

THE FACILITIES TIMES

Fall 2020



Thank you Facilities team!

When the university transitioned to COVID-19 operations in March, Facilities proactively stepped up to put in place modifications aimed at helping to keep university students, faculty, and staff healthy during the pandemic.

“When the pandemic hit this spring, we pivoted from normal operations to put tremendous focus on COVID-19,” said Dan King, associate vice president of Facilities Management. “We launched ahead with changes by pulling out all the stops to do what needed to be done to provide the best environment within campus buildings we could to help keep the campus community healthy.”

Facilities efforts began as soon as the university transitioned to alternate operations in March by ordering all the personal protective equipment (PPE) it could as supplies became available. Hand sanitizing stations and sanitizing wipes dispensers were ordered and distributed throughout campus. Touchless restroom fixtures were ordered and five Facilities team members were assigned to work fulltime installing at least one in each restroom throughout campus, with over 950 faucets installed to date.

All Facilities departments continued working to keep campus looking beautiful and running smoothly.

As we wrap up a year unlike any other, we send a special thank you to all Facilities Management employees for pushing through the hardships of this past year and giving the university your best.

These efforts have been noticed and complimented by leadership across campus.

“Facilities, working in conjunction with input from the AU Covid-19 Task Force, has done a comprehensive and admirable job in hardening the campus as much as possible to the spread of the pandemic, said Bruce Tatarchuk, Ph.D., Charles E. Gavin III Professor of chemical engineering in the Samuel Ginn College of Engineering.



Employee Communications *from the FM Office of Employee Engagement*

General Announcements

Benefits Reminder – As we all navigate the changes COVID-19 has brought to our daily lives, please keep in mind that Auburn University's Employee Assistance Program (EAP) has updated its benefits to include 6 free 30-minute tele-sessions to better assist employees dealing with enhanced anxiety and stress, strained family relations, and/or other emotional hardships. For more information, please call (800) 925-5327 or visit <https://americanbehavioral.com/#American%20Behavioral%20website>.

Congratulations to:

Travis Tally – Maintenance Supervisor of the Quarter

Lee Estes – Maintenance Employee of the Quarter

Joan Hicken – was selected as Spirit of Excellence recipient.

Trent Berry – promoted to Automotive Tech II – August 31.

Tyler Winchester – TES to fulltime Groundskeeper I – Landscape Services – September 14.

Chad Morgan – promoted to Electrician II – September 27.

Jeffrey Gullede – promoted to Assistant Supervisor – PM Shop – October 11.

Matthew Sanders – promoted to Assistant Supervisor – PM Shop – October 11.

Randy Long – Zone 4 – Maintenance Supervisor of the Quarter

David Merritt – Plumber – Zone 2 – Maintenance Employee of the Quarter

Mark Stokes – TES to full-time – Tech I, Plant Operations – November 22.

Nick Blair on graduating with a Master's Degree in Business Administration.

David Bess on graduating with a Master's Degree in Community Planning.

Wendy Peacock on obtaining her Project Management Professional Certification.

Congratulations to Utilities & Energy for passing 1,000 days since their last personal injury

Congratulations to the more than 75 technicians recognized for work involving COVID actions.

Congratulations to the following employees who received a cash award for September, October, November and December:

- Wesley Burt
- Oscar Preston
- Kristy Burgess
- Dawn Hutchinson
- Anne Leader
- Josh Conradson
- Burl Sumlin
- David Merritt
- Hank Moreman
- Jaye Dennis
- Joe Lewis
- Joseph Martin
- Karen Whitehead
- Kenneth Byrd
- Mary Park
- Patrick Ledbetter
- Randy Long

Congratulations to the following employees for receiving Core Value Coins:

- Travis Herrmann
- Ethan Merritt
- David Merritt
- Nate Evans
- Burke Wagoner
- Lee Estes
- Jim Penny
- Jody Martin

Thank you to the following employees for volunteering at the COVID call center:

- Anne Wilbourne – *Facilities Operations*
- Amie Hart – *OUA*
- Julie Rice – *Construction Management*
- Jenna Morgan – *Project Support*
- Vic Walker – *Campus Services*
- Vanessa Kleypas – *OUA*
- Staci Taylor – *Maintenance*
- Davon Fox – *Maintenance*
- Denise Roebuck – *Financial Services*
- Brittany Rowe – *Client Relations*
- Jeffery Easterling – *Project Support*
- Susan Miller – *Client Relations*

New Employees/Welcome

Ethan Merritt | TES Plumber, Zone 1 | August 24

Megan Kriel | Automotive Tech, Automotive Shop | September 14

Destin Price | Student Assistant, Maintenance | September 14

Myeshea Alexander | TES University Mail Tech, Mail Services | September 2

Ellyn Shults | TES University Mail Tech, Mail Services | September 2

Sarah Berry | TES University Mail Tech, Mail Services | September 8

Shane Everett | Landscape Supervisor, Landscape Services | September 14

Donald Powell | Landscape Supervisor, Landscape Services | September 14

Braxton Short | Groundskeeper I, Landscape Services | September 14

Benjamin Wright | Groundskeeper I, Landscape Services | September 14

Kirkland Cogle | Groundskeeper I, Landscape Services | September 14

Jecorius Johnson transferred from Landscape Services to Waste Reduction & Recycling as a Tech II, Solid Waste | September 28

Tristian Jackson | Tech I, HVACR | October 12

Matthew Peterson | TES Plumber, Zone 2 | October 12

Mary Melissa Taddeo | Campus Architect, OUA | October 12

Anthony Green | TES Tech, Solid Waste, Waste Reduction & Recycling | September 21

Robert Whittaker | Tech I, Solid Waste, Waste Reduction & Recycling | September 28

Norman Glasco | Inventory Control Clerk II, Materials Management | October 26

Destiny Yancey | TES Custodial, Custodial Services | October 12

Logan Stephenson | Inventory Control Clerk II, Materials Management | October 26

Belinda Moore | TES Custodian, Custodial Services | January 4

Somchai Segrest | University Mail Tech I, Mail Services | November 9

Nylah Cohen | University Mail Tech I, Mail Services | November 9

Greg Hayes | Safety Manager, Operations | *December 1*

Lincoln Glenn | Electrician I, In-House Construction | *October 26*

Jevon Percival | Electrician I, In-House Construction | *November 9*

James Peters | Tech I, HVACR, PM Shop | *November 9*

Brad Johnson | Maintenance Engineer | *November 23*

Lawrence Estes | Plumber I | *November 23 (was a TES)*

Charles Locke | IHC General Construction | *December 14*

William Scherer | Zone 3, Painter | *December 14*

Phil Lewis | Quality Control, Campus Service | *November 23*

Steve Haney | Executive Director of Construction operations, Planning, Design, & Construction | *December*

Michael Sanford | Landscape Supervisor | *November 23*

Dayrl Roe | Arbor Specialist II | *December 7*

Retirements/Resignations

Mario Pacheco | Waste & Recycling | *resigned September 25*

Cathleen Blumenthal | Access Control | *resigned August 30*

Betty Terry | Custodial Services | *retiring January 1*

Mario Pacheco | Waste & Recycling | *resigned September 25*

Windy Halsey | Associate Financial Analyst | *retiring January 1, 2021 (last day is 13 November)*

Randy Long | Assistant Supervisor, Zone 4 | *resigned November 30*

After a career of over 22 years, **Carol Cadenhead** retired from Auburn University on August 31. Carol was the “go to” source for all information related to campus utility maps. Utilities & Energy will continue to respond to your requests for mapping support with Charles “Chuck” Gilbert handling the duties previously performed by Carol. Chuck has been with us for several years as a TES and was just hired in fulltime to our CAD position. He can help with any special request you or your teams have. Please feel free to contact Chuck, Mike McCormick, Malcolm Dailey, or Ken Martin for anything you may need related to utility maps.

Facilities Training

Self-Directed Learning in AU LinkedIn:

1. Master Advanced Excel Data & Analytics Skills – highly recommended to learn Advanced MS Excel skills (12 hours of training)
2. Excel 2016: Advanced Formulas and Functions – learn Advanced Formulas and Functions in MS Excel (6 hours, 18 minutes of training)
3. Excel: Pivot Tables in Depth – Popular course for learning MS Excel Pivot Tables (3 hours, 38 minutes of training)
4. Cert Prep: Project Management Professional (PMP) – excellent preparatory training for the PMP Certification; includes handouts, Study Guides, & practice Exams. Excellent Instructor! (Over 6 hours of training)

5. LinkedIn (Free Online Courses)

- *Login to AU Access*
- *Click on “Employees”*
- *Click on “LinkedIn Learning”*
- *Login and/or Register*

Contact for training sessions:

Kathleen Jones | ktj0004@auburn.edu | (334) 844-9411 | Building 1, Room 1173D

The training calendar can be found at <https://aub.ie/trainingcalendar>.

Employment Opportunities

- Infrastructure Tech, Heavy Construction
- Roofing Tech, Heavy Construction
- Electrician, Zone 3
- HVAC, PM (2 positions)
- Admin Assistant, Access Control (2 positions)
- Groundskeeper I/II (3 positions)
- Pesticide Applicator

For more information about, or to apply for, one of the jobs listed above, visit the Auburn University online employment site at auemployment.com.

These announcements are gathered by the Facilities Management Office of Employee Engagement. Submit announcements via email to Cynthia Baccus at geercyn@auburn.edu.

Michael Cobb named AU Employee of the Year



Michael Cobb

Service Support Assistant Superintendent Michael Cobb recently was awarded the Spirit of Excellence Employee of the Year.

“Michael Cobb has consistently helped customers across campus with work requests for moving offices, event setups and numerous last-minute calls,” read the nomination form by Supervisor Michael Hood.

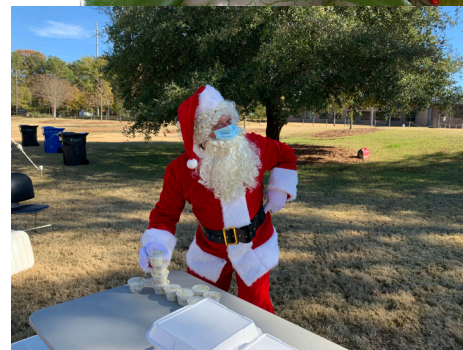
Cobb has consistently been praised for his easygoing attitude and pleasant demeanor, as well as his ability to work well under pressure.

“When faced with a challenge, Mr. Cobb works to make the best of the situation and be as helpful as possible,” Hood wrote. “In the nine years and eight months that I have had the pleasure to work with Mr. Cobb, he has always been this way.”

*Congratulations,
Michael!*



Holiday Luncheon



A FEW OF THE WINNERS FROM THE HOLIDAY LUNCHEON DRAWING



Scooter Lacy



David Howell



Shanda Foster



Michael Hood



Whitney Brock

