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Finally! Rain, cooler temperatures, and Eagle football season: not sure which I am most excited to see, but I am certainly glad for all three. You will note in this edition that we continue to impress and serve our customers well, as seen by their notes to us and our acknowledgement of some of our top performers…great job to all and for being great ambassadors for Facilities Services and GSU! Also, we continue to move sustainability initiatives forward. It is an exciting time, and being named to The Princeton Review's Guide to
353 Green Colleges for the fifth year in a row is particularly satisfying. Great job to all!

As we continue to move into this fiscal year, I ask each of you to be cognizant of our daily priorities. We need to first service the customer. We need to be wise fiscal stewards of our funds and our customers' funds. Lastly, we need to be on time, on budget and do quality work. While we have broad organizational themes that we have talked about: sustainability, the look of the campus, the reorganization of Facilities Planning, Design & Construction, adding more staff, etc., we will not be successful if we forget to —block and tackle!! (Sorry to non-football fans, I had to use a football analogy).

Again, thanks for working hard, working smart, continuing to work safe and having fun!

GO EAGLES!!!

Marv
Marvin D. Mills, Jr.
Associate Vice President for Facilities
Shooting Sports Education Center

Shooting Sports Education Center is now open! For information on programs and activities please visit SSEC on the web.

Ribbon Cutting at Dan J. Parrish, Sr. Building

- Ceremony was held on October 17, 2015.
- Renovations included: demolition, addition of new walls, doors and frames, new finishes, refurbishing the existing HVAC system, upgrade of electrical and low voltage system, upgrade of existing fire system and other miscellaneous items.
- With a budget of $450,000, the Dan J. Parrish, Sr. building was renovated to house a large portion of the GSU Athletic Department. Michelle Stewart (GSU Interior Designer) was the key lead person. Construction Manager was TD Contractors, Inc.
A Solar Tracker was installed on the back of the stadium press box on October 2, 2015.

A monitoring station connected to the equipment will allow the solar energy potential at Georgia Southern University to be monitored throughout the
Equipment to measure the magnitude, direction, and duration of incident thermal radiation from the sun will be installed. The data will be analyzed to determine the viability and cost effectiveness of using solar energy as an energy source on campus and recommendations will be made as to which, if any, technology would be appropriate to use on campus.

**Solar Energy Potential at GSU**

Pictured above are: Electricians **Jeremy Davis** and **Marshall Lanier**

**Facilities Operations Employees at Work**
In Spring 2015 the Student Sustainability Fee grants provided a total of $18,000 towards 3 grants awarded to Dr. Ann Hamilton, Dr. Celine Manoosingh and Dr. Mary Villapontdeaux. As part of this, Facilities was able to purchase 14 bottle filler stations. Installation has begun on campus and you can find the new stations in the Library, COE, Nursing-Chemistry, COBA, CEIT, Engineering Tech, Newton and Carroll.

Not only will the grants purchase the bottle filler units but also provides Dr. Manoosingh funds for a campus wide campaign to make students aware of the environmental impacts of plastic water bottles.
“Just a note to thank you all for your hard work and effort that went into last week’s Leadership Georgia event. We truly could not have pulled off that large of an event without your willingness, time and attention. You all are tasked with so much responsibility on this campus. Taking time out of your normal duties, to assist us, was above and beyond the call of duty. We salute you and look forward to working with you again in the near future.

If our office can ever be of assistance to you in any way, please don’t hesitate to ask us.”

Kind regards,
Suzanne Tatum
Assistant Vice President for External Affairs and Chief Protocol Officer

Facilities Purchases Ford C-Max Hybrids
EHS supported the Dean of Students "Tell Someone" initiative to educate students on the importance of bystander intervention at the Russell Union Rotunda on September 16, 2015. EHS educated students on AEDs at the event, where students were able to see how an AED works with the demo unit. Students were also educated about AED program resources such as: the AED website, App, and brochure.
October is National Fire Safety Month

The month of October is dedicated to help raise awareness to reduce the number of fires and fire related injuries throughout the United States. Please take a few minutes to review Fire Safety Tips for your home and use the Home Fire Safety Checklist to assess your home for any fire safety risks. If you have any questions, please contact your local fire department or the Georgia Southern University Fire Marshal.

Statesboro Fire Department visits Child Development Center

Fire safety week was held October 4th through the 10th this year throughout the United States, and it is targeted towards elementary school children. The Statesboro Fire Department visited the GSU Child Development Center on October 9, 2015 to talk to the children about fire safety. The kids were taught how to “Stop, Drop, and Roll”, “Crawl Low to Escape Smoke”, and toured the fire truck.
GSU Fire Marshal speaks to The Exchange Club on October 20 about fire prevention and fire safety.

Pictured above are Bubba Hunt (President of Exchange Club), Chris Colson (GSU Fire Marshal), and Brannen Smith (Board of Exchange)
DFS Welcomes New University Fire Marshal

Chris Colson became Georgia Southern's new Fire Marshal on September 1, 2015. Previously, Mr. Colson worked with the Statesboro Fire Department for 13 years. During his tenure there, he worked his way through the ranks beginning as a Probationary Firefighter and ending as a Division Chief of Prevention (City of Statesboro Fire Marshal). He obtained numerous certifications as well as awards with the Fire Department. He has chaired many committees and special operations teams, such as the Southeast Georgia Region 3 Hazardous Materials Response Team. Mr. Colson brings a vast wealth of knowledge with him to GSU.

He is a native of Statesboro with most of his family serving various capacities in the public services section. He is married with three kids and enjoys his family, motorcycles, and football. He is committed to serving GSU to ensure all buildings, faculty, staff, students and visitors are as safe as possible.

Employee Spotlight
New Hires & Promotions

Jim Tyler
Carpenter
Length at GSU: 2 Years
Hobbies: Football games and riding motorcycle
Best part of job: Coworkers are pleasant to be around
Favorite quote: "It is what it is."
If you had to eat one meal every day for the rest of your life, what would it be?
Peanut butter & jelly
Least favorite food: Rutabagas

LaShai Campbell
Budget Analyst
Length at GSU: 2 Years
Hobbies: Volunteering, traveling, and writing
Best part of job: Helping people with various tasks
Favorite quote: "If a task is once begun, never leave until it's done. Be the task big or small, do it well or not at all."
If you had to eat one meal every day for the rest of your life, what would it be?
Mac n cheese
Least favorite food: Green peas
Front Row L to R: Bobby Cooper (Painter), John Pate (Facilities Services Foreman), Blake Hicks (Electrician)
Back Row L to R: Chris Bradford (Painter), Jeremy Davis (Electrician Apprentice), Daniel Shuman (Electrician Apprentice), Matt Elrod (Contracts Administrator)
Not Pictured: Sam Futch (Maintenance Worker), Zachary Matzen (HVAC Preventive Maintenance Worker), Justin Sowell (HVAC Preventive Maintenance Worker), Juthika Golder (GIS Specialist)