

Caretaker Spotlight



This month's Caretaker Spotlight introduces you to Jimmy Baca, Property Specialist for the Property Management Office (PMO). Born in San Jose, his family moved to Michoacán, Mexico when he was 3 years old. He moved back to Redwood City when he was 12, and lived across the bay in Hayward before moving back to Redwood City in 2018. He attended both Cañada and Chabot College with a focus on Child Development.

Prior to working at Stanford University, Jimmy was an Operations Supervisor for after school programs for K-12 grade at Hayward Unified School District from 2008-2014. He heard about an opportunity at Stanford from a friend. It was a tough decision when offered the job. He wanted to stay in the school system but could not pass up the opportunity to work here. Stanford was a great opportunity and the benefits were an added bonus for his family.

He starts his workday with customer service by following up on emails and phone calls. He manages the SPARC system, the system to request the disposal of capital and non-capital equipment, by approving requests and managing pickups. Pickups are routed to either UG2, PSSI, or an outside moving company depending on the request. Staff contact his office to discuss how to re-use furniture from a project. He networks with outside vendors to see what products can be re-used. For example, if a department is changing out office electronics, after processing, he will palletize monitors to be sold as a single unit to vendors. The flow and amounts are always changing daily, which require creative ways to move furniture around the warehouse and on campus. The Reuse Program offers furniture, free, for all Stanford staff, Faculty and Students for use on campus. This program diverts furniture from landfill. **Reuse, Reduce and Recycle.** Furniture is available at the Surplus Property Sales Warehouse located at 340 Bonair Siding, open 1:00pm - 4:00pm Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. No appointment necessary.

Jimmy's favorite part of the job is networking in the Stanford community, and it is a big part of his day. He likes visiting departments to check out



equipment and to build relationships with building occupants. It's always good to put a face to a name. "Stanford is a city and a great community to build working relationships," he said.

Jimmy is happy with his career path because he met so many great people that have impacted his life, both personally and professionally. These relationships have made him into the person he is today. He enjoys his peers and considers them his work family. In addition, he likes the beautiful scenery on campus.

Outside of Stanford he enjoys spending quality time with his family and friends. He met his future wife, Dulce Garcia, in 2001, and they have been married for 6 years. They have two beautiful daughters, Ariana who is 4 years old and Natalia who is 2. The family enjoys road trips, camping and visiting family in Oregon every year. Jimmy is learning how to play guitar, he likes going to the shooting range and you can often find him attending 49er and SF Giants games.



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