

Welcome Back Facilities Team!

Facilities' volunteers play a vital role at the university's COVID Resource Call Center



Facilities COVID Resource Call Center volunteers social distance while they work and for photos opps. From left: Amie Hart of Space Management, Julie Rice of Planning, Design and Construction; Susan Miller of Client Relations; and Vic Walker of Campus Services.

It has been almost a year since the pandemic charged onto campus. Since that time, March 2020, all of Facilities has worked tirelessly to keep campus healthy and operating smoothly.

One such example is Facilities' work at the COVID Resource Call Center. The center opened in August 2020 to answer the questions and concerns of faculty, staff, students, parents and the local community

surrounding the Fall semester. The center was manned by volunteers – most of which were Facilities' employees.

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Employee Communications *from the FM Office of Employee Engagement*

General Announcements

Congratulations to:

Anthony Driver – promoted from Assistant Manager to Manager, Mail Services

Robert Overstreet IV – promoted to Pesticide Applicator, Landscape Services

Burl Sumlin's position as Director, Special Projects, has been reassigned from Facility Operations to the Client Relations team.

Congratulations to the following employees who received a cash award for December 2020:

- Contina McCall
- Brad Prater
- Margaret Devall
- Whitney Brock
- Sarah Rakestraw
- Tyler Caldwell
- Patricia Cole
- Travis Tally
- Lawrence Estes
- Carson McClendon
- Athen Scarioni
- Forrest Hall
- Robert Engle
- Tyler Winchester
- Joe Lewis
- Chad Morgan
- Staci Taylor
- Tyler Brown
- Rico Harvey
- Mark Pierce

New Employees/Welcome

Scott Olin | Tech II, Service Support | January 19

Bradley Baker | TES, Landscape Services | January 4

Anthony Green | Tech I, Solid Waste, Waste & Recycling | January 3

Erika Taylor | TES Mail Tech, Mail

Services | January 4

Troy Futral | TES Plumber, Zone 3 | January 19

Paul Barringer | Mail Tech I, Mail Services | January 4 (transfer from Landscaping)

Hattie Pierson | Custodian II, Custodial Services | January 4

Sharon Smith | Custodian II, Custodial Services | January 4

Belinda Moore | TES Custodian, Custodial Services | January 4

Monica Dowdell | Custodian II, Custodial Services | January 4

Charles Locke | Tech II, Construction IHC | December 14

William Scherer | Painter II, Zone 3 | December 14

Brad Johnson | Maintenance Engineer, Maintenance | November 23

Lawrence Estes | Plumber I, Zone 4 | November 23

Facilities Training

Reminder – The Spring 2021 Training Calendar is posted. The link is below:

<http://www.auburn.edu/administration/facilities/organization/hr/training-calendar.html>

Contact for training sessions:

Kathleen Jones | ktj0004@auburn.edu | (334) 844-9411 | Building 1, Room 1173D

The training calendar can be found at <https://aub.ie/trainingcalendar>.

Employment Opportunities

- Assistant Supervisor, Zone 4
- Admin Assistant, Access Control (2 positions)
- Electrician, Zone 3
- HVACR Tech, PM Shop (2 positions)

- Infrastructure Tech, Heavy Construction
- Groundskeeper I/II (3 positions)

For more information about, or to apply for, one of the jobs listed above, visit the Auburn University online employment site at auemployment.com.

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

Many of you have asked how you can support Margaret Smith's family during their time of loss. The family has asked that in lieu of flowers or other gifts, please donate to the Peter J. Smith Memorial Scholarship Fund: <http://AuburnGiving.org/pjs>.

Facilities installs tents for outdoor classrooms



As Auburn University combats the COVID-19 pandemic from the top down, Facilities Management continues to do their part literally from the ground up.

Facilities recently installed two 40' x 60' tents for students and teachers to utilize as open-air classrooms, allowing for educational delivery without the inherent viral risks associated with being in enclosed areas with several people.

During the summer, the Office of the Provost began looking for creative ways to deliver classes to students during virtual schooling. Near the end of the Fall semester, a request was made through the provost's office and

the Biggio Center for the tents to be installed for outdoor classrooms. The two tents located at the Mell Concourse and on the southern side of Spidle Hall have room for about 40 students staying six feet apart from one another with six-foot tables and large display screens for instructors to use their laptops or other devices.

"The initial request was received on Dec. 18, 2020, and the tents were installed by Jan. 8, 2021," said Dee Sneed, director of Campus Services. "The open-air classrooms allow for typical face-to-face educational settings while remaining safe from COVID-19, providing a feeling of regular in-person education under the new requirements of the pandemic.

"The locations were chosen because they provided open air classroom space with the least damage to the landscaping."

Once the locations were determined by the Space Management Department, Service Support worked to raise the tents. Maintenance assisted by running electricity as well as placing and securing the monitors in the Job Boxes.

"We remain committed to supporting the university's commitment to a safe and healthy environment in any way possible," Sneed said.