

## Caretaker Spotlight

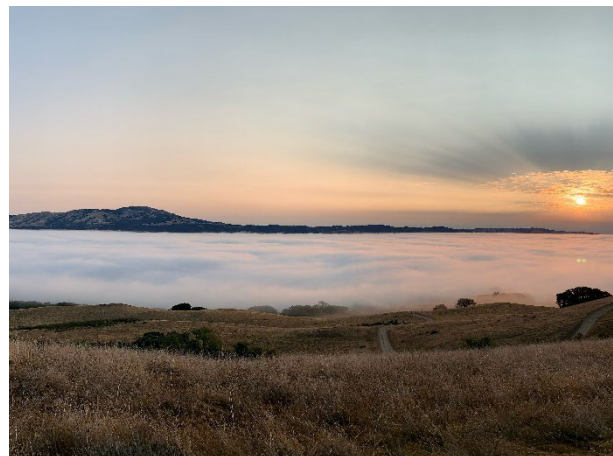


This month's Caretaker Spotlight introduces you to Matt Dalto, Zero Waste Contracts and Operations Supervisor within LBRE. Matt was born and raised in Concord/Clayton. He currently resides in Danville, CA. He attended San Diego State University and earned his degree in Psychology. Matt has been at Stanford for 3 months now. Prior to becoming a full-time employee (FTE) he was a vendor on campus for over 3 years with a focus on Professional Hygiene, helping build strategic programs and elevate the Tork brand within higher education.

Matt has always liked the environment and partnership with LBRE and contractors. He spent over 15 years in the waste and recycling industry in the Bay Area and was considering looking for an opportunity to get back into it, but he was looking for something unique. When the opportunity came to join the Office of Sustainability, he immediately pursued it. The team Aurora Winslade has put together is amazing. In addition, Julie Muir has always been the "go-to" for Zero Waste. Not only in Santa Clara but throughout municipalities and higher education environments nationally. Working directly with her created an opportunity he couldn't pass up.

One of the most enjoyable parts of his job is the people he has meet so far. He knows it sounds cliché but it's the people that drive success and create the culture of change for the better. When Matt works with building managers on the current, Zero Waste building transitions which is high on the list. Getting Building Managers support has proven to build a successful program. As we move forward, transparent communication and prioritization of Building Manager concerns will creat long-term success.

A typical day for Matt is like many LBRE employees, no typical days. His primary role is to manage the partnership with our on-campus waste contractor, PSSI. From there, he enjoys working with his OOS team and specifically the Zero Waste team, to drive the processes that will enable achievement of Stanford's Zero Waste goal by 2030. Last week he was on a compost route throughout





campus in the dark hours of the morning. He knows what his calendar for the week looks like but knows it will change by midday Monday and that's what's challenging and exciting.

One of Matt's favorite experiences so far is he catches himself in awe of the environments he finds himself in throughout campus. Whether a lab, a certain building, or any area throughout the campus. He catches himself wondering what was discovered here or who has stood in this spot and what will be done here that will change the world. Such an inspiring place to work!

Change in his career path is exactly what brought him to Stanford. He has enjoyed a long, successful career in sales and an opportunity presented itself that would mean a disruptive change to his current career path. Throughout his career, he has found himself in so many different environments that he would never have been in if it wasn't for his job. He wouldn't change a thing as he is thrilled where his jobs over the years has taken him.

Outside of Stanford he enjoys spending time with family and friends which he considers a great treasure. His mom will be 91 in a few months and is going strong and independent. Her wisdom and spirit are contagious. He has focuses on his overall wellness this year by hiking and is lucky enough to live in Danville which gives him easy access to Las Trampas Ridge in East Bay and Mt. Diabole. He enjoys cooking simple italian dishes and has spent a better part of a decade playing guitar in a classic rock band, so he has been known to pick that up once in a while as well. He is also a huge sports fan with 49ers, Giants and Warriors at the top of his lists.

Matt is a single dad of 2. Joseph who is 20 years old and attends Diablo Valley JC and Gianna who is 18 years old and looking at colleges. Matt is hoping she will become an Aztecs and follow in his footsteps.

Matt'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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