best? I really like interacting with the many different people at CGIS. It is really rewarding to be able to interact with the customers (many of them are foreign) and knowing that I was able to help.

What is rewarding about your job? When I receive letters from customers complimenting me on our services.

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Milestones

New Hires

- David LaMarco—Utility Operation Maintenance Supervisor—E&U
- David Flynn—HVAC Maintenance Operator—FMO
- Oleg Mashtaler—HVAC Maintenance Operator—FMO
- James Kotzuba—Parking Services Manager
- Marc Finch—Electrician—FMO

New Additions

- Yori Ortiz—FMO—Baby Girl
- Rafael Reyes—FMO—Baby Boy, Mattel
- Damien McClory—FMO Baby Girl, Leah

Get Well Wishes

- Ken O'Connell—FMO
- Dan Hilly—FMO
- Kim Pessoni—EH&S
- Mike Sciloi—FMO
- Hal McCampbell—FMO
- Jason MacKay—FMO

Help Harvard Beat Yale in the 2010 Blood Drive Challenge!



Every February, Harvard and Yale compete to see which University can organize the most blood donors. You can participate on Friday, February 5 from 9am-2pm at 10 Akron Street in the West Common Room.

To schedule an appointment, call 1-800-REDCROSS or visit www.redcrossblood.org.

All donors will receive a free Harvard-Yale Blood Drive Challenge t-shirt!



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VALENTINE'S DAY COSMETICS DRIVE!



Does your bathroom have shampoo, conditioner, and shaving cream that you won't use?

Do you have unused lipsticks and nail polish crowding your make-up bag?

Recycle your toiletries by donating them to the

A drop-off box is located in the main hallway on the first floor of Blackstone South. Donations can be made until **Monday, February 8th.**

Toiletries should be un-opened.

All donations will be delivered to the Cambridge Family Shelter of the YWCA.

If you have any questions e-mail rob_gogan@harvard.edu