

Career Connections program begins its second year



High school student Emmanuel “Manny” Situmorang working with Nate Puckett, to check a vendor inventory list.

Facilities Management Human Resources department recently began its second-annual summer Career Connections program.

The Career Connections program offers high school students a career pathway by raising awareness and building relationships through the different types of jobs and services at Facilities Management.

A goal of the program is to educate the students’ parents of the benefits and rewards of working with Facilities Management because most parents want their kids to go to college, without thinking about the trades.

“I sent out a lot of information to the parents that let them know there are good careers that aren’t necessarily college driven,” said Loren Winn, director of Facilities Management

Human Resources. “I also let them know if they do want their child to go to college, they can work for us full time and get a free college education.”

Human Resources invited students ranging from Lee, Tallapoosa, Coosa and Macon Counties to apply through in-class programming and bringing them to tour Facilities Management.

“The application process was a standard AU TES application, and our initial goal when we opened the position was to have 15 students,” said Hayley White, Human Resources generalist.

Applications for the program closed May 12 with 40 applicants showing a significant interest in the program. This summer, 15 students are taking part in the program. This surpasses

the Summer 2022 program of only seven students.

Students will undergo on-the-job training that fits within child labor laws in order to get a feel for the job as safely as possible. Students will also get the chance to build relationships as they shadow their designated supervisor to learn and grow in their aspiring skills.

Another goal of the program is to inform students of the jobs and careers available to them that they might not be aware of, helping them have a better understanding of what it’s like in these positions during the summer. Students have the option to work in Landscape Services, Utilities and Energy, Maintenance, or Campus Services.

“If you take a look at the workforce, for many years, they’ve talked about a skills gap where a lot of people are now retiring, with no one really coming into these positions,” Winn said. “So it’s important to inform students that there are very good careers in these fields.”

Students wear a pair of work boots, previous years’ safety T-shirts, neon yellow vests and a name badge.

If you see students around the facility, make sure you say “Hey!”

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General Announcements *May*

Welcome New Employees

Alissa Johnson – Student Worker, Interior Design – PD&C – May 8

Jared Adams – Student Worker, Interior Design – PD&C – May 8

Anna Bradley – Energy Engineer III – Energy Management – May 8

Daniel Keeble – Tech II – Landscape – May 8

Mallory Morris – Student Worker, Interior Design – PD&C – May 8

Ja’cori Richardson – IT Co-Op – Facilities IT – May 15

Price McWhorter – TES Landscape Services – Landscape Services – May 22

Hayden Turner – Student Support Assistant – PD&C – May 22

John Hammond – Groundskeeper II – Landscape Services – June 5

Ryan Landry – Assistant Director – Utilities and Energy – June 20

Retirements/Resignations

Kenneth Byrd – Supervisor, Custodian – Custodial Services – resigned April 28

Jerry Ledbetter – Tech II Construction – Heavy Construction – retired effective May 1

Anthony Green – Tech II, Solid Waste – Waste Reduction and Recycling – resigned May 8

Anthony Lewis – Tech I, Solid Waste – Waste Reduction and Recycling – resigned May 12

Craig Kerr – Plumber I – Maintenance Zone 1 – retiring effective July 1

Mike McCormick – Supervisor, Utility Services – Utility Services – retiring effective July 1

Congratulations to the following FM employees who received a cash award for April 2023:

- Corrina Akers
- Stephen Akers
- Walker Aldhizer
- Coy Bass
- Richard Caldwell
- Terry Carter
- Christopher Coleman
- Kyle Cordie
- Tracy Dixon
- Jeffrey Dyal
- Etch Etchison
- Wesley Farrow
- Charles Greenlee
- Laurie Hanson
- Noelle Hattier
- Travis Herrmann
- Michael Hood
- Richard McLawhorn
- Jeffery Puckett
- Randy Rogers
- Dalton Sconyers
- Cole Shafer
- Arlin Spraggins
- Lance Stockman
- Joshua Strong
- Justin Sutton
- Travis Tally
- Benjamin Tarvin
- Nolan Torbert
- Garrett Vest
- Brook Ward
- Andy White

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 Facilities Human Resources at fm_engage@auburn.edu.

Introducing our 2023 Career Connections students and their FM supervisors *Cont. from page 1*

Name	School	Grade	Assignment	Supervisor
Will Whatley	Auburn	10th	Automotive	Mark Carroll
Lelia Parker	Auburn	11th	Automotive	Mark Carroll
Luke Campbell	Auburn	11th	Fab/Carp rotation	Tony Wolfe/Darrin Moody
Isaiah Watts	Auburn	12th	Fab/Carp rotation	Tony Wolfe/Darrin Moody
Nathaniel King	Auburn	11th	Fab/Carp rotation	Tony Wolfe/Darrin Moody
Roderick Ware	Opelika	11th	Landscaping	Wes Miller/Ray Willett
Tyler Young	Auburn	11th	Landscaping	Wes Miller/Ray Willett
Semaj Card	Auburn	10th	Landscaping	Wes Miller/Ray Willett
Ashlee Allday	Auburn	11th	Mail Room	Anthony Driver/John Raiford
Parker Weatherley	Beauregard	11th	Trades rotation	Travis Tally
Theodore Herrmann	Auburn	11th	Trades rotation	Shawn Harrelson
Jared Van Horn	Opelika	10th	Trades rotation	Grant Kirby
Jaden Tankersley	Auburn	11th	Trades rotation	Shane Johnson
Jason Conner Black	Auburn	12th	Landscaping	Wes Miller/Ray Willett
Emmanuel Situmorang	Auburn	12th	Warehouse	Bobby Horn

WRRD partners with Engineering for new recycling program

The Waste Reduction and Recycling Department has partnered with the university's Center for Polymers and Advanced Composites (CPAC) for a newly launched 3D printing filament recycling program titled "ReMake."

"Nearly all materials on campus that go into the waste and recycling bins are trucked off campus for disposal and processing," said Jesse Teel,

coordinator of waste reduction and recycling on campus.

"The miles those materials travel make for a larger carbon footprint. Processing 3D waste on campus creates a closed loop for that material without adding miles, which reduces carbon production and waste overall."

Read more:

<https://aub.ie/WRRDarticle>



FM Training Center construction update



Major utility and slab work have been completed for the Facilities Management Training Center outside Building 1. The structure's steel frame currently is being erected, and the building is expected to be complete by January 2024.

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