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Learning Bites

Heather says: A cryptogram is a type of puzzle that has short phrases of encrypted text. It is encrypted by replacing one letter for another. For example:

The English sentence THIS IS A CRYPTOGRAM might appear as the cryptogram FKDR DR U BAZOFMI-AUC.

In the above phrase, the letter I has been replaced by the letter D, S has been replaced by R, A has been replaced by U, and so forth.

See if you can solve the [Concur-themed cryptogram phrases!](#)

The phrases are based on some of our many [online Concur learning resources](#).

As always, let me know what you think: Heather.Hoyer@cu.edu.



PSC Staff News: Introducing Sunny Maurer

We're very pleased to introduce Sunny Maurer, who joined the PSC as the front desk receptionist in August 2015.

Sunny previously worked for the Boulder Campus Department of Parking & Transportation. During her 12 years there, she handled parking appeals, billing, and correspondence. She graduated from Metro State College with a degree in Criminal Justice and Criminology (emphasis in administrative management).

In her spare time, Sunny pursues archery, enjoys all forms of fishing, cherishes her dogs, and spoils her granddaughter.

Welcome to the PSC, Sunny!

Reminder: HCM/FIN Upgrade Coming in December

In December 2015, the University will transition to new PeopleSoft systems for human resources (soon to be known as human capital management, or HCM) and finance (FIN).

The [November 2 PSC COMMUNICATOR newsletter](#) discusses the PeopleSoft upgrade and how it affects your department's procurement activities. We encourage you to review the newsletter to make sure you're ready for the transition.

Questions? Contact FinProHelp@cu.edu or call 303.837.2161.

Meet the PSC: Commodity Managers

Greetings from the PSC Commodity Managers!

We are excited to share with you our roles at the PSC and how we contribute to the University.

Who are we?

Meet our team:



From left to right: Charlie Geanetta (Facilities Commodity Manager), Sean Myers (IT Commodity Manager), Charlene Lydick (Director of Procurement Operations)

What do we do?

Our team presents strategies to improve the management of two key procurement processes for the University: IT (information technology) and MRO (maintenance, repair, and operations). As part of this responsibility, we assess supplier performance and create supplier improvement initiatives. We are the procedural and technical experts for sourcing efforts and contract development in these areas.

How do we do it?

Our mission is to maintain detailed knowledge of industry trends, develop relationships with department stakeholders and key suppliers, and design strategies to improve CU's leverage with suppliers.

Why do we do it?

CU spends over \$1 billion each year. Our goal is to understand the products and services critical to the University departments we serve, and to create supplier agreements that enable them to buy those items through the most efficient means.

We'd love to hear from you and discuss our program in more detail. Contact Charlene.Lydick@cu.edu.