Division of Facilities Services hopes everyone enjoyed the campus shutdown and wishes you a very Happy New Year! There are many DFS initiatives taking place all over campus right now – everything from new construction to reconfiguring the website. All of these efforts will successfully be achieved through the hard work and dedication of our numerous employees at all of our campus locations. A very special thank you to our DFS employees in this time of tremendous change!!

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Facilities Leadership Updates

Welcome Kathryn Harrison

Please join us in welcoming Kathryn Harrison to the DFS team! Kathryn is the new Manager of Financial Services for DFS. She is joining us from University Housing where she previously served as the Operations Coordinator.

Kathryn is currently pursuing a PhD from the University of Georgia in Political and International Affairs, where she also graduated with a Bachelor's in Business Administration with a concentration in Marketing in 2006. Kathryn is also a Double Eagle! She graduated from GSU with a Bachelor's in International Studies and a Master's in Public Administration in 2009 and 2011, respectively.

Congratulations Bryan Rountree, Director, Building Operations

DFS is pleased to announce that Bryan Rountree has accepted the position of Director, Building Operations. Bryan joined DFS in 2010 and was most recently in the role of Mechanical Superintendent. He has over 20 years of combined construction and university experience. Bryan obtained his Bachelor of Science in Construction from Georgia Southern in 2001 and lives with his family in Twin City.

Congratulations Matthew Shingler, Director, Facilities Planning, Design, and Construction

DFS is also pleased to announce that Matthew Shingler has accepted the position
of Director, Facilities Planning, Design, and Construction. Matthew joined DFS in 2016 and most recently served as Interim Director in this role. He has over ten years of combined experience in private industry and the Higher Education field. Matthew obtained his Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from Georgia Tech in 2003 and currently lives with his family in Statesboro.

L to R: Matthew Shingler (Director, FPDC), Kathryn Harrison (Manager, Financial Services), and Bryan Rountree (Director, Building Operations).

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**Topping out IAB**

On October 6, 2017, the Facilities Planning, Design, and Construction team as well as external contractors CPPI/Lavender & Associates, celebrated the "topping out" of the Interdisciplinary Academic Building (IAB). The
Interdisciplinary Academic Building will house Interior Design, Fashion Merchandising and Apparel Design, Nutrition and Food Science, Foreign Language, History, General and Interdisciplinary Studies, an Advisement Center, as well as lecture halls, classrooms, and offices. IAB is set for completion July 12th, 2018. The topping out celebration took place on-site. "Topping out" is a builder’s tradition and celebration that takes place when the final beam is placed on the building.

CPPI/Lavender & Associates and Facilities Planning, Design, and Construction enjoying refreshments at topping out ceremony.
Final beam to be placed on the IAB.
Facilities Services Promotes Sustainability
This past fall, Environmental Health and Safety, promoted sustainability on and off-campus with informative sessions.

Tiffoni Buckle-McCartney (Sustainability Coordinator) and Patrick Allen (Student Assistant) share information about sustainable programs on campus at GreenFest 2017.
In September, GSU hosted the annual Georgia Campus Sustainability Network Annual Conference. Tiffoni Buckle-McCartney (Sustainability Coordinator) & Steve Watkins (Energy Manager) presented GSU's take on Climate Innovation and the Efficient Energy Management Program.
GSU Receives Award for Climate Leadership
Georgia Southern University was awarded an Honorable Mention from the Climate Leadership Awards! The awards are given by Second Nature and the U.S Green Building Council. Previously, it was announced that the university was a finalist. GSU was awarded the second highest honor that a university can receive in the Climate Leadership Awards. Georgia Southern was recognized for its work in education, service, and other initiatives to promote sustainability.

Eagles Help Beautify Their Campus
Grounds Supervisor (North Campus), Alicia Lanier, has been leading a volunteer initiative to encourage students to learn about their environment and contribute to the landscape of their campus. Once a semester, Lanier leads a group of students through an area on campus and teaches them about the plant life in the area and the importance of species to the landscape and sustainability of campus.
Volunteering students come from various majors and educational backgrounds. Many of them volunteer as a part of their service-learning for environmental science courses or the BUILD program. The volunteer work they do varies but typically includes invasive species removal and planting of pollinator plants. Lanier's goal for the volunteer program is to spread knowledge about various plant species and to encourage students to be more aware of their campus.
The Environmental Health and Safety department participated in the annual Benefits Fair to showcase information on AEDs as well as how to use a fire extinguisher properly. Team members also shared tips on working safely on campus.
**DFS Employees at Work**

Pictured is **Jeremy Davis**, an electrician in the Mechanical department of Facilities Services. Here he is installing solar panels at the Botanical Gardens.

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**Lighting of Sweetheart Circle**

The Department of Facilities Services got in the holiday spirit while attending the annual Lighting of Sweetheart Circle!
L to R: Katie Twining (AVP), Tiffiney Gambill (Director, Business Services), Kelly Close (Director, Environmental Health and Safety), Lawrence Driggers (Carpentry Supervisor), and Nicholas Herrington (Painter).
Helpful Resources

- DFS on the Web
- Directions to Facilities
- Electronic Access Form
- Key Request Form
- Newsletter Archive
- Safety Bulletins
- Staff Directory
- Work Request