

## Human Resources introduces Career Connections program



*The Career Connections participants tour Samford Tower. Pictured in back, from left, are Rasean Matthews, Quenton Rachel, Shakyya Farmer, Jereian Brown and Christian Nelson. In front, from left, are Price McWhorter, Carter Mayo and Michael Brewer.*

By Sara Wilson

Facilities Human Resources has introduced a new workforce development initiative — Career Connections. The program brings high school students to campus to work part-time or full-time summer jobs.

The program offers students work experience and helps build their knowledge and awareness of potential career paths, while also building valuable relationships with professionals in the facilities field.

Currently, there are eight high school juniors and seniors from local schools participating in the program. The following Facilities

departments are participating: Automotive Services, Fabrication Shop, Landscape Services, Maintenance Zones, Materials Management and Waste, Reduction and Recycling.

“Career Connections is a wonderful outreach program for high school students and for our team here in Facilities Management,” said Carson McClendon, FM Human Resources intern and Career Connections liaison.

“Through their summer learning opportunities these students have gained a wealth of insight and knowledge on the day-to-day work in Facilities Management and the many benefits of working

at Auburn University. It is my hope that in the coming years this program will expand, and we are able to attract future AU employees prior to their high school graduation.

“It is an honor and a privilege to help our young people explore various job opportunities and to expose them to our AU campus experience this summer.”

With this being the inaugural year for the program, all students who applied were accepted.

Facilities Management hopes the program will continue to grow over the years to include more students and a greater variety of job opportunities.

# General Announcements

## Congratulations

**Cory Akers** - who received her PACE certification (Professional Administrative Certification of Excellence).

**Kevin Jones** - who was promoted to Tech II, Sheet Metal in Fabrication on May 17.

**Utilities & Energy** - for passing 1,600 days since their last recordable injury.

**Utilities & Energy** - for passing 300 days since their last vehicle incident.

**Frank Chappell** - Carpenter II - Zone 4 - retiring effective July 1

## Employment Opportunities

For positions currently posted, please scan the QR code below:



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).

## Welcome New Employees

**Walker Aldhizer** - Tech I, HVACR - Zone 2 - May 22

**Sabian Jiles** - Plumber I - PM Shop - May 22

**Ezra Robinson** - TES - Landscape Services - May 29

**Michael Morris** - TES Inventory Control Clerk - Materials Management - May 31

**Michael Brewer** - Career Connections Student - Materials Management - June 6

**Jereian Brown** - Career Connections Student - Zones - June 6

**Shakyya Farmer** - Career Connections Student - Zones - June 6

**Rasean Matthews** - Career Connections Student - Fabrication - June 6

**Carter Mayo** - Career Connections Student - Automotive - June 6

**Price McWhorter** - Career Connections Student - Landscape Services - June 6

**Christian Nelson** - Career Connections Student - Landscape Services - June 6

**Quenton Rachel** - Career Connections Student - Waste Reduction & Recycling - June 6



## Congratulations to the following FM employees who received a cash award for May 2022:

- Corrina Akers
- Michael Barron
- Joey Bearden
- Danny Bentley
- Kenneth Bledsoe
- Larry Brazell
- Emily Bryant
- Fred Buchanan
- James Casper
- Michael Cobb
- Kevin Courtwright
- Junior Decker
- Paul Dickinson
- Richard Eller
- Joseph Ellis
- Timothy Etchison
- Jerontavious Flournoy
- Troy Futral
- Mickey Harrington
- Owen Hartley
- Michael Hood
- Kenny Howard
- William Ivey
- Tristian Jackson
- Elijah Jenkins
- Kent Johnson
- Julius Johnston
- Doug Kennedy
- Eric Kennedy
- Chase Kilpatrick
- James Knox
- Neil Lawson
- Blake Lloyd
- Brian Martin
- Wes Miller
- Darryl Mitchell
- Eric Moon
- Marcus Moore
- Chris Murphy
- Jevon Percival
- James Peters
- Mark Pierce
- Dustyn Rougier
- Matthew Sanders
- Michael Sanford
- Scott Simpson
- Anthony Stehman
- Logan Stephenson
- Edward Struzick
- Chad Thomas
- Phillip Thompson
- Tony Tucker
- John Vollar
- Zach Vollar
- Anthony Walker
- Anne Wilbourne
- Ray Willett
- Tyler Winchester
- Tony Wolfe
- Zach Wright
- Jason Yeomans
- Roberto Zugazaga

## Facilities YouTube highlights campus work



*Kelly O'Neal-Young discusses her history with the Hill dorms as part of a recent YouTube video highlighting the demolition project.*

The Facilities Management YouTube continues to churn out quality content to show campus and the greater community what's currently happening with construction at Auburn as well as what Facilities is all about.

The most recent video is a memorial to the Hill featuring Construction Project Manager Kelly O'Neal-Young discussing her history with the Hill as a student then coming back as the lead of the demolition. Other recent videos include general coverage of the Hill dorm demolition and

the second part of the Coming in 2022 series, showcasing three of our largest projects in 2022, the Academic Classroom and Laboratory Complex, Football Performance Center and Tony & Libba Rane Culinary Science Center.

## Lemonade and Popcorn Event



*From left, Nate Puckett, Inventory Control, and Jessica Johnson, Human Resources.*

The Facilities Human Resources Lemonade and Popcorn event took place Thursday, June 24 between buildings 5 and 7.

It couldn't have come at a better time with highs just shy of or right at 100 that week and heat indexes in the triple digits.

HR served more than 200 bags of popcorn and seven gallons of lemonade during the event.

Thank you, Facilities HR!