

a monthly insight into PPLLC

## **EMPLOYEE HIGHLIGHT**

Happy 2020!!!! Pontchartrain Partners, LLC is excited to be kicking off another year. We are continuing our quest to learn more about our staff. As the company continues to grow , highlighting our staff in our monthly newsletter has been



a great way to get to know one another no matter what part of the country you may live.

This month we are highlighting Project Manager Maite Pinto. Maite has worked with PPLLC since October 2016. A native of Rio De Janeiro, Brazil. Maite is 2009 graduate of Gami Filho University with a B.S degree in architecture and interior design. She moved to the states in 2011 after accepting an internship with a Brazilian construction firm in New Orleans. While here, Maite met the love her life, married and started a family. Maite now resides on the Northshore with her husband, Nolan, and daughter, Sophia (4). Maite and Nolan are expecting their second child in June. Everyone is excited and anticipating the announcement of the gender of their new baby...**NEXT WEEK!!!!** We're taking votes, what do you think she is having, a boy or a girl?

Maite is a quiet spirit and always a joy to talk to. She greets everyone with a wonderful smile and has a great since of humor.

So as in past highlights, we asked Maite a few questions to find out a little more about her life and here is what we found out:

### What is your favorite hobby or activity that you like to do?

Now that I have a kid everything is all about Sophia...so we go to the zoo, the parks, and various family activities in the city. Spending time with family is important. But, before Sophia I enjoyed hanging out with friends and traveling....ALOT.

### Where is your favorite to travel destination?

I miss Brazil.... My entire family is still there, so I go home to visit every chance I get. I will be going home to visit in 3 weeks before I am forced to have flight restrictions due to my pregnancy.

### Have you found a good Brazilian restaurant since moving here?

Yes, there was one restaurant in Abita, LA that I loved but they have closed. There is another Brazilian restaurant that I have become fond of called, "Brazilian Market" and "Fogo de Chao" in New Orleans.

What is your favorite movie? My Best Friend's Wedding is my favorite. I really like the music they play in the movie.

When you travel what do you like to do most? I love the beach so I will go anywhere that has a beach. My last vacation was to Punta Cana and Cabo, Mexico.

What is your favorite thing to do in New Orleans? I still love going to the French Quarter. I really appreciate the old French country architecture and the brick-paved streets.

What do you enjoy most about working at PPLLC? I enjoy the culture of the company. Everyone is so nice and friendly.

**Do you ever think you will move back to Brazil?** I think about it literally every day. Will it happen? I don't know... my husband would really like to but I don't think it's going to happen.

Maite - thank you for allowing us to get to know you better. It is understandable why you would miss living in Brazil, but we are so glad to have you here as a part our PPLLC family.

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### HUMAN RESOURCES

**Kristyn Harris** kristyn.harris@pontchpartners.com







Thank you all for your loyalty and dedication. PPLLC appreciates you and is better because of you.



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Jerode Garner Antoine Todd

11/25 Eric Slaydon

11/26 Jack Abbey Evan Dartez

8 YEARS Brooke Woods 1/28

**5 YEARS** James Washington 01/05

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12/04 Edgar Parraga

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> 2 YEARS Michael Borzilleri 01/08 Dearl Thompson 01/09

 1 YEAR Glenn Hughes 01/07 Timothy Mathis 01/07 Jason Scripture 01/07 Reginald Arceneaux 01/10 Shawn Harding 01/29

12/10 Donald Davis Gonzalo Valdez

12/12 Nadia Leon

12/16 Lloyd Coleman Jose Montoya Rios Jacob O'Conner Larry Rogers

12/23 Robert Dubose

12/27 Aaron Bradley







01/02 **Deaton Harrys** Danny Wade

01/04 **Orville Farmer** 

01/05 Jose Montoya Rios

01/06 **Reginal Robichaux** 

01/09 **Robert Fahrer**  01/10 Aaron Bradley

Gerald McIntire

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Julius Blanks

**Richard Grabert** 

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01/22 **Bobbye Bridges** 

01/26 Adam Nichols

01/27 Douglas Bryan Nathan Watts

01/28 Reza Ahwazi

01/29 Carly Colomb Robert Dubose





### MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY

JANUARY 20.2020

The offices of Pontchartrain Partners, LLC will be closed <u>Monday</u>, <u>January 20, 2020</u> in observance of the national Martin Luther King holiday.

All field workers are asked to confirm your work schedule with your direct project manager prior to that date.to confirm if your project is scheduled to be closed or remain active during the holiday.





all zodiac animals. According to one myth, the Jade Emperor said the order would be decided by the order in which they arrived to his party. The Rat tricked the Ox into giving him a ride. Then, just as they arrived at the finish line, Rat jumped down and landed ahead of Ox, becoming first.

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The Rat is also associated with the Earthly Branch (地支一dì zhī) Zi (子) and the midnight hours. In the terms of yin and yang (阴 阳—yīn yáng), the Rat is yang and represents the beginning of a new day.

In Chinese culture, rats were seen as a sign of wealth and surplus. Because of their reproduction rate, married couples also prayed to them for children.





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### **CHRISTMAS PARTY 2019**

Deck the Halls

**F**or the first time ever, the members of Pontchartrain Partners, LLC chose to host the Christmas party at the corporate office. Being able to celebrate the holiday season with friends and family in our "corporate home" was nothing short of amazing.

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There was great food provided by Ruth's Chris Steakhouse, a little jazz, a live band and a second line. What more could you have asked for!

MAY YOU ALL HAVE AN AMAZING 2020!!!



# 'TIS THE SEASON TO BE JOLLY

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### A COCOA KIND OF CHRISTMAS

PPLLC staff members located in Florida, along with members of our executive staff, enjoyed a fun filled evening listening to jazz and enjoying good conversation and laughs at Heidi's Jazz Club in Cocoa, FL. Everyone experienced music from local jazz artist, Sybil Cage, and a wonderful dinner.

Many thanks to Raven Melrose, office manager for the Cocoa office, and Andrea DeJesus, administrative assistant, who organized and the entire event. Great job, ladies!

Thanks to everyone who attended and we wish everyone a happy and prosperous New Year!





### **RECENTLY AWARDED PROJECTS**



US Army Corps of Engineers® **Texas City Hurricane Flood Protection Contract No. W912HY20C0002** Award Date: 10/21/19 Award Amount: \$12,221,180.00 Agency: USACE Galveston District Set-Aside: SDVOSB POP: 180 Days ANTP

NASA

Tornado Repairs Multiple Buildings Contract No. 80SSC018D0007 / 80MSFC20F0014 Award Date: November 21, 2019 Award Amount: \$10,923,000.00 Agency: NASA MSFC (location NASA/MAF) POP: 20 months ANTP



Bldg 221 Replace Ring Bus Contract No. 80SSC018D0007 / 80JSC020F0004 Award Date: November 21, 2019 Award Amount: \$5,499,178.61 Agency: NASA JSC POP: 540 days ANTP



SAFETY MATTERS

# PONTCHARTRAIN PARTNERS, LLC WELCOMES NEW SAFETY DIRECTOR **ROBERT DUBOSE**

James R. Washington III CFO, General Counsel



would like to take this time to intro-

duce Robert DuBose as Pontchartrain Partners, LLC's Safety Director. Mr. DuBose attended Southern University and A&M College of Baton Rouge,

> where he earned his Mechanical Engineering degree. Mr. DuBose's educational background also includes a degree in Project Management & Quality Assurance.

> Mr. DuBose has over 35 years of experience in the field of Health and Safety. He has multiple certifications including an OSHA 501, 510, & 511. He also carries the Certified Safety Professional (CSP), Associate Safety Professional (ASP), and Certified Reliability Engineer (CRE) designations

as well as a host of other training certifications and accomplishments. His safety experience includes roles and positions with the United States Navy, Northrop-Grumman, NASA – Johnson Space Center, Transportation Security Administration (TSA), The Mundy Companies, and most recently, Volt Power.



We believe Mr. DuBose will be a great asset to Pontchartrain Partners, LLC as we continue to enrich the Company's safety culture. Please join me in welcoming Mr. DuBose to the PPLLC Team!

Also, please feel free to contact Mr. DuBose with any safety related questions or concerns. He is excited to be part of the team and is anxious to get going in his new position. He can be reached by email at

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