Please join me in congratulating Custodian Ana Janeiro and Lead Electrician Gary Tait as the recipients of Facilities Management's 2015 Gaspar/Arzoomanian Outstanding Union Employee award. The award began in June 1997 and is named in honor of two former Facilities Management employees—the late Raul Gaspar, a retired plumber, who was employed at Brown for 27 years, and the late Leonard Arzoomanian, a steamfitter, who also worked at the University for 27 years. They earned the honor of having this award named for them by their outstanding job performance, their commitment to exemplary service, and their contributions to Brown University. The qualities that they personified have become the basis and criteria for the award that bears their names.

Because we received many strong nominations for many worthy candidates for the award, this year we are presenting two awards—one to a trade's employee (i.e., trade shops including Grounds and Stores) and another to a custodian.



Ana, as many of us know as the custodian assigned to 295 Lloyd Avenue, is a Custodian II who was cited for her work ethic, her ability to learn new things, the quality of the service she provides, and her positive demeanor. As noted in her nomination, she is a "consistent, hardworking individual, always open to suggestions and to working with the latest technology so that her building looks the best! She is a team player and often leads by example and encourages others to give 110% effort, as she does with a smile."



Gary, a Lead Electrician, was praised in his nomination for responsiveness, reliability, commitment to safety, and customer service. The nomination pointed out that he "is mindful to work in a safe environment at all times, takes pride in his work, is reliable and always helpful, possessing excellent customer service skills while representing Facilities Management and Division 3 very well."

Thank you to the selection committee chaired by Facilities Management's Manager of Human Resources/Labor Jack Wilcox. Jack was joined by representatives from Facilities Management; Bio Med, Facilities Planning & Operations; Athletics & Physical Education, Facilities & Operations; Environmental Health and Safety; University Library, Facilities and Building; Dining Services; and the bargaining unit Vice President and Chief Steward.

Congratulations to Ana and Gary and to all who were nominated.

Sincerely,

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