

## Langdon Hall to receive needed repairs and restoration



*The wood and columns around Langdon Hall are being restored as part of a three-phase repair and restoration project being completed on the almost 180-year-old building.*

Langdon Hall is receiving a major facelift as the second phase of a three-phase restoration project gets underway.

Scaffolding has been erected onsite as workers restore the wood fascia and columns of the almost 180-year-old building, as well as complete needed repairs on the building's roof.

"As one of the oldest and most iconic buildings on campus it is important that the building be maintained for Auburn to enjoy," said Hank Moreman, manager of Facilities Management's In-House Construction. "The exterior trim was showing visible wear and age, so it was determined that the restoration work needed to be completed."

Phase 1 of the project funded an architectural study to pinpoint the

various issues affecting Langdon. Phase 2 primarily includes the wood and column restoration, and phase 3 will focus on restoration of the masonry facade, windows and the first-floor concrete panels due to erosion and excessive water intrusion.

The restoration work also includes repairs to the marble tile located at the entrance of Langdon as well as gutter and downspout work to tie them into the existing drain system.

The building came with a few hidden challenges as well.

"When we began the paint removal on the gable, we discovered that the siding had more deterioration than we thought," Moreman said. "This gave us the opportunity to not only replace the siding, but also take the window and Langdon Hall sign down

which proved to be quite the exciting process."

Langdon Hall was built in 1846 as the chapel for the Auburn Masonic Female College, which became Auburn High School, at the corner of Gay Street and Magnolia Avenue, now the location of AuburnBank. As the then largest auditorium in east Alabama, it was used primarily as a center for public lecture and political debates and included a chemistry lab in the basement. It was moved to the Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical College campus, now Auburn University, in 1883, before being named Langdon Hall and bricked in 1892. It is used today as an auditorium and administrative offices.

As the city of Auburn's oldest building, Langdon Hall for generations has represented the very beginnings of both Auburn University and the Loveliest Village on the Plains. And the restoration work should carry it well into the future for the next generations of Auburn students.

"I am grateful for the opportunity and honored to be able to participate in restoring the vibrancy of Auburn history," Moreman said. "Langdon and the other buildings in Samford Park are a part of the Auburn community as well as the University, and it is a truly amazing to be a part of this project."

**Story and photo by: Trey Wood**

# Employee Communications *from the Office of Employee Engagement*

## **Congratulations:**

**Oscar Preston** for receiving the Spirit of Excellence award in June.

**Noelle Hattier** moved to Facilities IT.

**Mary Park** will be out of the office beginning in August through November. Matt Wagner will be the alternate contact (334) 750-7574.

**Jody Martin** – Zone 3 – promotion to Electrician I on May 23.

**Tripp Thrash** – Fabrication – promotion to Mechanical Insulator on June 6.

**Jerontavious Flournoy** for receiving Maintenance Employee of the Quarter.

**Broderick Gibson** for receiving Maintenance Supervisor of the Quarter.

Employees who received a cash award for June 2021:

- **Vincent Cicchino**
- **Patricia Cole**
- **Anthony Green**
- **Tristan Jackson**
- **Jecorius Johnson**
- **Anthony Lewis**
- **Hueston Nelson**
- **Oscar Preston**
- **Karen Spencer**
- **Nolan Torbert**

## **New Employees/Welcome**

**Amy Akers** | Access Control, Admin Support Assistant II | *June 7*

**Kristy Burgess** | Access Control, Admin Support Assistant II | *TES to full-time – June 7*

**Marquita Bynum** | Custodial Services, TES Custodian | *June 21*

**Junior Lockhart** | Custodial Services, Custodian II | *External Transfer – June 7*

**Alma McCloud** | Custodial Services, TES Custodian | *June 7*

**Ethan Merritt** | Zone 2, Carpenter I | *TES to full-time – June 21*

**Trinitee Nez** | Automotive Shop, TES Automotive | *July 6*

**Kelly O'Neal-Young** | Planning, Design and Construction, Manager IV, Facilities Project | *July 12*

**Dustyn Rougier** | PM Shop, Tech I, HVACR | *June 21*

## **Retirements/resignations**

**Jaye Dennis** *resigned July 16.*

**Arnold Pattillo** *retires Aug. 1.*

**Wayne Walker** *retires Aug. 1.*

## **Facilities Training**

The Facilities Training Calendar has been updated with most of the approved fall training sessions. As instructors are confirmed, more approved training sessions will be added.

Recommended LinkedIn Training: **“Critical Thinking for Better Judgment and Decision-Making”** – Length: 56 minutes.

To access, login to AU Access, click on employees, then click on LinkedIn. Input the title into the search box at the top of the page.

## **Contact for training sessions:**

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

## **Employment Opportunities**

### **Maintenance**

- Tech I/II, HVACR, second shift, PM Shop (*close date of June 23, 2021*)
- Assistant Supervisor Access Control (internal posting), Access Control (*close date of July 22*)
- Supervisor, Access Control (internal posting), Access Control (*close date of July 22*)
- Tech I/II, Construction (two positions), In-House Construction (*close date of July 20*)
- Tech I/II, Construction (three positions), Heavy Construction (*close date of July 15*)

### **Campus Services**

- Inventory Control Clerk II, Materials Management (*close date of July 13*)
- Tech I/II, Solid Waste, Waste & Recycling (*no close date*)
- TES Solid Waste Tech, Waste & Recycling (*no close date*)

### **Planning, Design and Construction**

- Campus Architect III/IV/V (*no close date*)

- Coordinator I/II/III, Design/Construction (*close date of July 15*)

### **Landscape Services**

- Groundskeeper I/II (*no close date*)
- Specialist I/II, Arbor (*close date of July 21*)

*The close date for a posted position occasionally is extended. Check the dates at [auemployment.com](http://auemployment.com).*

*For more information about, or to apply for the jobs listed above, visit the Auburn University online employment site at [auemployment.com](http://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](mailto:geercyn@auburn.edu).**

## Facilities Feature — Anthony Lewis, Solid Waste Tech



*Anthony Lewis*

Working with vibrant, enthusiastic co-workers makes any job easier and more enjoyable; even managing waste.

Anthony Lewis, Solid Waste Tech for Waste Management and Recycling, is exemplar in showcasing these highly sought-after characteristics in an employee, but most importantly a co-worker.

Lewis exudes positivity; it's evident with his unyielding smile and bubbly personality. He began working as a Waste Tech for Facilities Management in February of this year.

He said he was drawn to work for Facilities Management because he's an Auburn native and subsequently, his steadfast love for Auburn. "I grew up a huge Auburn fan," Lewis said. "Just being at the University is pretty cool."

Lewis explained his friend worked for Facilities Management and always spoke so highly about the experience, so he decided to submit an application "and the rest is history," Lewis said gleefully.

The Facilities Management work environment provides a comforting sense of community, which fosters a family dynamic. Lewis said this makes him happy to come to work every day. "It's just love," Lewis said. "They have treated me like family since the day I got here."

He said he bonded with his supervisor before he clocked in for the first time. "We talked for thirty minutes, and it was like I knew the guy for years," he said.

Lewis explains the invaluable sense of family at work is evident from top to bottom. "My manager is awesome, my

supervisor is awesome, the guys I work with every day are awesome," Lewis said. "The whole place is phenomenal."

He emphasized his favorite part of the job is being out in the field working with his co-workers. The obvious camaraderie within the Waste Reduction and Recycling team is a positive reflection of the established sense of community at work.

Lewis said he wished he started working at Facilities Management earlier. "Had I known that Auburn was like this, I would've tried working here a long time ago," Lewis said.

To individuals who are interested in working for Facilities Management, Lewis urges them to apply. "It's a great place to work at," he said. "I wouldn't want to work anywhere else."

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