



Jolanda Whitacre recipient of 2023 Crimson Spirit Recognition



CONGRATULATIONS to Jolanda Whitacre, Custodian with Facilities Services Custodial, as a Crimson Spirit Award Recipient.

Jolanda has been the main custodian in the Laboratory Animal Research Center for several years. Her nominator says that they and other coworkers are amazed by the quality of her work and noticed a large improvement in comparison to previous services. Jolanda will even ask about the schedules of the employees in the LARC building so that her work can be minimally disruptive. She has “an eye for detail” and will even alert any facility issues to employees in the building so that a work order can be put in.

Jolanda is being recognized for expressing genuine interest, anticipating needs and taking preemptive action, following up with issues, exceeding expectations, and proving superior quality service. Her nominator says, “[She] is pleasant to talk with, and I have never seen her in a bad mood. We look forward to her routine visits to our building. It is evident that Jolanda takes great pride in her work and strives to provide the highest level of customer service; a true example of Crimson Spirit!”



Crimson Spirit Recognition honors individual employees who provided exceptional service and exceeded expectations while representing WSU to internal or external constituencies. Honorees receive a unique award plaque, special lapel pin, recognition by peers, and university-wide acknowledgment at the annual Employee Recognition Reception.

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P R I Z E !

New Floor Scrubber for VTH, ADBF & Bustad ... by Vic Linderman



Pictured James Pagel ADBF Custodian

The pad spins at 30 rpms with ¼” micro circles at 2,250 rpms. This has a couple of advantages as we use a lot less water and chemical, and it leaves a non-swirled floor surface which is more appealing to the eye.

After identifying a viable replacement machine for the Veterinary buildings, I went to Jeremy Griffin with my proposal. He agreed so we proceeded to have a discussion with Kate Kamerrer. We were very fortunate that she located some one-time funding for this purchase. With the proper maintenance and operators continuing to take care of equipment I believe that this investment can last just as long as the last one.

This scrubber is in the VTH, ADBF, Bustad set of buildings and is used by 5 employees on a rotating basis. The success of these employees is what makes our equipment last as long as it does.

While doing preventive maintenance on one of our ride-on floor scrubbers recently, I noticed that the current set of batteries was approaching 4 ½ years. That usually means that the life of this set could expire in a week or maybe 6 months. This scrubber uses 6ea 330 amp hour batteries and the cost of a replacement set is around \$4,500. This scrubber has been a very good machine and has been very reliable over the years. To my surprise when I looked up the purchase date it was May of 2006 at a price of \$8,800. In fact, this model of scrubber is no longer produced.

Things sure have changed in the last 18 years with regards to scrubbing floors. One of the biggest changes is to the pad driver itself. On our older machines the pad spun at 180 rpms creating waste as the cleaning solution would be flung to the outer edge of the pad without it all being used to clean the floor. The new version uses Random orbital scrubbing. If you have ever used an orbital palm sander, it works on the same principal.



Pictured Angela O'Conner VTH Custodian

Water Management w/Calsense Controllers

By Carlos Amado Cogolo and Levy Lawrence

We are thrilled to announce a transformative initiative aimed at revolutionizing our water management practices at Washington State University (WSU). The introduction of the Calsense CS3000 Controllers is set to not only enhance efficiency but also contribute significantly to cost savings, environmental sustainability, and the overall health and vibrancy of our campus landscape.

Key Features:

- **Precision Watering:** The CS3000 Controllers utilize advanced technologies, including ET gauges and rain buckets, to gather real-time data on weather conditions and soil moisture levels. This precision in irrigation ensures that water is applied only when necessary, leading to substantial water savings.
- **Cost Savings:** By optimizing irrigation schedules based on actual environmental conditions, these controllers can help reduce water usage, translating into tangible cost savings for the university. Additionally, features like flow sensing enable early detection of leaks, preventing water waste and potential damage.
- **Smart Control:** The CS3000 is not just a controller; it's a smart irrigation system. Its user-friendly interface allows for remote monitoring and adjustment of irrigation schedules through a web-based platform. This flexibility enhances operational efficiency and ensures our landscape management practices are responsive to changing conditions.
- **Different Commutation Options:** The CS3000 Controllers offer various communication options, providing the flexibility needed to integrate seamlessly with our existing infrastructure. This adaptability ensures a smooth transition and ease of use for our landscape management teams.
- **Environmental Stewardship:** WSU's commitment to sustainability is reflected in the adoption of the CS3000 Controllers. By reducing our water footprint and embracing environmentally responsible practices, we are taking a significant step towards creating a more sustainable campus.

Efficiency in Action:

Imagine a campus where our irrigation systems intelligently respond to real-time weather conditions, ensuring water is used precisely when and where needed. The CS3000 Controllers make this vision a reality, demonstrating our dedication to resource efficiency and responsible environmental practices.

Healthy and Green Landscapes:

With the CS3000 Controllers, we can guarantee healthier

and greener landscapes across our campus. The precise control over irrigation ensures that our grass and landscapes receive the optimal amount of water, promoting lush and vibrant greenery that enhances the overall beauty of WSU.

How You Can Contribute:

We encourage all members of the WSU community to support this initiative. Whether you are a student, faculty member, or staff, your awareness and responsible use of water resources play a vital role in the success of this program. Let's work together to create a campus that not only educates but also leads in sustainable practices.

Get Involved:

If you are interested in learning more about the CS3000 Controllers or would like to participate in awareness and education initiatives related to water conservation, please contact Derrick Reynolds 509-335-9067.

Thank you for your attention to this exciting development. Together, we can make a lasting impact on water conservation, cost savings, and environmental sustainability at WSU.

Thank you to our MCR Committee for helping fund them!



Pictured left to right: Carlos Amado Cogolo and Levy Lawrence



KUDOS



“We would like to thank Olivia, Kate, and Joe for the new jackets and their continued support to our Plant Services group.”

S. Holbrook

“I just got a call thanking Jim Phillips for being so helpful and unlocking a room in the SCUE for the student orientations throughout the day. It sounded like there was an error and one room didn't get booked properly. He was very helpful and showed up right away to let all the orientation classes in. – call was from Victor Rodriguez.”

J Ouye

“Thank you so much! Your guys (Josh Fey, Paul Martling) did a fantastic job!! Please extend our thanks to them.”

J.Osiensky

“Just a huge thank you to the team (Steve McGahan) for fixing the heating issue in VTH 1306 and 1308. It was quite pleasant in there this morning for the first time in almost 2 years. KUDOS to the Team!!!”

G. Roberts

“On another note, I want to throw kudos to your leads Katy Kilborn and Annette Redmon. From my vantage point, you've got some good people (Leads Justin Huggins (Katy Kilborn group) Lead Shelley

Kenney (Annette Redmon) who work for you who care.”

T. Amonett

“Just wanted to send you a note commending the new custodian Allie (**Alijandra Pineyro**) and the quality job she's been maintaining here at the Steam Plant. Allie always makes sure her job is completed, with quality effort and production. So rather than only hearing from us when we have complaints, I wanted to let you know how much we appreciate the work she is doing and the job she is doing!”

D. Chilson

“I wanted to alert you to some interactions I have had with some of your people – Brandy Berney, Jason Brasuen and Jon Asplund. When exploring GUC classrooms, Creative Corridor or general university facility care and out-of-the ordinary problems, these three employees are exceptionally helpful and encouraging. I appreciate their collaborative nature, humor, and willingness to explore with me on solution finding. When issues arise or I find need to ask questions, these people are fantastic. “

J. Manwaring

Length of Service Awards



**Ashley Tucker
5 Years**



**Jeremy Jeffers
5 Years**



**Legan Morgan
5 Years**



**Ian MacConnel
10 Years**

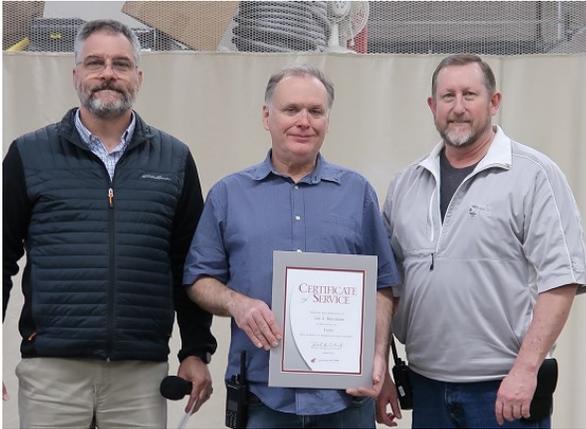


**Staci Anderson
10 Years**



**Josh Fey
20 Years**

Length of Service Awards



**Lee Bannister
40 Years**

Service Awards not pictured:

**Steve Line—5 Years
Levi Hardy—5 Years
Shane Bartlett—10 Years
Jonathan Williams—10 Years**



PROMOTIONS for December 2023, January and February 2024



Congratulations to
Ben Erickson
(pictured in center)
promoted to
Electrician Lead.

WSU Holiday Schedule

Memorial Day	May 27, 2024
Juneteenth	June 19, 2024
Independence Day	July 4, 2024
Labor Day	September 2, 2024
Veterans Day	November 11, 2024

Thanksgiving	November 28 & 29, 2024
Christmas	December 24 & 25 2024
New Years Day	January 1, 2025
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	January 20, 2025

HONOR COIN AWARDS!



Each of these Custodial Leads earned a Service Honor Coin for their extraordinary service during our January floods. They were each mentioned specifically for “being everywhere we needed someone”, for their leadership under pressure, and for their hard work. Pictured left to right are: Tyler Schaaf, Jonathan Williams, Chris Hughes, Joe Beck, Jim Phillips, and Duane King.



HR staff present to congratulate Stacey were (pictured left to right): D. Thomas, Stacey Fertakis, Kellie Breeze and Maria Hernandez.

Stacey Fertakis was awarded the Service Honor Coin for the following nomination: “The week of August 13, 2023 it was a payroll week and Stacey ended up having to take care of all payroll by herself. One of her employees was schedule for time off, and out of state, another one had a death in the family, and was out of state, and the other one was home with COVID all week, with a 101 temp. So yes, Stacey had a lot to do, she had to make sure all overtime, TUG, Standby, Shift diff, and FML was entered, so that everyone was paid correctly. Lordy, that is a whole lot of people, and a lot of pay affecting to enter and verify for one person. Thank you Stacey for all that you do.”

Lorrie Arrasmith awarded the Service Honor Coin for Organization and Dedicated Service to Facilities Services.

John Young, Dan Richards, Jeff Lannigan awarded the Innovation Honor Coin for work at Pullman Regional Hospital during gas outage.

Josh Fey awarded the Service Honor Coin for his commitment to service during the January floods.

RETIREMENT CONGRATULATIONS!



Congratulations to Ted Townsend on his February 29, 2024 retirement date! Ted was hired as an Electrician on February 16, 2000 and held that position until his retirement. We wish Ted the best in his retirement and we will miss him here at Facilities Services. Presenting Ted with his retirement certificate are: (left to right) Joe Kline, (Ted Townsend), Scott Cleveland, and Ryan Gehring.



Congratulations to Tom Wilson on his retirement. Tom is pictured with his retirement cake created by our own Maja Huff. Joe Kline presented Tom with his retirement certificate with Jeni Wilson, Tom's wife, joining him at the reception. Tom started at Facilities Services as temporary hire in February 2003. On September 2, 2003, he accepted a full time Electrician position. For the last 9 years (since 5/16/2014), Tom has held the Electrician Lead position. We wish Tom the very best in his retirement!



Left to right: Jeni Wilson, Tom Wilson and Joe Kline



Jess Ford Hardhat Classic Golf Tournament
Scholarship Fundraiser!

July 27, 2024

hardhatclassic.wsu.edu



Daylight Saving Time Begins
March 10, 2024
Remember to set your clocks
forward one hour.

Welcome New Employees! (December 2023, January and February 2024)



The new employees were introduced at the Service Awards Presentation in the Carpenter's Shop on February 28, by Joe Kline pictured above on the far left. Picture to right from Joe are: John Burns, Aaron Garrett, Kelan Becker, Brett DiMatteo, Devin McGuire, and Andrea Lopez Torrez. Shown below is a complete list of the new employees.

Name	Position	Division
Brett DiMatteo	Custodian 1	Custodian
Juan Sandoval	Grounds & Nursery SS 2	Plant Services
Aaron Garrett	Truck Driver 2	Waste
David Gutierrez	Grounds & Nursery SS 3	Plant Services
John Burns	Electrician	Trades & Shops
Devin McGuire	Custodian 1	Custodian
Alijandra Pineyro	Custodian 1	Custodian
Ricardo Alvarez	Custodian 1	Custodian
Angela O'Connor	Custodian 1	Custodian
Brittany Iovinelli	Truck Driver 2	Waste
Kelan Becker	Truck Driver 2	Recycling
Andrea Lopez	Custodian 1	Custodian

Welcome!

Facilities Services Safety Promotion Committee
Safety Question Contest for the Month of March 2024

Directions: The answer to the question below can be found in one of the chapters of the Accident Prevention Program (APP). Read the question carefully. When you have found the answer, you may email your answer to Teresa Cole teresa.cole@wsu.edu or print off this page and cut out the form on the dotted lines. You may give the form to your supervisor to send in intercampus mail to Teresa or drop it off in the APP Question box by the McCluskey Key Shop. The names of all employees who submit the correct answer will go into a hat for a drawing. Whoever's name is drawn will be able to pick out one of the safety awards. **This contest will be open only until 5 p.m. on April 30, 2024** so get started finding the answer now and win a nice prize! Link to APP Chapters is on the Safety Sharepoint Site. <https://sharepoint.wsu.edu/FacilitiesServices/Operations/Safety/SitePages/Home.aspx>

Reference APP Chapter 10 Chemical Safety Question: When it is necessary to enter a laboratory in order to perform a non-routine service, what communication steps should initially be taken to prevent hazardous chemical exposure?

Answer:

Employee submitting the above answer:

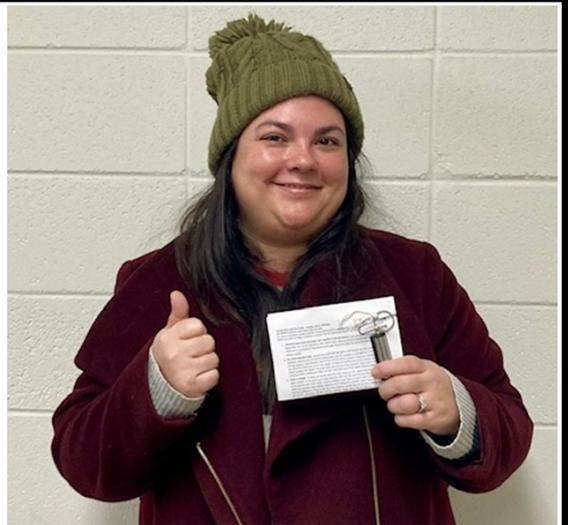
Name: _____ **Division:** _____

Monika Jones
is the Winner!

December's APP Question Contest!

Monika's entry for the September Safety Question was randomly selected from the total entries with correctly answered questions. Those correct entries not chosen will be placed in the bucket for the annual Safety Award Drawing.

Thank you to all that entered the contest!



Thanks for Working Safely Winner! William Essary was chosen for the award from the nomination submitted on him: "William Essary with waste management reported a snow rope hanging at ankle height by Holland Library and it was fixed immediately by Grounds – thanks William!"