

## Oval Planting of the Stanford S



As we come into the height of spring, we look to a familiar sight to the entrance of Stanford. The Stanford 'S' has been a long running tradition to welcome faculty, students, and visitors into Stanford's main quad.

The installation and maintenance of this sign of welcome requires the coordination of multiple departments. A team of groundskeepers, in the photo below is Roy Cervantes and Javier Jimenez who must remove existing plant material and clear the area of weeds. Weed mitigation, in the form of a pre-emergent herbicide, is applied to keep new weeds from forming. The team also included Anastacio, Victor & Robert who are all with Landscape

Services and Carlos Ceballos with Irrigation.

Our horticulturist, Jackie Wang, takes a soil sample for lab analysis. With these lab results, recommendations are made to amend the soil to promote plant health. Amendments this year amounted to: 18 lbs of Soil acidifier (30% sulfur), 20 lbs of urea rich fertilizer, 0.5 yards of sphagnum peat moss were combined with 6 yards of potting soil. Tilling (by our landscape services team) it to to create a homogeneous layer of top soil. Dave Perkins, Landscape Services Lead was involved in procuring materials to make this all possible.





## From The Ground Up



Our maps and records department surveys and stencils the 'S'. Installation of the red and white Begonias was done by: Anastacio Aguilar, Victor Valdez, Robert Bendana and Carlos Ceballos of our Landscape services and Irrigation departments (respectively).

Once in the ground, ongoing maintenance (including periodic fertilizing) is maintained by a team of groundskeepers. Our irrigation department makes sure the plants stay hydrated to ensure the flowers stay in bloom as long as possible. Would like to take this opportunity

to thank all individuals involved to make this welcoming sign into Stanford.



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