



January 2020

## Career Fair brings new eyes to Facilities Management

The Facilities Management career fair held on Jan. 22 once again brought together people new and old to Building 1 to discuss the various jobs and responsibilities available at Facilities.

A total 40 visitors from inside and outside the organization had opportunities to meet with Facilities' supervisors from several departments, along with Human Resources and the Alabama Career Center.

The annual event is regarded for showing off the largest group of employees at Auburn University while condensing it down to an easily manageable event for interested parties, whether they're already employees of the university or not.



At top, from left, Jonathan Cullars and Dan Whatley talk during the annual Facilities Management Career Fair. At bottom, from left, Sarah Smith of the Office of the University Architect and Wendy Peacock represent Construction Management & Client Relations during the fair.

# Employee Information to be released in newsletter

Beginning with the February issue of the Facilities Times newsletter, the monthly Employee Information communications will be released only through the newsletter.

The information provided by the Office of Employee Engagement will be provided on the back page of each issue.

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Office of Employee Engagement is important for each employee. From job openings to general announcements and training schedules, much of the information is necessary for each Facilities employee to be aware. Placing them in the newsletter will allow them to be more easily located for all employees, as well as allow the information to be

viewed multiple times throughout each month as necessary.

These announcements are gathered by the Facilities Management Office of Employee Engagement. Submit announcements via email to Cynthia Baccus at [geercyn@auburn.edu](mailto:geercyn@auburn.edu).

## Tech Tuesdays now being offered by Facilities IT

The Facilities Management IT Department held its first weekly Tech Tuesdays event on Feb. 4.

The one-hour sessions are meant to introduce new topics each work concerning best practices with university technology available for use by Facilities Management.

On Feb. 4, IT members discussed best communication tools and practices

based on different situations, as well as additional features concerning Outlook and Teams.

In the coming weeks, IT is expected to offer weekly courses on:

- Box features and best practices.
- iPad tips and tricks for business productivity.
- Information on Office 365.
- Useful computer tips, tricks and

shortcuts.

- Video conferencing tools and best practices.
- What to watch out for concerning spam and phishing attempts.

The weekly events will be held each Tuesday, unless mentioned, from 1-2 p.m. in Training Room A. A calendar invite will be sent out prior to each training.

## February Construction Update available



The rehearsal hall of the new Goodwin Hall Band Rehearsal addition is on full display on the front cover of the February Construction Update. It can be viewed at [aub.ie/constructionupdates](http://aub.ie/constructionupdates).

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# Deer hunt leads to employee engagement



Electrical Distribution employees earned themselves several moments of reflection and a morning of good hunting during an employee engagement event on Jan. 20.

Ruffin Duncan, Wess Burt and Chad Morgan went out on their excursion on Martin Luther King Day as a way to come together as a group while working at Auburn.

"I wanted to do something to get our crew closer," Duncan said. "We hunted Monday morning, and Wess Burt got his first buck. Then I cooked lunch for everyone with the help of my daughter and fiancé."

Michael Greenlee also had lunch with the group that afternoon.

The group had a good afternoon and celebrated by being together and learning from one another, true measures of engagement.

"I feel like more departments should do something like this," Duncan said. "We had a wonderful weekend."



# RecycleMania encourages to waste less and recycle more

As February rolls around, thousands of college and university staff and students from across the country are gearing up to support our planet in some of the simplest ways possible: reducing and recycling.

Beginning Feb. 2, Auburn University will participate in RecycleMania, an annual, nationwide tournament where colleges compete to reduce waste on their campuses and recycle more. Since 2007, Auburn has participated in the annual event to encourage students and staff to take an active role in protecting the planet they call home.

"RecycleMania is a friendly competition for colleges and universities to promote waste reduction and recycling to their campus communities and runs through March 28," said Joan Hicken, manager of Facilities Management's Waste Reduction and Recycling Department.

RecycleMania has grown year over year in participation, with colleges and universities all pulling their weight for recycling. Beginning with two schools in 2001, Miami and Ohio universities, and growing to more than 300 campuses across the United States, including Auburn and the University of Alabama.

"Auburn University participates in RecycleMania to demonstrate our commitment to environmental stewardship and to generate attention for the university's recycling and waste reduction programs," Hicken said. "It's a great platform to promote the importance of proper recycling."

In 2019, more than four million students and 900,000 thousand faculty and staff members worked together to recycle or compost more than 69 million pounds of waste during the eight-week RecycleMania tournament. That's the equivalent of removing 20,895 cars worth of annual emissions from the road.

Last year, Auburn University averaged more than five pounds of recyclables per person by the end of the eighth week. A total 32,468 people were included in the count, yielding about 162,000 pounds of recyclable goods, including cardboard, paper, plastic, aluminum and steel. And Hicken expects this year to be even better.

The primary goal, however, is not just recycling products but reducing waste in the first place.

"Reducing your waste is also an important part of the competition and the Waste Reduction and Recycling Program," she said.

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