One of the first improvements that Associate Vice President of Facilities Management, Ali Izadian wanted to see when he took on the position was some high-impact changes to the environment of the Sac State campus.

This presented the Grounds Department with the perfect opportunity to showcase the wide variety of skills and techniques in their repertoire.

For over a year now, under the guidance of Manager of Grounds and Landscaping, Robert Anchor, the groundskeepers have been building walls, planting greens and updating sprinkler systems in an effort to add to the campus beautification.

“We’ve focused on making seat walls and gathering areas where students can have lunch,” elaborated Anchor. “The aim has been to make things better for our students here on campus.”

A lot of planning went into the changes. Working together with Director of Facilities Operations, Daryn Ockey, Anchor spoke of the considerations made for student convenience, aesthetics as well as sustainability.

“Projects like these allow for both the beautification of our campus as well as display the range of capabilities of our Grounds Department” added Ockey.

Since the projects are only half way through to completion, be sure to keep an eye out for the improvements still to come!
Employees of the Month

July
- Auggie Johnson, Facilities Project Supervisor

Aug
- Linda Deegan, Gardening Specialist

Sept
- Nat Martin, Energy Conservation Coordinator

Oct
- Kurt Dingmann, Locksmith

Nov
- Mike Mene, Interim Supervising Electrician

Dec
- Tat Casipit, Lead Custodian

New Faces

- Keith Kjelvik, Equipment System Specialist
- Anthony Sylvia, Painter
- Thomas Palomino, Grounds Worker
- Alex Pearson, Painter

A word of Thanks...

As another year rapidly comes to a close, let us reflect on all we have accomplished this year. Our department has been diligent and dedicated to serving the campus community in many ways and, for that, our University is better. Thank you for your hard work and positive attitude.

Warmest greetings of the season and the best wishes for happiness in the new year.

—Management