

Caretaker Spotlight



This month's Caretaker Spotlight introduces you to Garth Ulrich, HVAC Supervisor within LBRE. Garth was born in Sacramento, CA and grew up in El Dorado Hills, CA. He is currently living in Redwood City, CA. He went to trade school in Phoenix, AZ, called Universal Technical Institute from 1989-1990.

Garth initially worked at Stanford from 2000-2016 as an HVAC Specialist. After leaving, he worked for UA Local 342 Plumbers & Pipefitters as an HVAC Service Manager. He returned to Stanford in November 2019 as an HVAC Specialist at SLAC. He then became the HVAC Supervisor in 2021 at SLAC HVAC. He made his way back to LBRE in February 2024 as the HVAC HUB Supervisor. He wanted to work at Stanford because he viewed it as a great opportunity to work at a prestigious University. Garth truly enjoys

interacting with the people daily, being surrounded by the beauty of the campus and tackling the daily challenges that arise. If Garth could choose a different path he would have pursued a college education to become a Mechanical Engineer because he has always been fascinated by how things work.



A typical day for Garth starts with a little work from home in the morning, then he puts in 8 hours of supporting the needs of the university, whether at his desk or in the field. He makes sure to be available whenever the need arises. Garth usually interacts with our Building Managers by email, SLACK, text message, or phone calls. He assists them with HVAC and LBRE related challenges. An interesting story took place



early in his career at Stanford. He received a quick response service call at the old anatomy building because the temperature was too hot. When he walked into the room, he was startled to find a technician working on a cadaver while eating a sandwich he made at home. The smell was quite overwhelming, but he hung in there to complete the repair. In the end, the end user was very happy with the repair and the communication he provided.



From The Ground Up



Outside of Stanford he enjoys spending time with his family and friends but he loves to work with his bees. His great-grandfather, grandfather and father were all beekeepers. Ever since his son



Colin and Garth began beekeeping 10 years ago, he has developed a strong interest in contributing to the efforts of saving bees and helping them survive for future generations. The honey they produce is quite amazing as well. Garth met his beautiful and amazing wife Raveena right here at LBRE. When he started his career here, she was his dispatcher. That was when we communicated with Motorola radios. He was HVAC 14 and she would call me on the radio to make a quick response call. They got married at Memorial Church and had their reception at the Faculty Club. They have been happily married now for 20 years. Their family consists of Nathan, who is 27 years old and lives in Santa Fe, NM (graduated from New Mexico State University), Anjali who is 19 and a student at the University of Santa Cruz, and Colin who is 17 and attends Woodside High School. They also have two dogs, Bella a Chiweeni Dog (blonde) and Cali, a black lab mix. They are both rescue dogs and are a perfect fit for their family.

Garth's work here will be valued for years to come. Thank you for your service to Stanford and helping build this institution's legacy. If you see Garth out and about make sure to say hello!

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