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DFS Welcomes New AVP

Please join us in welcoming Katherine V. Twining, CEFP to the Division of Facilities Services as the new Associate Vice President for Facilities! Katie has a Bachelor of Science in Biology from Mount Saint Mary's University in Maryland. She is married with two kids (Madeline and Elena) and lives with her family in Richmond Hill.

Katie comes to Georgia Southern after her most recent role as the Director of Facilities and Construction at Armstrong State University where she served for three and a half years. Prior to that, Katie was the Director of Custodial Operations and Operational Excellence Manager at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas which followed her roles at Washington & Jefferson College where she served for thirteen years in various positions including Assistant Director of Residence Life for Housing, Service Response Manager, Assistant Director of Facilities, and Interim Director of Facilities.



NeoCon 2017

Georgia Southern's Interior Design team had the opportunity to travel to Chicago, IL to take part in NeoCon 2017, as an opportunity to learn about the industry's best practices and new technologies. NeoCon is the largest attended exposition and conference in the Interior Design industry and has evolved into one of the most recognized and attended trade shows in the industry with 50 years of past shows. The conference remains the premier platform for connecting, learning, and doing business in the industry. "With the new Interdisciplinary Academic building and many new designs on the horizon, this was a great opportunity for the team to personally view quality and latest trends in furniture, mobile partitions, finishes, textiles, floor coverings, and ceiling systems from more than 500 manufacturers within the trade show," stated Michelle Stewart, Senior Interior Designer. The team looks forward to going to the next available NeoCon conference.



Pictured in top left are **Michelle Stewart**, Senior Interior Designer and **Natalie Sands**, Interior Designer

New Facilities Project Request Process

We have a NEW process for requesting a project with FPD&C!

If you would like to have the Facilities Planning, Design, and Construction group provide an estimate for a project, please go to <http://bf.georgiasouthern.edu/facilities/project-initiation-form/> to submit a Facilities Project Request form. After opening the link, simply click “**Add Document**” and complete all sections (funding source, scope of project, purpose of project, and current allocation of space, etc.) of the form, then click “**Submit**”. After submitting a request, a Project Manager with FPD&C will be assigned to the request and will complete an estimate. If approved by the department and Facilities Services, a Project Manager will contact you to schedule a kickoff meeting.

Note: Any new project requests that alter the face of the campus will require review and approval by the Presidential Cabinet and should be presented to the Presidential Cabinet by the respective department’s Vice President.

***** Please note that all maintenance requests should still be submitted via the TMA system and Facilities Operations will address the issue.**



This form should NOT be used to report routine repairs and maintenance.

Please use the following link to submit a work order request. <http://tma.bfit.georgiasouthern.edu/>

Project Information

Name:	<input type="text"/>	Department:	<input type="text" value="▼"/>
Email:	<input type="text"/>	Building:	<input type="text" value="▼"/>
Funding source if project is approved (Speed Chart#):	<input type="text" value="*"/>	<input type="text"/>	
Scope of Project:	<input type="text" value="*"/>		
Purpose of Project:	<input type="text" value="*"/>		
Is the space currently allocated to your department?	<input type="text" value="*"/>		
Project to be funded by?	<input type="text" value="*"/>		
<input type="button" value="Submit Form"/>			

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Thank You to Megan Bowen



The Division took time to pay special thanks to **Megan Bowen** this month. Megan is an Administrative Assistant in the Grounds and Landscape department who went above and beyond her normal job duties to ensure that the new uniform contract went off without a hitch! This required months of research and coordination wherein she worked directly with procurement, each department head, the Interim AVP, and the Director of Business Operations as well as Housing and the multiple representatives from the vendor. Through her efforts, the Division has many new uniform options and even participated in a roll out celebration for employees. Thank you Megan!!



Patricia Eason, Custodian, is pictured above showing one of the new uniform shirts.

Recycling at Operation Move-In 2017

Wesley Woods and **Brett Monroe**, Health and Safety Technicians, were spotted on Operation Move-in day recycling cardboard. Georgia Southern University Environmental Health and Safety Department partnered with the Center for Sustainability, University Housing and Auxiliary Facilities and Residential Life to recycle during Operation Move-In.



DFS Team at Student Job Fair

On August 17th, a student job fair was held in the Williams Center Multipurpose room. Departments from all over campus participated. DFS staff members were able to meet several students who were interested in positions within the Division of Facilities Services. Selected students visited building 450 within a week's time to interview for open positions.

Pictured from Left to Right: **Christy Brown** (Employee Services Specialist), **Tiffiney Gambill** (Director of Business Operations), **Matthew Shingler**, (Interim Director of Facilities Planning, Design & Construction), and **Kelly Close** (Director of Environmental Health & Safety)



Congrats to Taneka Rhymes

Taneka Rhymes, Custodian, was recently awarded a certificate in A-Z Grantwriting from Ogeechee Technical College.



GSU Finalist for the 2017 Climate Leadership Awards



GSU is a finalist for the 2017 Climate Leadership Awards! The University's innovative leadership in sustainability and resilience within the Presidents' Climate Leadership Commitments has been noticed.

The Division of Facilities Services regularly monitors environmental operations and projects across multiple departments on campus including academic, administrative, housing, and facilities. This data is collected and entered into **Second Nature Climate Action Plan** for Georgia Southern.

The winning institutions will be announced in September, and the awards ceremony will take place at the Greenbuild Leadership Awards Luncheon in Boston on Nov. 9. We thank Second Nature and the United States Green Building Council for this honor!

Georgia Campus Sustainability Conference



Electrical Shop Caught in Action!

Electrical Shop Electricians, **Claude Robertson** and **Jeremy Davis** are shown below installing the new solar fixtures around the walking trail at the RAC.



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