



Division of Facilities



Newsletter



We Can Move Mountains as a Team

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This past year has been full of challenges. A personal goal was to try to align our teams of [Building Maintenance, Construction, Energy & Controls Management, and the Utilities & Power Plant](#) to accomplish projects in house by working together, and to save money. We've had some great opportunities to do that, with more coming up on the calendar.

Our first project involved the cooperation of **Troy Bronaugh's** team ([Building Maintenance Zone 5](#)), **Matt Smith** from Energy & Controls, **James "Skip" Davis** and **Charlie Kranz** from our Construction Team, and our **Power Plant Team** led by **Chris Falley and Roger Hageman**. Together, we researched, planned, ordered, removed the old, and replaced three rooftop units. We also had to re-pipe and

install new controls on 50 fan coil units and 5 air-handling units.

There were several parts to this process including scheduling the units to arrive on a Saturday, unhook and remove the old units, install the new units, and have them hooked up and started in a week.



Our Facilities Crew rigged and lifted the old unit up off the roof at Lafene and sent it to recycling.



We worked our plan as a team and the factory was able to have all three units running by the following Friday. I want to send out a “Thank-You” to Shecky and Jim at Lafene for being understanding and good to work with through this process. Thanks to Troy, Chris, and Roger for doing a great job scheduling your normal maintenance duties and still making time to get this job done. You and your crews made it a success.

A new unit is lifted and placed down on the roof curb of Lafene.

Our next opportunity came at the end of July when an older chiller at Ahearn failed. We were able to re-purpose a chiller from Anderson Hall that was removed during the

campus chilled water project. By utilizing the Anderson chiller, the down time to Kinesiology and the locker rooms was limited to a couple of weeks. Installing this unit allowed us to connect additional equipment and boost efficiency while removing two other old, inefficient chillers from service. We are now replacing the chiller at Lafene with one removed from Call Hall during the chilled water project in 2016.

This work is not easy to schedule around everyday duties, but is very doable. With motivation, good planning, and teamwork we can accomplish great things. It may take a little extra time for us to complete a project, but by using all of our resources, our Division of Facilities Team can move mountains when we work together.



A new AHU #4 at Lafene is set in place and ready to hook up to the electrical.

The repurposed Anderson Hall chiller is in place and in service at Ahearn.



**PERSISTENCE IS THE
MOST POWERFUL
FORCE ON EARTH, IT
CAN MOVE MOUNTAINS**

ALBERT EINSTEIN

Welcome To Our TEAM!

The Division of Facilities is always excited to welcome new employees to our Facilities Team. It takes a lot of People-Power to keep our campus running smoothly so we are glad YOU'RE HERE!



ERIC COX was hired as a Maintenance & Repair Tech for Zone 2.
He is working for Mike Paph.



JUSTIN ESTES was hired as a HVAC Tech for Building Maintenance Zone 2.
He is working for Mike Paph.



DWAYNE McCALLUM was hired as a Custodial Specialist for Vet Med.
He is working for Thomas O'Briant.



KATIE DAVIDSON was hired as a Custodial Specialist for Vet Med.
She is working for Thomas O'Briant.



MATTHEW BEACH was hired as a Custodial Specialist.
He is working for Beverly Price.



JOHN CYR was hired as a Custodial Specialist.
He is working for Beverly Price.



CHRIS LUSEBRINK was hired as a Custodial Specialist.
He is working for Beverly Price.



QUENTIN (JB) RAWLINS was hired as a Custodial Specialist.
He is working for Beverly Price.



DALE CORBIN was hired as a Maintenance & Repair Tech for Zone 4.
He is working for Galen Hageman.



ASHLEY LOFF was hired as a Custodial Specialist for Vet Med.
She is working for Thomas O'Briant.



AMANDA ALLARD was hired as a Custodial Specialist for Vet Med.
She is working for Thomas O'Briant.



ROBERT BERTHAUME JR. was hired as a Custodial Specialist.
He is working for Stephanie Brecheisen.



BRIAN STILL was hired as Maintenance Manager for Construction.
He is working for Ed Heptig.



THALIA ORTIZ-AYALA was hired as a Custodial Specialist.
She is working for Stephanie Brecheisen.



KEVIN SEIBERT was hired as a Custodial Specialist.
He is working for Stephanie Brecheisen.



XAVIER WATKINS was hired as a Custodial Specialist.
He is working for Stephanie Brecheisen.



MATT COOPER was hired as a Plumber for Zone 1.
He is working for Travis Homeier.



PAUL ASLIN was hired as an Energy & Utilities Tech for Energy & Controls.
He is working for Gary Weishaar.



JOSHUA PRATT was hired as a Custodial Specialist.
He is working for Jean Reynolds.



BRIAUNNA MARTIN-BURRIS was hired as a Custodial Specialist.
She is working for Mike Price.



NELSON MARQUEZ HERNANDEZ was hired as a Custodial Specialist.
He is working for Mary Grubbs.



CHRIS CARUSO was hired as a Custodial Specialist.
He is working for Stephanie Brecheisen.



RICHARD SANTIAGO was hired as a Plumber for Zone 3.
He is working for Shelly Hauck.



SCOTT BACKMAN was hired as a Maintenance & Repair Tech II for Zone 5.
He is working for Troy Bronaugh.



CURTIS BARBEE was hired as a Plumber for Zone 1.
He is working for Travis Homeier.



TIM MACHADO was hired as a Power Plant Operator.
He is working for Tim Brunner.

KUDOS!...

- ...to **HEATH LARSON** (Zone 3), **JOY KNUTSON** (Customer Service), **DARRIN DOHRMAN** (Grounds & Landscaping), and **CLIFFORD WILLIAMS** (Custodial Services) for providing such great service and assistance in efforts to improve the appearance of General Myers Hall.



Heath Larson



Joy Knutson



Darrin Dohrman



Clifford Williams

“...I wanted to personally thank the Facilities Team for all the support! What a difference they have helped make. It would not have been possible without the support of ‘Beef’ (Heath Larson), Ms. Joy, Mr. Darrin, and Clifford. You have a great team!”

-Robert Leicht Jr., Professor of Military Science



- ...to our **GROUND'S CREW, CUSTODIAL CREW, CONSTRUCTION CREW, and STEVE ROWE (Zone 5)** for doing such a great job of clearing and removing snow after the storm on Sunday, December 15th. Campus roads and sidewalks were in **GREAT** shape for students and employees on Monday.

“...I wanted to give a shout out and thank you to the Facilities staff. I thought they did an outstanding job of getting campus ready for today...

...please pass on my thanks!”

Jay Stephens, Vice President, Human Capital Services



- **...to our BLUEMONT HALL CUSTODIAL TEAM** for doing such a great job taking care of Bluemont Hall!

*"Dean Debbie Mercer asked that I send you a note about our custodial team in Bluemont Hall. They are awesome! They are very thorough in their cleaning and so responsive to anything we point out to them. Bluemont Hall has never looked better. We especially appreciate all that **Kelly Cheever** does on our floor. In addition, their supervisor, **Mike Price**, has been exceptional in creating a great team atmosphere. It is so wonderful to have an opportunity to say thank you to such an awesome group. Merry Christmas!"*

-Pam Monroe, College of Education

**Way to
go Team!**

- **...to JONATHAN BAGWELL (Custodial Services)** for providing excellent customer service to the School of Music, Theatre, and Dance in McCain Auditorium.



"...Thank you for all that you do!"

Kara Whitaker, Senior in Music Education

**"WE ARE WHAT WE REPEATEDLY DO; EXCELLENCE,
THEN, IS NOT AN ACT BUT A HABIT."
~ARISTOTLE**

Don't Forget!

As we approach the holiday break, please make sure all windows are closed in your building and all unnecessary lights are turned off. Additionally, if your radiator has been turned off, please turn it back

on. Leaving windows open and/or heat off results in frozen pipes, unwelcome 'visitors', and damage from snow and/or rain.

As a reminder, our entire custodial team will shift to days effective January 2, 2020. Daycare staff will work 4:00 AM to 12:30 PM. The

majority of other team members will work 5:00 AM until 1:30 PM. Although we do not anticipate any issues, please be patient during our transition. Communication will be key to ensuring your concerns are addressed. Please contact customer service (532-6389) if you should

need emergency custodial services during normal business hours. If a custodial emergency arises outside of normal business hours, please contact KSU police dispatch at 532-6412. They will notify our team. Please feel free to contact me should you have questions or concerns. I can be reached at 532-1789 or via e-mail at lindacraghead@ksu.edu. Happy Holidays!

- Linda Craghead, Director of Custodial Services

Happy Retirement!

Congratulations to several members of our Facilities employees who have reached that beautiful season of life called "retirement"! We are **SO GRATEFUL** for your valued years of service and wish you all the best as you begin this next chapter in your life!



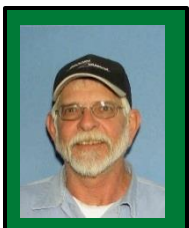
Congratulations to Greg Fief!

Greg was a Plumber for Zone 3 and retired on October 1st.



Congratulation to Sharon Slack!

Sharon was a Custodial Specialist for Vet Med and retired on November 2nd.



Congratulations to James Hartford!

James was a Landscape Tech II for Grounds & Landscaping and retired on December 1st.