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## OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT



This month's theme takes us to the heart of what truly drives our success: our team.

Every gear that comprises our team is an invaluable part of the larger machinery. Your remarkable dedication, determination and talent are the dynamo that keeps us moving forward. You infuse every project, initiative and challenge with the force of your collective skills and individual drives.

Driven by our values, we advance the cleanup mission, leaving an impact on Hanford and our community. Your ideas are the catalyst for our innovation, shaping our path as we enable the One Hanford cleanup mission.

We remain proud, but not satisfied, as we continue to create a legacy of excellence and pave the way for Hanford's future.

Stay tuned, stay driven and keep up the good work.

*Bob*

## Guest Message – Matt Parkhill

Our Electrical Utilities team certainly deserves a spotlight for their invaluable contributions to the cleanup mission. Their technical expertise and dedication are driving forces behind progress. EU's work (like many others) reminds us of the impact of specialized teams working toward a common purpose. I am proud to be a part of the team that provides power to the Hanford Site, safely energizing the clean-up mission.

Their achievements extend beyond any one team member. Our strength lies in our collective effort, our teamwork. When we work as one to ensure our team succeeds, it leads to organizational success that contributes to HMIS' success.

What truly stands out is the team spirit – the integration of every person and skill set. We are successful because we each contribute to our team. Every task we perform drives us forward on this mission.

So, here's to everyone who makes up this dynamic team. You are the foundation of our success at HMIS and the Hanford Site. As we move forward, let's continue to demonstrate the power of integrated teamwork.



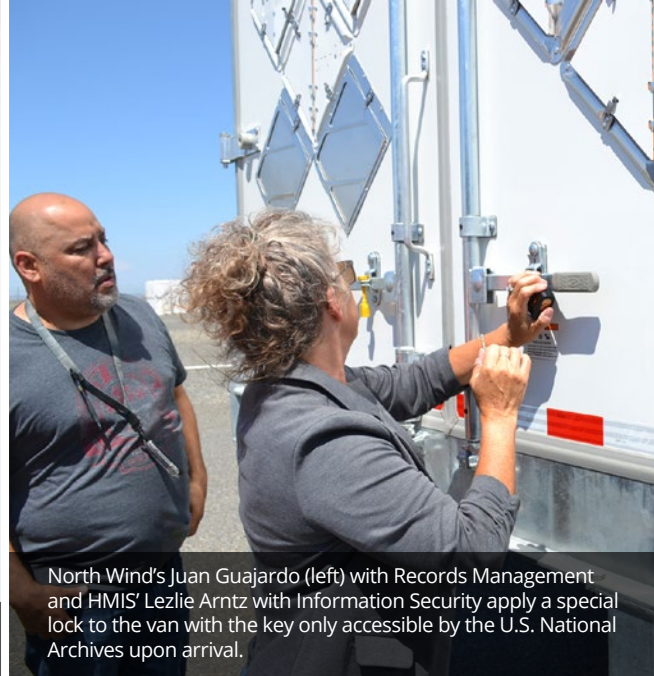
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Members of the Information Security and Records Management teams stand with the prepared shipment of classified documents.



Teamsters loaded the pallets into a commercial moving van with drivers who meet DOE security clearance requirements.



North Wind's Juan Guajardo (left) with Records Management and HMIS' Lezlie Arntz with Information Security apply a special lock to the van with the key only accessible by the U.S. National Archives upon arrival.

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### Next Stop, National Archives

*Contributor: Robin Wojtanik*

Our Information Security and Records Management teams completed a long effort to ship permanent classified records to the U.S. National Archives in Washington, D.C. The 225 boxes on five pallets included records from the 1940s and 1950s determined to be of permanent historical value, documenting work done at the start of the Manhattan Project.

These records already met the minimum time required to hold them here at Hanford and became eligible for the National Archives. But the clock was ticking, because the agency set a deadline to stop accepting hard-copy records in favor of digital versions. Yet, these records couldn't simply be loaded in a commercial moving van and sent down the highway. Records Management couldn't complete the shipment without support from Information Security, and Information Security couldn't take on the job without support from Records Management.

The classified holdings reduction project began in 2019 under MSA, with teams from HMIS and North Wind Solutions focused on this objective for nearly a year – striving to understand and meet stringent U.S. National Archives and Records Administration requirements, including specific NARA offer submission, special boxes, box indexes, classification tabs, a specified stacking order and obscuring shrink wrap.

Earlier this month, the consolidated team loaded the records for shipment. The selected motor carrier is approved to transport classified material using two drivers with DOE Q clearance (able to access top secret restricted data) to ensure 24/7 monitoring in transit.

The final step included applying a high security lock to which only NARA had a key, along with a tamper-indicating bolt. The shipment arrived safely, and NARA received the records to process and provide equitable access, where possible, for historical research.

"This was an excellent example of teamwork, with each group communicating and coordinating every detail to a successful conclusion. They have my heartfelt thanks for a job well done," said LaMont Schofield, Information Security manager.

## MISSION: TEAMWORK

### Critical Maintenance Completed

Contributor: Robin Wojtanik

Support of the DFLAW program extends all the way to the maintenance of roads. Our Roads & Grounds team recently completed work on 4th Street in the 200 East Area, a main thoroughfare on the Hanford Site used by all One Hanford contractors. Access is critical for those working on tank farms and DFLAW operations.

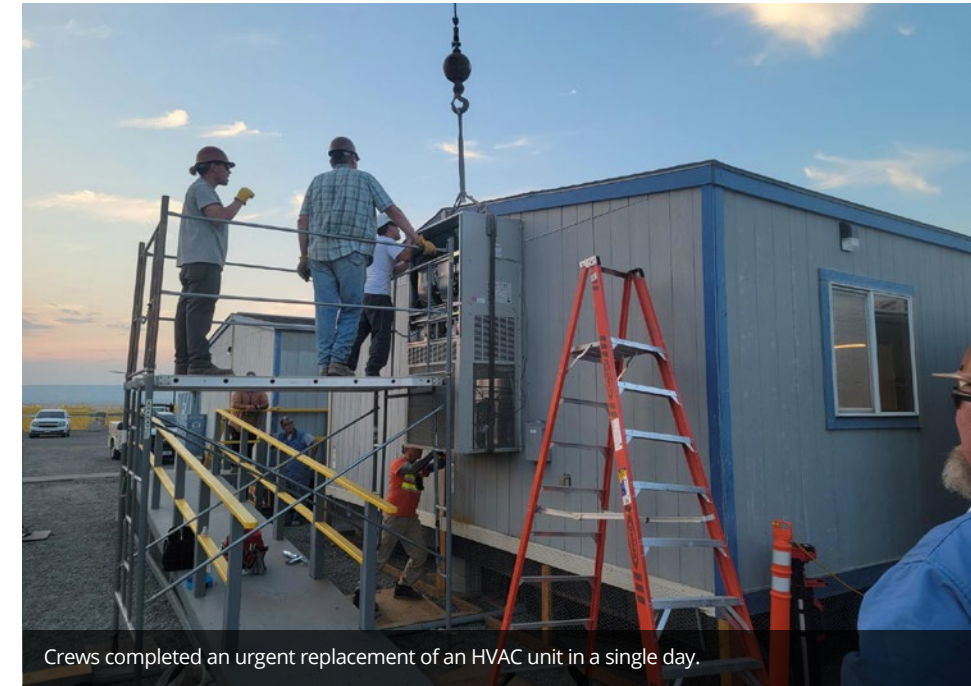
So far this summer, our team repaired edges, patched holes and sealed cracks along 4th street from Baltimore Ave. to Canton Ave. Additionally, the team completed maintenance of the shoulder on portions of Routes 3, 4 and 10.



Roads & Grounds crews complete important work on well-used Hanford roads.



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Crews completed an urgent replacement of an HVAC unit in a single day.



The finished product, ready to cool customers down.

### Speedy HVAC Replacement

Contributor: Robin Wojtanik

From daylight to darkness, our Refrigerated Equipment Services team worked feverishly in the heat to replace an HVAC unit that keeps CPCCo workers cool. The failed unit supported K Basin

staff in a mobile office. The job was a collective effort with Crane & Rigging and Maintenance Services, calling in sheet metal professionals and carpenters.

“Big thanks to the teams that supported this emergent work and the K Basin team that helped provide access to facilities for

the essential take cover, first aid and AED locations,” said Jeremiah Yount for RES Services. “It was a great One Hanford effort to keep people cool in nearly 100-degree temperatures.”



MCM electricians perform work at HFD's Station 92 during a recent extended outage.



Garrett Sallee (left) and Rob Wright (right) maintain gear at HFD Station 92.



## MISSION: TEAMWORK

### "HFD is Honored to Have the Support of the MCM Team"

*Contributor: Robin Wojtanik*

Maintaining electrical breakers on the Hanford Site can be routine in many cases, not because it's easy, but because our teams turned the process into a well-oiled machine, completing work safely and efficiently, even with challenging assignments.

Recently, multiple breakers at Hanford Fire Station 92 needed maintenance that would leave the station without power for several days. Hanford Fire had several other packages also requiring

a power down and chose to extend the outage to a full week. While the jobs went off without a hitch, it required coordination, collaboration and care to take an important facility offline.

"Given the age and sensitivity of dispatch systems, not to mention efforts to move firefighters, outages are avoided whenever possible," said Daniel Anderson, Hanford Fire Support Services.

Moving firefighters from an assigned station while maintaining active-duty status requires extensive support. Carpenters from Maintenance Services helped prepare another station to temporarily house those displaced, teamsters from Transportation

Services assisted with moves, and many other groups adjusted their workflow to accommodate relocated firefighters. Information Management Services supported swapping HFD dispatch systems to the federal building and prepared for future upgrades to another critical system.

Electrical Utilities powered off Station 92 to work on the breakers and complete scheduled maintenance. The outage gave the Mission Critical Maintenance team (MCM) the opportunity to complete other tasks involving electrical systems, including preventative maintenance on a backup generator, wiring for a new HVAC unit and removal of old electrical systems.

"The MCM team completed everything well within the timeframe, overcoming several hurdles and working tirelessly to ensure all craft understood the scope, urgency of timelines and importance of all packages," said Anderson. "On top of that, they regularly coordinated with other orgs to ensure efforts were matched by all involved. Several saw this as the most successful HFD outage in quite some time."

Anderson added that the maintenance backlog for HFD dropped dramatically thanks to help from MCM.



## TEAM FOCUS: Fire Protection Engineering

Contributor: *MaryAnne Wuennecke*

We all see components of fire systems nearly daily – the red “pull in case of fire” box on the wall, sprinklers mounted in the ceilings – probably without consciously registering them. But how do we know we can rely on them to work when we need them?

That’s where the Fire Protection Engineering group comes in. They manage and maintain fire systems across the Hanford Site. And there’s a lot more to it than most realize. A fire system includes multiple elements ensuring detection, alarms, reporting and suppression. The group is involved at all levels, from design and configuration of fire systems for new projects to routine testing, inspection and maintenance of existing systems.



The Fire Protection Engineering team: Heidi Schuette, Noel Saldana, Matt Reynolds, Bob Bartels and Will Rodriguez.

Heidi Schuette, director of Fire Protection Engineering, leads the team that also includes three fire protection design authority personnel and a co-op intern. Along with their day-to-day roles, she says they also serve as on-call troubleshooters, “When alarms go off for no reason or someone has a concern over a system, we’re the ones called.”

This fiscal year, the group achieved significant improvements and updates in the configuration management of fire systems in HMIS facilities. They also served as subject matter experts in two key studies, one focused on upgrading aging fire alarm reporting equipment across the Site, and another identifying a safe, reliable fire suppression system for an electrical substation.

And they’ve done it despite having two empty positions – Schuette explains there’s a national shortage of fire protection engineers, “Our team is providing above and beyond support during this time, maintaining relationships with the Fire Systems Maintenance organization, Hanford Fire Marshal’s office and numerous other organizations to ensure all systems provide safe, reliable protection. They’ve stepped up to fill additional design authority responsibilities and worked to improve their credentials to fill the gaps. I am so proud of each person on this team for their focus, initiative and teamwork!”

## Hanford Site EPEAT with a Repeat

Contributor: *Cerise Peck*

Once again, your One Hanford EPEAT (Electronic Product Environmental Assessment Tool) team has been named a leader in sustainable electronics procurement with a 2023 EPEAT Purchaser Award. The recognition comes from the Global Electronics Council (GEC), the non-profit organization that manages the EPEAT ecolabel.

EPEAT allows our One Hanford team to efficiently address the lifecycle impacts of electronics we purchase, including computers, displays, printers, copiers, network equipment, mobile phones, servers, photovoltaic modules, inverters and televisions.

We use EPEAT in purchasing contracts to require our vendors only provide electronics meeting strict sustainability criteria. These products are more energy efficient, less toxic, longer lasting and easier to recycle than products that do not meet EPEAT criteria, while addressing labor and human rights issues along the entire supply chain.

For the fifth year in a row, the Department of Energy Hanford Program was recognized with the award in five product categories: PCs & Displays, Imaging Equipment, Televisions, Mobile Phones and Servers. The team consists of CPCCo, DOE, HMIS, HPMC, Navarro-ATL and WRPS.

HMIS is proud to have received this One Hanford recognition again and is committed to procuring sustainable electronics!

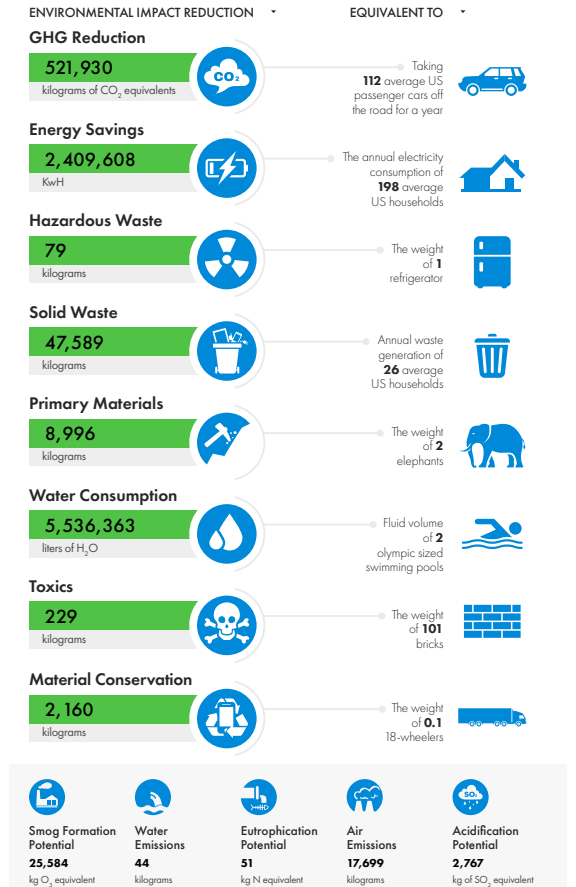
As a winner, Hanford received a calculation of the environmental and cost benefits associated with our EPEAT-registered purchases, as demonstrated in this infographic provided by GEC.



## Department of Energy Hanford Program 2023 EPEAT PURCHASER AWARDS

Total sustainability impact and cost savings for **2,507** products purchased in 2022

COST SAVINGS IN THE AMOUNT OF **\$ 100,222**



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Melissa Demiter (second from left) and Keisha Garcia (right) talk with attendees at the DOE Small Business Forum & Expo.

### Mission: Engage Small Business Partners

Contributor: Jill Harvill

HMIS Procurement Director Melissa Demiter and Service Subcontracts Manager Keisha Garcia joined their One Hanford counterparts at the DOE Small Business Forum & Expo this month. The primary mission was to learn about current topics in small business contracting and to engage with peers and potential small business contractors.

Mission accomplished! Demiter and Garcia spoke with over 100 people about small business opportunities at HMIS and Hanford. They obtained contact information, capability statements and invited several new vendors to their quarterly vendor forum.

Garcia found the DOE Mentor/Protégé Program and Contractor Small Business Program Managers sessions particularly valuable, "DOE contractors gathered to discuss best practices within our companies that might help one another. We discussed challenges and opportunities, then DOE joined to address concerns and provide recommendations."

Demiter said the networking and exhibit hall were very valuable, "I really enjoyed having collaborative discussions with other prime contractors and DOE representatives to share challenges, possible solutions and lessons learned."

Hosted by the Department of Energy's Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization, DOE's Small Business Forum & Expo connects small businesses with the department's program offices, power marketing administrations, laboratory and technology centers, and prime contractors to help advance the agency's missions.



Over the two-day event, the Hanford Small Business Council team engaged with hundreds of attendees at the One Hanford booth.



Michael Householder safely drove a tanker through the newly upgraded ETF load-in station.

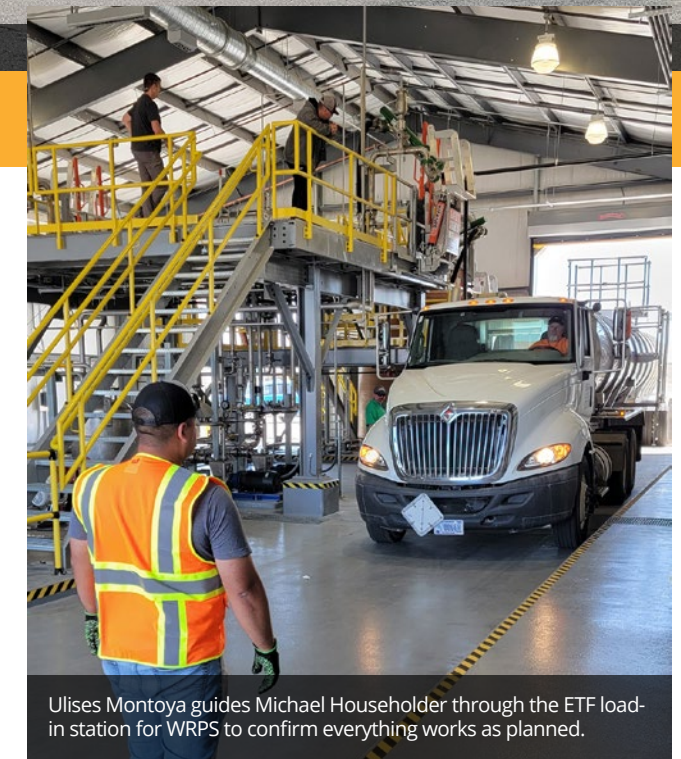
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### Testing out WRPS Upgrades

Contributor: Robin Wojtanik

Our teamster Michael Householder had the honor of being the first driver to pull through the newly renovated load-in station at the Effluent Treatment Facility. WRPS recently expanded the building and Householder drove a 53-foot wastewater tanker through to confirm everything works as intended.

Operational acceptance testing is underway at the ETF load-in station and will support DFLAW. At full steam, a dozen of these tankers will offload filtered basin water at the station every week as part of tank waste processing.



Ulises Montoya guides Michael Householder through the ETF load-in station for WRPS to confirm everything works as planned.

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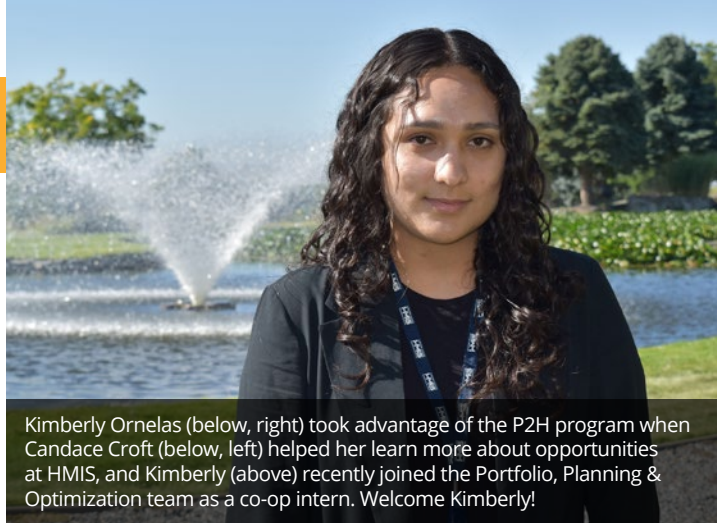
### HMIS Continues CBC Partnership Creating Pathways to Hanford

Contributor: Shane Edinger

Recruiting and developing the next generation of Hanford workers is important to our Workforce Solutions team and working with community partners like Columbia Basin College is a key component of those efforts. Over the last two years, HMIS contributed more than \$170,000 to expand and enhance CBC's Pathways to Hanford (P2H) program, which helps students explore career opportunities at Hanford, while also gaining insight into the One Hanford mission, HMIS company values, sought after skill sets and employment opportunities like the co-op intern program.

"P2H has provided a wonderful opportunity to help the next generation understand and learn more about the Hanford mission and HMIS' role in that mission," shared Dan Seitz, Workforce Resources & Development manager. "It's also given us a chance to showcase some of the opportunities available with our co-op intern program for students who are interested in working at Hanford."

As part of HMIS' involvement in the P2H program, the company has participated in several information sessions during CBC internship and career fairs and also supported CBC's Career Services Center at résumé workshops and mock interview



Kimberly Ornelas (below, right) took advantage of the P2H program when Candace Croft (below, left) helped her learn more about opportunities at HMIS, and Kimberly (above) recently joined the Portfolio, Planning & Optimization team as a co-op intern. Welcome Kimberly!

sessions. Recently, Seitz had the opportunity to speak with prospective CBC students interested in computer science, business and the skill trades about employment opportunities connected with these fields of study.

"In this tight labor market, we have to use a more proactive approach, reaching out and connecting with the next generation before they're actually looking for jobs," Seitz added. "Sharing our mission and making those connections early will help ensure the next generation is ready to join the Hanford workforce."



## RECOGNITION



### VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT: Heather Goldie

Workforce Engagement and Legacy Benefits director



We are excited to highlight Heather Goldie, director of Workforce Engagement and Legacy Benefits, and the longest-serving classroom volunteer for our local chapter of Junior Achievement. She's volunteered for 30 years! To put that in perspective, she taught her daughter's first grade JA program, and her daughter is now 26.

Goldie has volunteered in classrooms in the region's three largest school districts, Kennewick, Pasco and Richland, "I have taught

first, second and eighth grade JA curriculum, however, it didn't take long to realize that working with the seven- and eight-year-olds in second grade was where I needed to be. These are my kind of people! Not only are they absolute sponges, but they are engaged, smart and I love to see their faces light up with excitement when they see me and my little JA bag walk through the classroom door. Truth is, I don't know who is more excited to participate in JA, me or the students."

The second grade JA program is called "Our Community" and covers topics including how to make our community a better place, what kind of jobs exist in the community, what makes government jobs different from other positions, what taxes are and why they benefit the community, and money; where it's made and how it travels through the community with each purchase.

Goldie has also supported the annual JA Bowling Classic since 1997, "We were always the team to beat for best costume. The past couple of years I've had the pleasure of volunteering behind the scenes in various roles, including checking in bowling teams, coordinating team prizes and as one of the event bankers."

Goldie says she started volunteering with JA to gain more confidence with public speaking, "Little did I know it would turn into a lifelong passion!" She looks forward to teaching her grandson's class in a couple years. Now that's dedication! Thanks so much, Heather, for your unwavering support of this important youth empowerment program.



Congratulations to this year's HMIS dependent scholarship recipients!

Congratulations to this year's HMIS co-op intern scholarship recipients!

## RECOGNITION

### HMIS Awards \$45,000+ in Scholarships

*Contributor: Shane Edinger*

HMIS continues to invest in the development of the future Hanford workforce, and that starts with our dependent and co-op intern scholarship programs. This year, we proudly awarded more than \$45,000 in scholarships to 38 students.

Dependents of HMIS employees received a total of 35 scholarships worth \$1,000 each, while seven HMIS co-op interns each received a \$1,500 scholarship. The Columbia Basin College Foundation administers and distributes scholarship funds on behalf of HMIS, and students can use the scholarships at the school of their choice in the upcoming school year.

HMIS also made a \$30,000 donation to the CBC Foundation's general scholarship fund to support students in our community. Over the past three years, HMIS has awarded more than \$114,000 in dependent and co-op intern scholarships. These students are

enrolled in numerous areas of study, including environmental science, business management, nursing, engineering, computer science and education. They are attending colleges and universities such as WSU, CWU, Arizona State, Idaho, BYU, Grand Canyon University and CBC.

Congratulations and best of luck to these students, who are the future of Hanford and our community! Co-Op intern recipients: Emilio Avila, Maksim Karazhbei, Franklin Leon, Macie Pichette, Noel Saldana, Payton Viera and Courtney Wilkinson. Dependent scholarship recipients: Madison Agen, Othnelia Amegashie, Jessica Baie, Hannah Bednarczyk, Lindsey Benham, Jesse Benge, Gaige Bracy, Michael Chvedov, Marlene Diaz, KayLee Door, Annalise Drinkard, Eliza Fergusson, Chase Flora, Drew Gadd, Mason Gilmour, James Green, Keanna Haberkorn, Haylee Hansen, Jayden Jeppson, Ashlyn Jeppson, Annie Lee, Sebastien McGlothlin, Sophie Milford, Daniel Montes, Bailey Peite, Mallory Peite, Mikayla Prescott, Rylei Ripplinger, Emma Stafford, Ava Suarez, Audrey Turner, Ethan Von Bargaen, Jenna Whalley, Dorothy Witherspoon and Casey Young.

## RECOGNITION

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Congratulations to Hanford Firefighters **Christina Aamodt** and **Randy Raschko**, who recently competed in the 5<sup>th</sup> annual Leavenworth Firefighter Challenge. Wildland firefighters from all over the northwest compete in the 10-kilometer race through the foothills of the Cascade Mountains, all while donning full personal protective equipment and a 25-pound weighted backpack. The course is a test of both physical and mental endurance, climbing 1,665 vertical feet over rugged terrain.



"I really enjoy the Leavenworth Firefighter Challenge because it's a fun race that challenges me physically," Raschko shared. "Plus, the scenery is beautiful and it's all for a great cause."

Proceeds from the event benefit the Wildland Firefighter Foundation, an organization that helps families of firefighters injured or killed in the line of duty.

**To submit an item for our Mission: Accomplished section, please email [hmiscomm@rl.gov](mailto:hmiscomm@rl.gov)**



# Volunteer of the Quarter

Contributor: Shane Edinger

Our HMIS Family of volunteers is top notch! Since the start of the contract, 347 HMIS employees and their loved ones have donated more than 1,270 hours of time to help at 23 HMIS-organized volunteer events, supporting local organizations like Second Harvest, Mid-Columbia Meals on Wheels, Habitat for Humanity and several others.

This month, we recognize Greg Granados who works in the Hanford Fire Marshal's office. Granados has volunteered at several

events over the last year, including the Red Cross smoke alarm installation event, the Bikes for Tikes build and the Meals on Wheels meal prep event. Granados joined HMIS last October after spending several years in the



Sacramento, California area and often brings his wife along to volunteer.

"I like to believe that who we are is best defined by the deeds we can do for others," Granados shared. "The smoke alarm installation event with the Red Cross was something that was really important to me, and it was great to help so many people that day."

To recognize our Volunteers of the Quarter, HMIS will make a \$250 donation to the non-profit 501(c)3 organization of their choice. Granados has asked his contribution go to Mid-Columbia Meals on Wheels.

We are so proud of Greg and our HMIS Family and their commitment to serve our community. Thank you!



## Second Harvest Sort

Contributor: Dustin Arbogast

Thank you to all the HMIS employees, along with their family members, who volunteered at Second Harvest Tri-Cities this month. You understood the assignment and got right to work! In just two quick hours, 21 volunteers sorted and packaged more than 8,500 pounds of squash and cucumbers. That's about two tons an hour!

The produce sorted will help provide around 7,100 meals to families who need assistance in our region. Second Harvest is a valuable resource to our community that provides hope and a helping hand to thousands of people every month. Our employees truly enjoy volunteering here and making a difference in our community.



## COMMUNITY OUTREACH

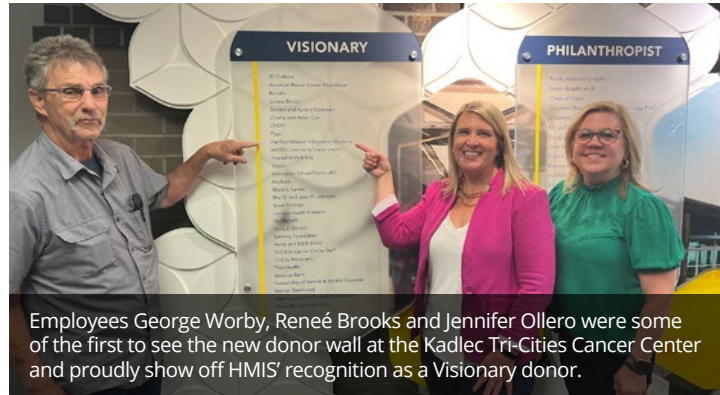
### In the Community

*Contributor: Reneé Brooks*

Employees had the opportunity to attend two events in June supporting local nonprofit organizations. First was the unveiling of the new donor wall at the Kadlec Tri-Cities Cancer Center Foundation. HMIS (and our predecessor MSA), our corporate parent company Leidos, as well as numerous members of our team, have all been long-time supporters of the TCCC to ensure cancer patients and their families have access to critical resources.



Christopher Cope, Lori Boarder, Rick Boarder, Deidra Witherspoon, Daryl Witherspoon, Elisabeth Roper, Todd Roper and Tracy Desmond all kicked the dust up at the recent TROT fundraiser.



Employees George Worby, Reneé Brooks and Jennifer Ollero were some of the first to see the new donor wall at the Kadlec Tri-Cities Cancer Center and proudly show off HMIS' recognition as a Visionary donor.

Employees and their loved ones also had a boot-scootin' time at the Mane Event fundraiser for Therapeutic Riding of Tri-Cities. TROT uses animal-assisted therapies, including horses and dogs, to promote the physical, mental and social well-being of people with special needs in our community.