2012 Association of Physical Plant Administrators Award

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[male speaker] “Learning is everyone's responsibility”
[female speaker] “I see facilities, actually as a foundation for education.”
[male speaker] “Things wouldn't happen without the work that we do.”
[female speaker] “We kinda work in the background.”
[male speaker] “They support the environments for learning that makes learning deeper and more effective.”

[female narrator] Facilities at Pima Community College is involved in the creation and development of new spaces for learning and the needed modifications or repairs of existing spaces. Both Instruction and Facilities understands the constraints that each entity faces.

[John Gillis, Academic Dean, East Campus] "We don't have endless amounts of money and space, we have to make do with sometimes the resources that are available."

[female narrator] Facilities partners with faculty, staff and administrators to enhance the educational environment for our students.

[Bill Ward, Assistant Vice Chancellor, Facilities] "And it is very meaningful to us every year during graduation when we see these students come up and get their diplomas and we know that we did our part to help make that happen."

[Bruno Loya, Paint Crew Leader, Facilities] "That's the heart of it all, because right there shows you what Pima College has done, has brought all the students to graduate."

[female narrator] At Pima, facilities, is a multi campus operation with six campuses and additional locations throughout the greater Tucson area. Each campus has an operations plant manager and staff.

[Lou Albert, Ph.D., President, West Campus] "What I like about the way facilities is organized that he is part of a facilities-based team. There is this wonderful most accordion effect where on day-to-day basis our plant manager makes things happen at the West Campus, but if needed he can reach out to get help from other campuses or reverse, be helpful to visit the campuses."

[female narrator] Being a 24/7 operation our facilities department faces many challenges unique to our desert environment here in Tucson.

[Bill Ward, Assistant Vice Chancellor, Facilities] "We have temperatures that go as high 120° in the summertime and so those type of temperatures we have a lot of issues that relate to our
roofs, our roads and we have to watch out for, you know, that we don’t expose people to the sunlight too long so there’s not enough safety issues that could potentially hurt somebody.”

“We also have a monsoon season. It creates a lot of issues that have to do with flooding, with very powerful storms come through and knock down power lines and flood areas."

[female narrator] Facilities isn’t just about hardware it’s about people and teamwork.

[Bill Ward, Assistant Vice Chancellor, Facilities] “This group has to work together. They have to help each other. They don’t have to come to me for permission to do that.”

[female narrator] The new Robert center is a great example.

[Stacy Lauver, Business Manager, Facilities] ”Either those of us in the background that have helped in supporting role or the people on the front lines that have actually gone out there and helped.”

[Steve Asher, Plant Manager, East Campus] ”They enjoy being part of it. It’s not just a job, it’s not just that you working as an electrician or landscaper or a central plant operator, you’re supporting the greater mission.”

[female narrator] Pima Community College is an integral part of this community. Relationships with agencies like the city of Tucson, Tucson Unified School District and Pima County strengthens our community collaborations.

[Bill Ward, Assistant Vice Chancellor, Facilities] ”We partnered with the TUSD just recently our new Roberts facilities - the school that we are in the process of remodeling and turning it into a learning center."

[female narrator] ”A center that will consolidate smaller facilities into a larger more cost-effective one, plus have a positive impact on the local neighborhood.”

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[Bill Ward, Assistant Vice Chancellor, Facilities] ”We partnered with the city of Tucson and the Tucson historic foundation on installing antique neon signs, all in our Downtown Campus facilities so that people can come look at them from all over the country.”

[female narrator] At the Desert Vista campus, facilities recently replaced the central plant over 30 years old with a state-of-the-art packaged central plant.

[Bill Ward, Assistant Vice Chancellor, Facilities] ”By going with this plant, we’re actually able to save the college $2 million and we were able to install this service facility in six months.”
Projects like these, in addition to the newly announced science lab and classroom building at the Northwest Campus are just an example of the innovative projects facilities is doing for students and our community.

Bill Ward, Assistant Vice Chancellor, Facilities: "At the end of the day we're all not just Pima Community College but we're all to be good stewards of the public's money."

Bill Ward, Assistant Vice Chancellor, Facilities: "This award is a tribute to the hard-working staff that I have. I just cut the path they did all the work and I'm very proud of them."

Male speaker: A tremendous acknowledgment of all the effort that our staff has put over the years.
Female speaker: "It means outstanding recognition for our hard work."
Female speaker: "It's very gratifying to us because we feel like we do a good job every day, but it's gratifying to be recognized for it."
Male speaker: "So it is an honor to be part of a college recognized by APPA for excellent facilities management."

[Bill Ward, Assistant Vice Chancellor, Facilities] "Hi, I'm Bill Ward and I approve this message!"