

Facilities-wide water outage May 12

There will be a domestic water outage for the entire Facilities complex Friday, May 12, 2:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. During this outage, there will be no water running into the buildings, and restrooms will be closed. A number of portable toilets and handwashing stations will be on site to support continued operations. See page 4 for additional details.

Skilled trades apprenticeship program to launch this summer



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Job announcements recently closed for the first cohort to be employed as part of Facilities Management's skilled trades apprenticeship program set to launch this summer.

"The goal of the program is to bring apprentices in at entry level and by the time they have finished our four-year program they will have gained journey level skills," said Dan Whatley, Facilities Management assistant vice president of Facilities Operations. "This is truly starting at the beginning and learning through experience."

Two apprentice plumbers and two apprentice electricians will be hired to kick-off the program.

"We feel that these two trades are where we have the most exposure and where we are going to need the most help in maintaining our workforce in the next two- to- ten

years," Whatley said.

Each apprentice will receive a combination of 8,000 hours of on-the-job instruction and formal classroom instruction through the four-year program which will include assessments and on-the-job evaluation to move to the next level. They will also be considered full-time Auburn University employees and will receive university benefits such as health insurance, and holiday, annual and sick leave.

"Apprentices will receive pay increases as their skills and knowledge increase," said Loren Winn, director of Facilities Management Human Resources, who worked with Whatley to create the program. "These progressive wage increases help reward and motivate apprentices as they advance through their training.

Every graduate of the program will

receive a nationally recognized credential and will be eligible to sit for the journeyman license in their respective field."

The program is registered with the State of Alabama and will use the National Center for Construction Education and Research (NCCER) curriculum.

Facilities is looking for instructors to teach the classroom-based portion of the program. Those interested in becoming instructors, but are not NCCER certified, can receive training at the university.

"Instructors can be anyone who is certified as a journey level tradesperson in the plumbing and/or electrical field(s) and has a passion for developing others. It can be an Auburn Facilities Management employee, a professor on campus, an instructor from Southern Union or someone from one of our regional suppliers," said Whatley, who is an NCCER certified master trainer. "The nice part is that chosen instructors will not have to travel for training that can be done here at Auburn."

If interested in becoming an instructor, contact FMHR Generalist Hayley White: hcw0028@auburn.edu

General Announcements *April*

Welcome New Employees

Adam Wolfe – Construction Tech I – In-House Construction – April 3

Hunter Copus – Groundskeeper II – Landscape Services – April 3

Sarah Young – Support Specialist I – Access Control – April 10

Rakim Surge – TES Solid Waste Tech – Waste Reduction and Recycling – April 10

Shelby Tucker – Plumber I – Maintenance Zone 1 – April 10

Virginia Dozier – Student Worker – Waste Reduction and Recycling – April 17

Dylan Huss – Student Worker – Waste Reduction and Recycling – April 17

William McClure – Maintenance Engineer – Maintenance – April 17

Kevin Davis – Construction Tech II – In-House Construction – April 24

Anna Branch – Student Worker – Communications and Marketing – April 24

Shane Johnson – Supervisor, Zone Maintenance – Maintenance Zone 3 – April 24

Mallory Morris – Student Worker, Interior Design – PD&C – May 8

Alissa Johnson – Student Worker, Interior Design – PD&C – May 8

Jared Adams – Student Worker, Interior Design – PD&C – May 8

Ryan Landry – Assistant Director – Utilities and Energy – June 20

Retirements/Resignations

Aaron Grimmatt – Groundskeeper II – Landscape Services – resigned March 22

William Dempster – Tech II – Service Support – resigned April 7

Dylan Ostrander – Tech I, HVACR – Preventative Maintenance – resigned April 11

Jerry Ledbetter – Tech II Construction – Heavy Construction – retiring effective May 1

Loughlin Mulloy – Student Worker – Client Relations – graduating May 5

Craig Kerr – Plumber I – Maintenance Zone 1 – retiring effective July 1

Completed Trainings/Certifications

Margrit Tate – First Aid, CPR and AED Training

Travis Davis – Liscenced Professional Engineer

Josh Conradson – Career Essentials in Project Management, LinkedIn Learning

Andrew Spurlin – Career Essentials in Project Management, LinkedIn Learning

Buster Reese – Career Essentials in Project Management, LinkedIn Learning

Nick Blair – Career Essentials in Project Management, LinkedIn Learning

Congratulations!

Billy Brock and his wife, Jennifer, on the birth of their son, Wilder Hayes.

Milestone years of service

25+
Jonathan Cullars
Tracy Mask – Retired
Kenneth Sullins
Drusilla Stinson
Kenneth Bledsoe
Fred Buchanan
David Howell – Retired
Charnita Wright

20
Courtney Dowdell
Joseph Ellis
Shane Johnson
Johnny McDonald
Glenn Rodgers
Randy Rogers
Karen Spencer – Retired
Torrence Turk

15
Nathaniel Evans
David Floyd
Charles Greenlee
Adrian Howard
Christina Knight
Grant McDonald
Kenneth Pitts
Ramsaran Seetaram
John Vollar
James Watts

10
Preston Arwood
Mark Carroll
Joshua Conradson
Malcolm Dailey – Retired
Lisa Florence
Jim Fuller
Matthew Geer
Dee Anne Gillespie
Richard Guether
Tyler Hand
Kenneth Howard
Judd Langham
Charles Locke
Contina McCall
William McDonald
William Mooror
Wayne Mullins
Debbie Murphy – Retired
Wendy Peacock
Matthew Sanders
Matthew Skinner

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Matthew Allsbrook
Amy Bingham
Haiden Boyles
Whitney Brock
Kenneth Byrd
Matthew Caypless
Joseph Etchison
Timothy Etchison
Laurie Hanson
Thomas Hosey
Clayton Howard
David Johnson
Julius Johnston
Joseph Joyner
Eric Kennedy
Grant Kirby
George Kirkpatrick
Samson Lastinger
Marcus Moore
Jenna Morgan
Robert Overstreet
Brian Philpott
Sarah Rakestraw
Trey Wood
Jason Yeomans
Nolan Yon

Congratulations to the following FM employees who received a cash award for March 2023:

- Charles Brock
- Kyle Cordie
- Karen Cummings
- Dave Hosey
- Zay Jackson Jr.
- Kevin Jones
- Chase Kilpatrick
- Anthony Lewis
- Gina Mann
- Cory O'Neal
- Jim Penny
- Oscar Preston
- Cedric Ramsey
- Margrit Tate
- Anne Wilbourne
- Dan Whatley
- Jason Yeomans

Thank You Human Resources for the AUsome t-shirts!



FM Human Resources models the new Facilities Management t-shirts given out during Employee Appreciation Week. Pictured back row from left: Loren Winn, Christy Bumpers, Karen Whitehead and Jessica Johnson. Front from left: Haley White and Sara Newman. *Photo courtesy of Sara Newman.*



Nina Hollingsworth receives Spirit of Excellence Award

Congratulations to Nina Hollingsworth, Access Control, for receiving the March Spirit of Excellence Award in the Office Administration category. Nina received the award for her outstanding work improving quality of service for the Access Control Center. Nina has worked as a full-time access support specialist since 2018 and continues to efficiently maintain electronic access systems and databases across campus.

The Spirit of Excellence award nomination is located on the AU Human Resources homepage under the Campus Relations tab.

Congratulations to Debbie Murphy on her retirement

The Financial Services team celebrates Debbie Murphy's retirement. Debbie worked as an accountant in Financial Services for 10 years before retiring in February. Financial Services pictured from left: Denise Roebuck, Brandon Counts, Bob Moseley, Debbie Murphy, Christina Knight, Zilun Fan and Samson Lastinger.



Water outage *cont.*



Two portable toilet units and one handwash station will be placed in three locations throughout the Facilities Management complex.

Photo: The red rectangles note where the stations will be located.

Check out our webcams

Construction of the College of Education building is officially underway. Be sure to visit the Facilities' webcam page for a live look at the site.

fm.auburn.edu/webcams



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