

Greg Hayes wins Safety Professional of the Year Award



Facilities Safety Manager Greg Hayes recently received the Safety Professional of the Year Award for his efforts during the recent pandemic.

By Sara Wilson

Greg Hayes, safety manager for Facilities Management, was recently awarded the 2022 Safety Professional of the Year award from the Associated Builders and Contractors of Alabama.

“I was very humbled because this is an award recognized amongst your peers,” Hayes said. “I know the people who have received this award in the past, and they are all great leaders in the field of safety. I’m humbled, shocked and honored to be recognized by the outstanding organization of ABC of Alabama.”

Each year, the Safety Professional of the Year award is awarded to one individual, making it the highest honor to receive. According to Jay Reed, president of the ABC board, the award is given to an individual who has displayed exceptional knowledge and service to their

company, ABC membership and the industry.

Reed touched on how Hayes’ dedication led to his win. Ultimately, his dedication to safety during the COVID-19 pandemic led to his nomination and winning of the award.

“During Greg’s two years of serving as chairman, ABC of Alabama experienced an unprecedented pandemic which resulted in an unprecedented amount of needs from our membership related to safety and health in the workplace,” Reed said. “Greg’s leadership provided an invaluable resource to the industry in a most trying time.”

Dan Whatley, assistant vice president of Facilities Operations, emphasized the honor of Hayes’ win and the value that he brings to Facilities Management.

“In a time where it would have been

easy to put the group on the back-burner, Greg continued to push it forward and lead for the good of the entire organization,” Whatley said. “He is a hard worker who focuses on how he can improve things for our team here at Facilities Management.

“His presence on our team has made a difference, and I am excited to see where he takes our safety program moving forward.”

Hayes expressed gratitude for those who have helped him on his journey.

“I would like to thank Dan Whatley for giving me the opportunity here,” Hayes said. “Most of all, I would also like to thank my wife, Lisa, and children; Syd, Cricket and AK, for their support and encouragement through the years.”

For more information on the ABC of Alabama, visit www.abc-alabama.org.

General Announcements

Waste and Recycling Workers Week, June 13-17



The Waste Reduction and Recycling team plays a vital role in keeping campus clean and green. We thank all waste and recycling workers who work to keep neighborhoods and streets safe and clean and for the hard work they do all year long. Consider ways you can reduce, reuse and recycle items that would otherwise be thrown in the trash.

Congratulations

Kenneth Byrd, Custodial Services, who has been accepted to participate in the Supervisor Pathways Program.

Sarah Rakestraw for passing the LEED Green Associate Exam.

Chris Murphy for passing the Architectural Registration Exam making him a licensed architect.

Charles Locke, who was promoted to Assistant Supervisor of Construction on May 23.

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Jelani Moore, graduate assistant, who graduated with his master's degree in Community Planning. He has served Facilities Management since August 2020 where he worked on initiatives in the plan vault. He was recently hired by the city of Montgomery's Planning Department.

Welcome New Employees

Miriam Stark – Student Worker – Waste Reduction and Recycling – May 9

Allison Bishop – Student Worker – Contracts – May 9

Grace Wright – Student Worker – Plan Vault – April 24

Meredith Hand – Student Worker – Interior Design – May 9

Caroline Casteel – Student Worker – Interior Design – May 9

Liam O'Daniel – Student Worker – Construction Management – May 9

Stephan Jones – Student Worker – Construction Management – May 9

Nikki Washington – Mgr IV,

Facilities Project – Construction Management – April 4

Retirements/Resignations

Frank Chappell – Carpenter II – Zone 4 – retiring effective July 1

Adrian Bosio – Tech I, HVACR – PM Shop – retired effective April 1

Vincent Cicchino – Automotive – resigned May 6

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.



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

- Philip Black
- Jeff Brisky
- Whitney Brock
- Emily Bryant
- Michael Cobb
- Tracy Dixon
- Jeffrey Dyal
- Joseph Ellis
- Lawrence Estes
- Wesley Farrow
- Vincent Ford
- Jim Fuller
- Broderick Gibson
- Jeffrey Gullede
- Joel Hunter
- Brad Johnson
- Tyrone Johnson
- Bart Jones
- Joseph Joyner
- George Kirkpatrick
- Jerry Ledbetter
- Blake Lloyd
- Scott McClure
- Grant McDonald
- Wesley Miller
- Darryl Mitchell
- Joe Moody
- Marcus Moore
- William Mooror
- Stephanie Morgan
- Cory O'Neal
- Robert Parham
- Pedro Ramirez
- Michael Sanford
- Dalton Sconyers
- Matt Skinner
- Anthony Smith
- Lance Stockman
- Mary Melissa Taddeo
- Philip Thompson
- Tony Tucker
- Burke Wagoner
- Nathan Wohleb
- Zach Wright
- Jason Yeomans

Facilities Employee Highlight: Landscaping's Jeff Dyal



There are few people who travel Samford Lawn that Jeff Dyal doesn't recognize or know on a first-name basis.

Retired Maj. Jeff Dyal joined Facilities Management after spending 25 years with the U.S. Marine Corps as an active soldier during Operation Iraqi Freedom in Iraq as well as an ROTC instructor at Auburn University.

After retiring from the Marines in 2014, he became the program director for Auburn Youth Programs before becoming the assistant director of Auburn's Office of Professional and Continuing Education.

Now, he spends his time caring for Samford Lawn, knowing the names of what seems like every person who walks by and going above and beyond by collecting thrown toilet paper rolls for local shelters.

It was quite the journey that brought him to Facilities, and he's never been more satisfied.

What encouraged you to join landscaping?

I talked to my wife for a long time about that. When we saw this piece on landscapes, I loved it.

It's not stressful, and there's plenty of people to talk to, which my passion is servicing people. I love the service aspect. You get to provide for everybody at the absolutely busiest place on campus.

Why do you collect the toilet paper rolls from Toomer's celebrations?

As they roll the toilet paper, it doesn't come out. If they get a great throw, it'll go all the way over, but most of the time it's gonna stick up in the tree.

So then you've got all these rolls of toilet paper wasted, and I'm just thinking, golly, you know, we can we can actually take this and do something positive.

I get another trash bag and then I put all those rolls into it. I take it home. I laughed because my daughters are just like, 'Dad, what are you doing? Why do you have 160 rolls of toilet paper?' And that was from one roll, that was one rolling was 175 usable rolls.

So I reached out to (Landscape Services Director Justin Sutton) saying, 'We have all this toilet paper that I think could go to good use.' I was thinking homeless initially, right? And he said, 'Well, here's three that we already partner with who could use it potentially.' So I called all three and they said absolutely. When I first heard about it I was like it makes so much sense. So we're turning bad into good.

What is your favorite thing about working with the Facilities team?

My favorite thing about Facilities is the people. The people are hardworking, and these guys have so much life experience, it's invaluable what you can get from them. I learn something every day.

Ken Martin receives master's in engineering

Story courtesy of Carla Nelson with the College of Engineering

When Ken Martin, director of utilities and energy at Auburn University, decided to return to the classroom to complete a master's degree, the Master of Engineering Management through the Department of Industrial and Systems Engineering was the perfect fit.

Martin graduated with a degree in mechanical engineering from Auburn University in 1998. He originally worked in manufacturing before accepting a position with Auburn in 2004.

"We always had that nice employee discount sitting out there to take classes, but I never could figure out what the program was that fit me best," Martin said. "Eventually this program came up with engineering management and I just thought it was a good fit for me and what I do with tying the business side into the engineering piece. It was the right fit at the right time."

Martin graduated with the Master of Engineering Management in



December and chose the "systems" program option.

"I work at Facilities Management on campus and it's a big organization, but we also deal with the total picture within the campus and must think about stakeholders," Martin said. "Those classes fit well in just thinking globally on projects, especially on some of our bigger construction projects that could impact a lot of people."

Although it wasn't easy at times,

Martin finished his degree in three years. The Master of Engineering Management has opened opportunities at Auburn University that would not be available to him otherwise.

"I have encouraged some junior folks in our department to look at this degree," Martin said. "If you want to steer out of the pure engineering work and take on more of a leadership role, this program will help with that."

More than 350 tennis balls recycled



Waste Reduction and Recycling has recycled more than 350 tennis balls (45 pounds) from the university's tennis courts. During the recycling process, the ball is ground up and the felt is separated from the rubber. The rubber crumb can be used in the construction of tennis courts, as plant and garden mulch and cover, equestrian footing and playgrounds. About 125 million used tennis balls wind up in America's landfills every year.

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