

Environmental Health and Safety Employee Receives Professional License

Justine Baldacci, the University’s Environmental Health Officer, recently passed the California State Registered Environmental Health Specialist (“REHS”) Exam. Those seeking REHS status are required to meet prescribed education, training and experience requirements and to pass a comprehensive examination reflective of the demands encountered within the environmental health profession. In her position, Ms. Baldacci is responsible for the University’s food inspection program, which includes ensuring all campus food locations such as all dining facilities, food markets, concession stands and vending machines, comply with all applicable codes and regulations. She also inspects the campus recreational swimming pools (KHS, SRC and Endless Pools) as well as therapeutic pool systems (body mass measurements) in accordance with local ordinances and regulations. “Having an REHS on staff increases the number of inspections performed annually as well as response time to incidents,” said Curtis Plotkin, the University’s Director of Environmental Health & Safety. “Justine is a very valuable asset to the University, and it is a pleasure to be on a team with her. The passing of the REHS exam is very commendable due to the requirements to be admitted to the exam and the difficulty of the exam itself. The Environmental Health and Safety Staff are thrilled to have Justine as our licensed inspector of record.”



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