



TO Facilities & Operations Department
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Happy Summer everyone! I am very excited about launching this newsletter to help keep our staff informed and up to date about what is going on in our department. I wanted to say thank you to Rachel Payne for creating the newsletter in order to spread news to our team. Stay tuned for exciting updates!

Please join me in welcoming several new employees to the F&O team:

- Ed Keller- Supervisor for Electrical Services
- Mike Melancon- Director of Building (Custodial) Services
- Rachel Payne- Senior Administrative Assistant to the AVP
- Abby Owen- Interior Designer and Project Manager
- Melissa Davis- F&O Service Desk Assistant
- Miguel Rodriguez- Multi-craft Maintenance Technician
- Michael Couch- Landscaper I

We are excited to have these talented people join us as we pursue excellent facilities and customer service. When you see them please say "Hello" & "Welcome"!

We also will miss the following employees who have served UAH well and moving on to other opportunities:

- Claire Jackson, Director Utilities and Sustainability, returning to TVA
- Joan Baker, Custodial Worker, retiring

Thank you Claire and Joan for your dedication and service to The University of Alabama in Huntsville.

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHTS



Daniel Jean from the Grounds Team was observed by LaFreedda Jordan from the President's Office assisting a visitor who was lost on campus. Here is what LaFreedda said about this interaction, "He was very kind and willing to help this lady this morning. I did go over and thank him for being so pleasant and for his willingness to assist." President Karr even took time out of his day to come over to our building and personally thanked Daniel for his actions and our leadership for championing exceptional customer service. Dr. Karr has encouraged all UAH employees to be ambassadors for the institution and look for opportunities to serve our customers. Way to go Daniel!



I would also like to recognize, Candi Debardeleben, as she received the 2022 Facilities Excellence Award. This is an F&O Department "MVP" award that recognizes employees who perform their duties exceptionally well in addition to leading culture change initiatives.



Also, congratulations to, Clinton Bailey - Landscape Supervisor, for becoming an ISA Certified Arborist. Clinton will use this training to improve our campus tree care.

EXCITING F&O UPDATES

Our department currently has sixty (60) active projects in planning, design and construction including twenty (20) projects under construction at this time.

Please find below a few of the priority projects that are in-progress:

- Alkenkirch Lawn "Greenway" Phase 3 & 4
- CTC Counseling Services Center Renovations
- Executive Plaza Site Demolition
- Shelby Center Interior Renovations
- Spragins Hall Interior Renovations
- Engineering Building Expansion



CLOSING MESSAGE



I want to thank each and every one of you for being a part of our team and for your continued hard work. When the Board of Trustees visited campus in April we received many compliments from board members and other VIPs about the pristine conditions of our facilities and grounds. Thank you for making that event a huge success for UAH and for making the campus cleaner, safer, and more appealing.

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