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2010 Gaspar/Arzoomanian Outstanding Union Employee Award

In 1997, at the retirement celebration of two long-time Facilities Management employees, 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 Master Plumber-Lead Dan Barron as the recipient of the 2010 Gaspar/Arzoomanian Outstanding Union Employee Award! Dan, a Facilities Management employee since 1984, was honored for his outstanding service to the University at an award celebration this afternoon with Executive Vice President for Finance & Administration Beppie Huidekoper; representatives from United Service and Allied Workers—RI, selection committee members, Facilities' management staff, and his peers.

In December the Brown community was invited to nominate a Facilities Management bargaining unit employee—one who demonstrates outstanding performance, exemplifies quality service, and has made a significant contribution to the University—for the award. The community responded by submitting 115 nominations for 28 individuals. The selection committee narrowed the list of nominees to four finalists before selecting Dan 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 Dining Services Director Gretchen Willis, Director of Environmental Health and Safety Steven Morin, bargaining unit Vice President Vicki Angell, Facilities' Director for Design and Construction Paul Dietel, and Facilities' Assistant to the Vice President Paula Penelton.

Please join me in congratulating Dan!

Sincerely,



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Vice President for Facilities Management