Facilities Hosts Annual Zero Waste Recognition Picnic

This summer the Division of Facilities Services combined two strategic initiatives into one event by hosting a “Zero Waste” Employee Recognition Picnic. The barbecue was held at II Monastero on Wednesday, July 24th to honor the dedication and performance of Division employees. Vision Award recipients are presented to five Facilities employees at each of two events held annually. The Recognition Committee saw the semi-annual event as a perfect opportunity for the Division to practice what it preaches. By integrating the strategic goals of increasing the campus waste diversion rate to 30% and stakeholder recognition, the Zero Waste picnic could receive a Vision Award of its own!

When asked what Zero Waste means, Grant Powell, Assistant Director of Distribution Services and member of the recognition committee, stated that “Zero Waste maximizes recycling, minimizes waste, and reduces consumption. For our event it means making sure you only take what you need and when you are done with it, you put it into the right place, like the composting bin”. Toni Dean, Sr. Administrative Assistant and fellow recognition committee member coordinated the purchase of the plates, napkins, cups, and utensils to make sure everything was compostable. The picnic was a major success, with the 300+ employees in attendance diverting 160 pounds of “waste” from entering the landfill. Compost hauling service was provided by Blue Skies.

Vision Awards are presented to recognize exemplary employee’s efforts based on the exhibition of Division’s core values: P.R.I.D.E., Passion in our work; Resourceful in how we work; Innovative in bringing about change in our work; Dependable in our work with others; Expertise used and developed in our work. All nominations and letters of support are submitted by a coworker, supervisor, division employee or other internal or external stakeholders who have experienced the employee’s superior performance and/or service.

Award Winners for 2013 Included:
- Theodore Anderson
- Angela Hofmann
- Andrew Reeves
- Dan Schwegel
- Maggie Scott

Pictured above Theodore Anderson, Andrew Reeves, Dan Schwegel, and Maggie Scott