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2008 Gaspar/Arzoomanian Outstanding Union Employee Award

In 1997, at the retirement celebration of two long-time Facilities Management employees, the late Raul Gaspar a plumber who worked at Brown for 27 years and the late Lenny Arzoomanian a steamfitter who also worked at Brown for 27 years, then President Vartan Gregorian announced that each year a Facilities Management employee would be honored in recognition of excellent service to the University. To that end, annually this award attempts to recognize a Facilities employee by acknowledging his or her outstanding performance, service and contribution to the University.

Please join me in congratulating Custodian Alcina Lopes!



Alcina, a Facilities Management employee since 1997, was honored last night at an award celebration with her co-workers for her outstanding service to the University.

This past March the Brown community was invited to nominate a Facilities Management bargaining unit employee who demonstrates outstanding performance, exemplifies quality service, and makes a significant contribution to the University. The community responded by submitting 116 nominations for thirty two individuals. The selection committee narrowed the list of nominees to four finalists before selecting Alcina as this year's award recipient.

The Selection Committee was chaired by Facilities Management's Manager of Human Resources/Labor Jack Wilcox. Jack was joined by the University's Director of EEO/AA Henry Johnson, Bio-Med Facilities & Support Services Director Peter Holden, Dining Services Director Gretchen Willis, Director of Environmental Health and Safety Steven Morin, bargaining unit Vice President Vicki Hill, and Facilities' Director of Project Management Paul Dietel.

Please join me in congratulating Alcina on this recognition.

Sincerely,

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