



Celebrating Us!

“Celebrating Us” event was held in the Carpenters Shop on May 21, 2025 to announce the Service Awards, Promotions, and New Employees from the months of March, April and May. As mentioned in a previous newsletter, the event features light refreshments or snacks and a slide show highlighting shops, Kudos and other fascinating facts about Facilities Services. Congratulations to all the service awardees and promotions, and welcome to our new employees. If you haven’t made it to one of the events yet, they are held quarterly and are enjoyed by those that attend. Hope to see you there!



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Enter the Safety Question Contest on The last page of this Newsletter and you could win a PRIZE! ALSO Enter the Safety Slogan Contest on Page 8

KUDOS

"I just wanted to say how much I appreciate the hard work your team put into cleaning last week. Since joining CCB, I have not seen our bathrooms deep cleaned to the extent of power washing, and it truly made a noticeable difference. I also want to recognize **Angie Scott** for her kindness and professionalism. She was incredibly friendly in introducing me to your team, keeping our floor informed about what had been completed, and providing an estimated finish time, which I really appreciated. Your team's hard work does not go unnoticed, and we truly appreciate the effort put into maintaining our space. Wish you and your team a wonderful rest of the day!"

T. Villanueva

"I wanted to give a HUGE shout out to our new custodian, **Vanessa Syms**! Our department chair, Dr. Gartstein and I wanted you to know that Johnson Tower is shining brighter than we can every remember and Vanessa's attention to detail is off the charts. We are SOOOOOOOOOO happy to have her here and just wanted you to know. "

S. Gessler

"The work request was completed quickly and efficiently (by **Derrick Rogers**). My students had gotten into the practice of keeping track of how off the clock had gotten. When they saw that it was on time, they celebrated. Thank you!"

R. Wyse

"Amazing replacement time for this light bulb that was blinking!! THANK YOU BOB (**Bob Coffey**)!!!"

J. Therrien

"Thanks, Jim (**Jim Sharp**) for your quick service and fix."

K. Kirpes

"Thank you (**Mike Pope and Ben Erickson**) for your willingness to help us test the FSHN ATS! We truly appreciate all your help!"

L. Hickey

"Facops staff (**Joel Rosenwinkel, Kevin Poxleitner & Jon Asplund**) are great. Terrell Library is an old building with many structural challenges. Our lighting system is pretty goofy and I appreciate everyone's help solving them. We appreciate you!"

B. McManus

"Greatly appreciated, thank you (**Jon Asplund**) very much taking care of the light bulb. The maintenance crew always goes above and beyond no matter how busy they get, always find times for the little projects. Thank You"

A. Scott & Custodians

"John (**Jon Asplund**) and the other facility employees (**Torrey Miranda**) were great! I appreciate their help in identifying the source of a really bad smell and their further assistance. John has served Bryan Hall for a long time, and knowing he is our contact for physical facility issues relieves stress for me."

K. Newlon

"**Jolanda (Whitacre)** congrats on your retirement and thank you for letting me know! I appreciate the order list but more than that, I appreciate you, your work and the care with which you've given the visitor center. You softened a difficult transition for our department, making it easier, and I am incredibly grateful. I hope to see you before June 13, but wanted you to know in case I don't. Thank you and I hope you enjoy this next phase of life."

Elizabeth

"I wanted to let you know how much I appreciate the great work that your **painting team** has done in French Ad 346 over the past few weeks. Their attention to detail is unmatched, and the quality of their work is first-rate. I was truly amazed at the quality of their prep work before painting. Their efforts resulted in a quality final product and a much brighter and improved workspace for the Registrar's Office staff."

M. Zimmerman

Retirement Congratulations!



Rick Hull and Joe Kline congratulated and presented Mike Watson with his retirement certificate.

MIKE WATSON

After 25 years of service to Facilities Services, we recognize and celebrate the retirement of Mike Watson. Mike began his employment with Facilities Services as a Plumber/ Pipefitter/ Steamfitter on January 3, 2000 and retired March 31, 2025. Throughout his career, Mike repaired countless heating and cooling coils, earning a reputation as the go-to expert in his field. His knack for troubleshooting and fixing plumbing systems helped keep our campus running smoothly. We want to wish Mike a well-deserved, fulfilling, and joyful retirement. Thank you, Mike, for your many years of hard work.



Ryan Gehring and Joe Kline congratulated and presented Kelly Kirpes with his retirement certificate.

KELLY KIRPES

Kelly Kirpes began his career at WSU as a Locksmith in June of 2014, then promoted to Locksmith Lead in August 2020. In February 2023 he was promoted to a Maintenance Mechanic – retiring May 31, 2025. Kelly was considered the MacGyver of the Key shop. He was very good at doing whatever it took to keep any given part functioning until new parts could be ordered. Kelly had a very good work ethic, got along with his co-workers, and was willing to drop what he was doing to help anyone that needed a hand. He will be sorely missed.

WSU Holiday Schedule

Juneteenth	June 19, 2025	Christmas	December 24 & 25 2025
Independence Day	July 4, 2025	New Years Day	January 1, 2026
Labor Day	September 1, 2025	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	January 19, 2026
Veterans Day	November 11, 2025	Memorial Day	May 26, 2026
Thanksgiving	November 27 & 28, 2025		

Length of Service Awards



**Mark Bailey 5 Years
Info. Systems Program Director**



**Gene Pittman 10 Years
Maintenance Custodian**



**Marty Brigham 10 Years
Equipment Technician Lead**



**D. Thomas 10 Years
Training Compliance & Personnel Spec.**



**John Young 10 Years
Automation Engineer**



**Monika Jones 10 Years
Fiscal Specialist 1**

Length of Service Awards



**Ian Allen 10 Years
Equipment Operator Supervisor**



**Scotty Nelson 15 Years
Maintenance Mechanic 2**

KUDOS

“Lane Kenworthy was exceptionally kind. Our office looks 10x brighter than before!”

H. Klemmetson

“Very quick attention and temperatures in the museum were better in two days' time.” (work by Scott Butler)

J. Gardner

“The crew of Ian Allen, Josh Leavitt, Dan Roe and Wade Johnson came and did an AMAZING job moving the requested equipment!”

J. Therrien

“I just wanted to send a small note of appreciation to our **WSU Grounds Keeping team**. Spring is here and everything looks very beautiful. Thank you, team, for making the campus look great!”

N. Tims

“We are always happy with the work Fac Ops does for us! Thanks a bunch!” (work by Derrick Rogers)

J. Burke

“Thank You (Brian Swan) for the prompt service the Key Shop provides.”

V. Linderman



**Jess Ford Hardhat Classic Golf Tournament
Scholarship Fundraiser!**
July 26, 2025
hardhatclassic.wsu.edu

PROMOTIONS for March 2025, April 2025, May 2025



Congratulations **Thomas Armstrong!**
Promoted to: Maintenance Mechanic 2



Congratulations **Bryant Wernecke!**
Promoted to: Maintenance Mechanic 2



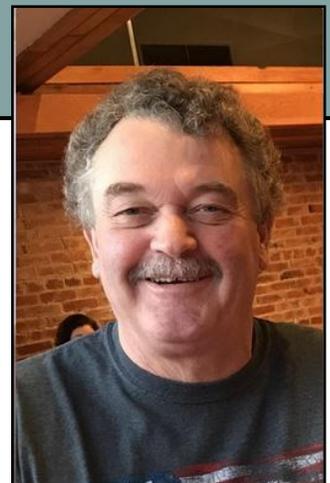
Congratulations **Lynell Mareko!**
Promoted to: Custodian 3



Congratulations **Enrique Soto Meza!**
Promoted to: Custodian 3

IN MEMORIAM — DENNIS VAN ALLEN

Dennis Van Allen passed away on May 23, 2025. Dennis was a valued friend and retired colleague who will be deeply missed. He was hired as a Control Technician on June 1, 2003, then promoted to Control Technician Lead on March 1, 2007. Dennis retired from Facilities Services after 21 years of service on August 16, 2024. Dennis is remembered as a valued member of the team, known for his collaborative spirit and positive attitude who always had a smile on his face. He will be missed by the Facilities Services staff and WSU community



Welcome New Employees!

(March 2025, April 2025, and May 2025)



Diamond Campbell
Custodian 1



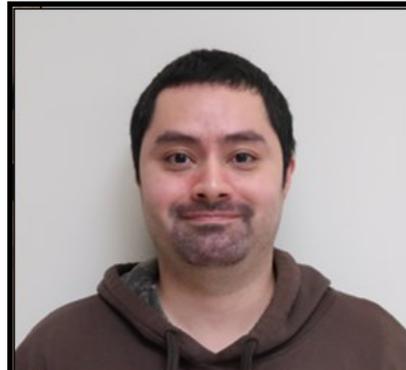
Ryan Ham
Maintenance Mechanic 1



Jeri Aiton
Custodian 1



Launy Calkins
Maintenance Mechanic 1



Joshua Martinez
Custodian 1



Robert Brooks
Plumber/Pipefitter/Steamfitter



Shannon Gottschalk
Custodian 1



Cody Dringenberg
Equipment Technician 3



Ari Perry-Lujan
Custodian 1

Welcome New Employees!

March 2025,

April 2025,

and May 2025



Virgil Kellogg
Stationary Engineer 2



Jerico Elliott-Allery
Custodian 1



Alex Bromling
Facilities Operations
Maintenance Specialist



Liberty Buckner
Custodian 1



Jennifer Knudtson
Custodian 3

Enter 2025 Safety Slogan Contest

Put on your safety thinking caps! Enter the 2025 Safety Slogan contest and you could win a prize from the prize cabinet! "Safety is no accident at WSU" is the current slogan and we would love to see some new suggestions for the Safety Representative's Sweatshirts coming out 2026. Write your suggestion below and submit it to one of the Safety Promotion Subcommittee Members (Teresa Cole or Heather Munro) no later than August 8, 2025. The Safety Subcommittee will choose the winning slogan and seek approval from the Trademark Office.

NAME: _____ DIVISION: _____

SLOGAN: _____

Facilities Services Safety Promotion Committee
Safety Question Contest for the Months of
June 2025, July 2025, & August 2025

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 August 20, 2025.** A winner will be drawn for each of the months listed above. Link to APP Chapters is on the Safety Sharepoint Site. <https://emailwsu.sharepoint.com/sites/FA/facilitieservices/Operations/Safety/APP%20Manual/Forms/AllItems.aspx>

Reference APP Chapter 35 Lab Safety Question: Under Laboratory Signage, list one of the three parts that the laboratory signage program represents.

Answer:

Employee submitting the above answer:

Name: _____ **Division:** _____

CONGRATULATIONS!

Monika Jones and Bill Morris are the WINNERS!
of the March Newsletter APP Question Contest!

The winning entries for the APP Safety Question were 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.

Check out all the Safety Awards you could win if your correct answer to the APP Question is drawn. The awards are displayed in the glass cabinet outside the Key Shop in McCluskey Shop Bldg. Check out the new additions to the awards.

Thank you to all that entered the contest!

Save the Date!

Employee Appreciation Event 11 am—1 p.m. July 17, 2025

Bring your appetite for some good food and company.

Location: University Stores on Dairy Road.

(Special thank you to Olivia Yang for personally funding this event.)

