

Caretaker Spotlight



This month's Caretaker Spotlight introduces you to Raina Michel, Zone C Facilities Specialist for Zones within LBRE. She has now been the editor of this newsletter for the last 7 years! She was born in Fremont, CA but moved to Redwood City, CA for 4th grade. Her dad built a house in Redwood City, CA which is now known as Emerald Hills, CA (the hills of Redwood City). She went to Woodside High School and then moved to San Diego to attend San Diego State. She has her AA in Communication and her BS in Criminal Justice. She now lives in Emerald Hills, CA.

Raina has been working in her current role at Stanford since October of 2016. However, she has worked on the Stanford campus since 2001. She started her Stanford career in the Music Department and has since worked for LBRE, R&DE Graduate Housing and for Facilities with the Libraries. Growing up she always thought the Stanford campus was so amazing and beautiful. She was shopping with her mom one day when she was just in grammar school, saw a Stanford t-shirt, and wanted her mom to buy it. Her mom said, "Only if you promise to go there one day." Turns out, she kept that promise, not by being a student here but by working here.



One of the best parts about her job is all the different people that she gets to interact with in her role. Not only does she get to work with Stanford folks, but also contractors outside of Stanford. Her role allows her to get out in the Stanford community, so she is able to visit her



various buildings, talk with Building Managers and work on various projects. The districts group that she works with are supportive of each other and come together to help when needed and that is something to cherish in the working world.

Raina was invited to a beam signing for the new Schultz building and the new Education building. Having never done anything like this in all her years at Stanford it was a real treat to be invited to sign one of the beams and then watch it be attached to the building. Her signature will forever be on two buildings on Stanford campus. And who knows how many more opportunities she will

have to sign another beam! Apparently, the beam signing is a thing that is done often and if you ever get the chance to be part of this experience, do it!

A typical workday consists of checking her calendar to see what she has planned and then of course emails, submitting purchase orders, invoices, shutdowns, fire inspections and whatever else might come her way, including various projects ranging up to \$300K. In facilities no day is the same as there is always something that has come up that needs to be dealt with right away. In her district they have all the special houses so there is usually something going with those locations daily with a total number of buildings amounting to 84!



When Raina was growing up she wanted to be either a vet or a hair dresser. Turns out she didn't do either of those but landed in facilities. However, if she could start her career path over again she would probably either be an animal cop or a psychologist. Helping animals and people is a passion of hers and those two careers are right up that path.



Outside of Stanford she enjoys spending time with her family. She enjoys traveling, hiking, exercising (heated yoga), eating healthy, crochet, dancing, listening to music and especially live music, watching movies, land speed racing, drag racing and working on cars. She is an avid sports junkie and enjoys watching and going to 49ers, SF Giants and Warriors games. She has been building race cars for the past 15 years and racing them for the last 9 years. Her fastest speed so far is 153mph on the 3 mile course. You can find her on Wednesday nights at the drag races going as fast as she can! She adopted a smart and funny pup named Tyler who is 8 years old and a Chihuahua mix. He is certainly a very happy pup and loves spending as much time with his mama as possible, even when she is working on the race truck!

Raina's work here will be valued for years to come. Thank you for your service to Stanford and helping build this institution's legacy.

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