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A FACILITIES MANAGEMENT EMPLOYEE UPDATE



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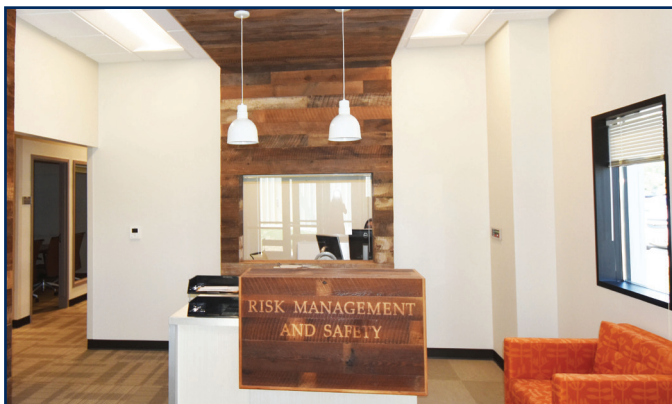
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The new mural in Building 1 is making us excited for football season. Make sure you check it out!

Completed Buildings

Risk Management and Safety, Pharmaceutical Research and Food Animal Research buildings were all completed in May.



The lobby in the Risk Management and Safety Building contains reclaimed wood that was refurbished for this project.

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Duncan Substation

Facilities worked to replace three large 25-year-old breakers at the electrical substation on Duncan Drive.



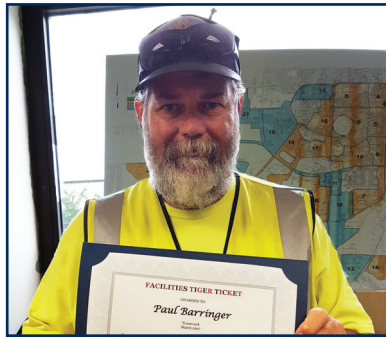
Ruffin Duncan, Scott Morgan, Steven Neighbors and Stephen Seifert, members of the Utilities and Energy Department's Electrical Distribution team, take on the job.

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Employee Recognition Program

Tiger Tickets are awarded to employees who display consistent outstanding efforts. Recipients receive eight hours leave.

Paul Barringer is presented with a Tiger Ticket for his outstanding performance in Teamwork.



Scott Fuller presents **Dan Berry** with a Tiger Ticket for his outstanding performance in Teamwork.

Certificates of Appreciation are awarded for a one-time, short-term act of exemplary work. Recipients receive four hours leave.



Burl Sumlin presents **Jerome Russell, Junior Decker, William Dempster** and **Michael Hood** with a Certificate of Appreciation in Customer Service.



Justin Sutton presents **Christopher Channell, Willie Thomas, Neil Lawson** and **James Thomas** with a Certificate of Appreciation in Teamwork.



Wesley Miller presents **Jecorius Johnson, Ronald Daniel, Richard Speir, Jerry Dowdell, Brittany Foster, Eric Moon** and **Dalton Sconyers** with a Certificate of Appreciation in Customer Service.



Shanda Foster presents **Ellen Doyle, Rob Stanford** and **Rocio Evans** with a Certificate of Appreciation in Support Excellence.



James Thomas, Daniel Keeble and **Paul Barringer** are presented with a Certificate of Appreciation in Customer Service.

An Auburn University Employee Recognition Program was held on May 24 at the Auburn University Student Center. The following Facilities Management employees were recognized for their service:

- Barnese Adair-Wallace, 35 years, Campus Services
- Sharn Washington**, 25 years, Mail Services
- Keith Nall, 25 years, Utilities and Energy
- Vanessa Jerido**, 20 years, Custodial Services
- Nora Macon, 20 years, Custodial Services
- Dora Moore**, 20 years, Custodial Services
- Darrel High**, 20 years, Materials Management
- Thomas Cobb**, 15 years, Access Control
- Tommy Parten, 10 years, Access Control

- Mike McCormick**, 10 years, Utilities and Energy
- Damon Finley**, 10 years, Custodial Services
- Loraine Reese**, 10 years, Custodial Services
- Princess Rowe**, 10 years, Custodial Services
- Stephanie Williams**, 10 years, Custodial Services
- Anthony Coleman**, 10 years, Floor Maintenance
- Paul Barringer**, 10 years, Landscape Services
- Willie (Lewis) Thomas**, 10 years, Landscape Services
- Junior Decker**, 10 years, Service Support
- Michael Hood**, 10 years, Service Support
- Steven (Beaver) Johnston**, 5 years, Landscape Services
- Eric Moore**, 5 years, Utilities and Energy
- Cort Fisher**, 5 years, Materials Management
- Jerome Russell**, 5 years, Waste Reduction and Recycling

Facilities Feature

Kathleen T. Jones recently joined Facilities Management as the training specialist. She previously worked at Goodwill Industries, Southern Rivers as the manager of curriculum and instruction for its eight career centers and four training centers in Georgia and Alabama. She also served for many years as a board member for Habitat for Humanity of Russell County.

She earned her master's degree in education from Troy University, and her bachelor's degree in workforce education from Southern Illinois University. A proud U.S. Navy veteran, she is a member of the American Legion's Fletcher McCollister Post 135 in Phenix City, AL.

Kathleen is also an active board member for Enrichment Services Program (ESP), Inc., advocating for its early childhood education programs such as HeadStart and Early HeadStart.

What's the best thing that has happened to you since you started working at Facilities?

I've become familiar with Auburn University, and I have grown to love the City of Auburn. I've been disappointed that we do not get free football game tickets (*laughs*), but the best thing I think are the people. There are some awesome people here at Auburn University.

What do you find most challenging about working for Facilities?

Wrapping my arms around the vast amount of training that is ongoing and that is needed and putting it all under one umbrella. I've only been here for two months but it's a work in progress.

What are you most excited or passionate about?

I am an adjunct instructor at Chattahoochee Valley Community College, so I am passionate about teaching young people the value of education. Getting your education sooner rather than later is just so important. It will leap you over other people that might not have gotten their education as early as you.

What are some of your hobbies?

I love reading, gardening and speedwalking. I am also an avid birdwatcher.

What are you most proud of?

My children.

What's one thing you couldn't live without?

Books

Where is your favorite place to be?

My favorite place to be is at my cabin in the woods on some property I own in West Georgia. Just being out in nature is the best place for me.

Do you have a personal philosophy/mantra/motto?

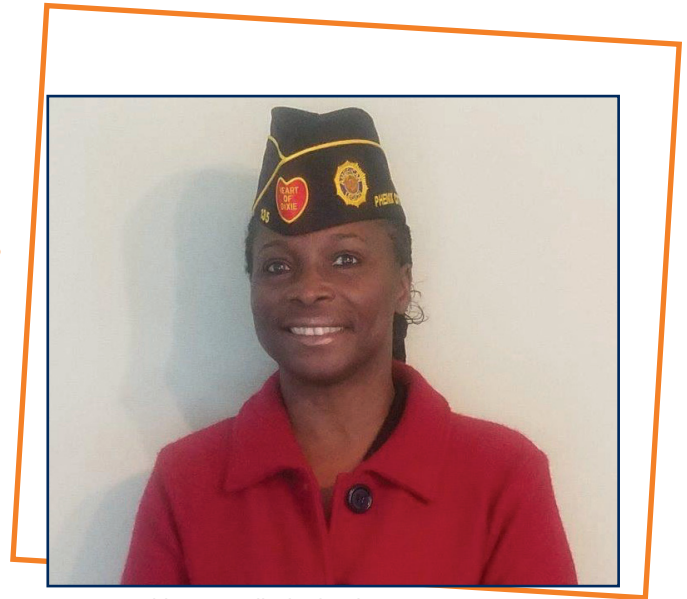
Freedom is not free.

What's the best advice anyone has given you?

Be yourself. My mom told me that.

Kathleen is married to Lieutenant (Retired, U.S. Navy) Carlton Jones, who is the senior naval science instructor at Central High School in Phenix City, AL. They have three sons, Corey and Clayton, who are currently serving in the U.S. Navy, and Clark, who is a 2017 graduate of Smiths Station High School, and who has also enlisted into the U.S. Navy.

By: Joelle Trollinger



Kathleen proudly displays her Legionnaires' cap showing membership of the American Legion's Fletcher McCollister Post 135 in Phenix City, Alabama.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SPIRIT OF EXCELLENCE WINNER!



**Ray Hornsby,
Mechanical Trades**

Kenneth Sullins and Eric Moore present Ray with his Spirit of Excellence award in the Service/Maintenance category.

Ruffin Duncan, Scott Morgan, Steven Neighbors and Stephen Seifert, members of the Utilities and Energy Electrical Distribution team, recently took on a big project. This team worked together to replace three large 25-year-old electrical breakers at the electrical substation on Duncan Drive.

This project required special planning and preparations, as the team had to carefully strategize and transfer building electricity loads to other substation circuits in order to take the old breakers offline before replacing with the new breakers. The new breakers took between five and six months to be delivered, and then a group of consultant electrical engineers were brought in to test,



commission and set up all the trip settings.

Each of the old breakers had to be carefully disconnected and pulled away from the substation structure and into a safe location before the new breakers could be moved in. The new breakers then had to be anchored to concrete and have grounding wires connected to the metal frame for safety. With 12,470 volts of energy surging through parts all around the work location, the crew's most important goal was to work safely.

New control conduit and wiring was then run from the new breakers back to a power panel located within the substation. Crews had to hand dig through clay soil in order to run the wiring.

New wires were connected from the top of each breaker and to the disconnect switches before moving to the next step. Once all wiring was completed, the new substation breaker was carefully put back

online by a switching order carried out by the crew.

This project required months of intermittent work, as the Electrical Distribution team is also involved in many major projects on campus, in addition to weekly maintenance and operations tasks. The new breakers cost approximately \$30,000 each, and are similar to breakers located in residential homes, however they are much larger, sometimes serving more than twenty large buildings.

By: Maggie Barlow



Control panel that directs the wiring contained within the substation.

Buildings Completed in May 2017

Risk Management and Safety



Client: Risk Management and Safety

The new building, located within the Facilities Complex, opened in May. The 9,800-square-foot building has office space, meeting rooms, support space and associated parking.

Pharmaceutical Research



Client: Harrison School of Pharmacy

The new 37,400-square-foot building is the first Auburn University building to open in the Health Sciences Sector. The building includes interdisciplinary research labs and support spaces.

Food Animal Research



Client: College of Veterinary Medicine

The 8,800-square-foot facility provides state-of-the-art capabilities for research related to large food animals. The facility was built in support of the College's mission of research and clinical education.

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