



Just the Fac's

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Just the Fac's is the Facilities Services' quarterly newsletter which highlights current projects, accomplishments and staff. It is produced in collaboration with employees, management and the human resources office as a method to convey information across departments and campus. Our employees are the foundation to our success and we are proud to present a snapshot of their work.

Commencement 2018

Submitted by: Shane Abbott

How can it already be time to start planning for Commencement? Preparation has already kicked off with a combination of experienced as well as new, excited employees. At the end of the day, we are all here to provide the best experience for our students. Watching them walk across the stage makes all of the blood, sweat, and tears preparing for this special day worth it. Best of luck and deep breaths as we start the 2018 countdown!



A Minute with Mike

By: Mike Neiderbach



Stewardship and The Future

Thanks to everyone for welcoming me to the team. This is a great college, and it is an honor to work with all of you. What I like most about facilities and construction is that our work makes a difference to so many people. Education is about passing knowledge from one generation to the next, and so everyone who works here is involved in building the future. The college needs great facilities in order to succeed, and with great stewardship of those facilities by our team, people will continue to learn and build memories for generations.

Attendance Recognition Luncheon

Submitted by: Morgan Keihl

This award is in recognition of classified employees in our Division who have used no sick leave throughout the year. Accruing sick leave provides very generous benefits. Upon retirement, sick leave accruals count as additional time toward the calculation of years in state service. The value of that accrued sick leave is put into an annuity that goes toward paying health insurance in retirement. The below members were celebrated with a lunch at The Big Tree and a \$75.00 check.

Congratulations!



Left to right: George Stooks, Guy Christiano, Matias Gonzalez, Jose Alvarado, Steven Schunk, Ava Pascular, Daryl Brooks, Rich Hurley, Joan Book, Todd White Jr. and Steven Morse. Not pictured: Kris Andersen, Michael Caito, Mary Jerome, Martin Murphy, Lon Peck, Tavis Roberts, Justin Rusby, Dawn Rowe and Dennis Vancamp.

Campus Outreach & Giving Back

Submitted by: Shane Abbott

Recently the Geneseo Area Gaming Group sent out an email thanking staff for a successful annual GAGG Conference. It takes a lot of students, alumni, and community members to organize this convention. See their email below:

“We just wanted to share with you some numbers from our event to give some perspective to how many people it hosts and impacts: 411 registered attendees, 28 convention staff, 48 volunteers each working 12 hours or more, 225 events in 3 days (that is over 800 hours of programming) **\$3,702 was raised in 2 hours for the Ronald McDonald House of Rochester.** At least 5 other colleges sent significant numbers of people...we had attendees as far away as Tennessee and Maryland!

The Facilities Custodial Department contributed to outside daily tasks which equated to 9 regular time hours and 37 overtime hours! A special shout-out to those who worked this event directly & indirectly: **Lon Peck, Theresa Wagner, Kim Johnson, Pablo Morales, Venus Preston, Guy Christiano, Michael Pitt, and Sa-**

Our Facilities Millionaire

Submitted by: David Norton

Our Associate Director of Facilities, Kirk Spangler and his Daughter Brooke (pictured below) walked away with **\$1.4 million dollars** on the NBC game show, “The Wall.” They are the highest winners to date on the show. In an article in the Democrat and Chronicle, Brooke said, “I applied to be on the show to thank my dad for sacrificing so much while raising me and my sister. My dad worked two jobs to keep the family afloat and even started refereeing our youth sports teams just so he could spend more time with us.” Give Kirk a big congratulations when you see him and if you have not watched their episode head to NBC.com. It’s an emotional rollercoaster!



What are Mike, Dave, Bryan and Robin up to??

Submitted by: David Norton

Facilities Planning and Construction are making progress on the following projects:

- Sturges & Fraser Hall – space programming for future renovation
- Schrader Hall and Clark A & B – roofing replacements of these three buildings will begin
- Track Storage Facility – site work and building installation will begin
- Lauderdale Health Center – the elevator replacement will begin
- Red Jacket Dining Hall – Construction will continue at the building
- Sturges Quad – Construction of underground utilities and infrastructure will continue.



Holy Snow

By: Morgan Keihl



Since November, we have received over 100 inches of snow! With the health and safety of our students being our top priority, winter is a very busy time of year for the Facilities department. Thank you to all the grounds' workers and custodial staff for taking care of the walkways and roadways, and the maintenance team for dealing with water main breaks on top of all their typical duties. The campus appreciates your hard work to ensure the safety of students, staff and visitors. Pictured from left to right : LeeAnne Bacon, Kadie Inlow, Chad Andrews, Richie Cuzzo, Todd White Jr., Bill Kirsop, John Burton, Valerie Panfil, David Newcomb, and Toni Regatuso.



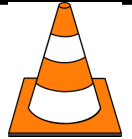
Maintenance in Action

By: Shannon Cowdrick & Tim Anderson

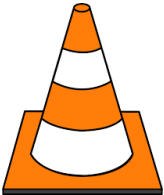


At first, we experienced difficulty getting the rink to freeze, but we worked diligently and now the Ice Knights are SUNYAC Champions! Chad Foster has been one of our employees dedicated to ensuring that the ice stays in great shape for students and visitors.

Looking like a natural Chad!



Tim Freas, Jose Alvarado, Paul Straton and Chad Foster worked together to complete new tile-work in Genesee.



“Caught ya- Joan Makes South Village Brighter”

This section is submitted by an anonymous employee who caught someone in the act of “doing something good.” This quarter, the featured employee is our Electrician, Joan Book.. Congrats Joan!

Joan has worked diligently at changing out the old restroom lights in North and South Onondaga. The employee who submitted this said:

“Joan made sure her scheduling did not interfere with the residents of Onondaga and kept our students in mind throughout the entirety of the project. Furthermore, she was courteous of the faculty and took care to not disrupt anyone’s daily routine.”



Employee Headlines

- ⇒ **Kelly Chittenden, JayLynn VanWuyckhuysen, Tracy Smith, and Brandon Schmitt** joined our team as new Cleaners. **Adam Vogler** joined the Grounds Department as a Laborer. **Ben Kibler** and **Mike English** became SUNY Geneseo's latest Plant Utilities Assistants and **Greg Merrill** joined our team as a new General Mechanic in the Core Shop. Welcome all!
- ⇒ **Gil Mendez** was promoted to an Electrician in the Core Shop and **Jean Love** to Supervising Janitor. Congrats!!
- ⇒ We want to extend our heartfelt wishes for a happy and healthy retirement to **Mary Jerome, Ted Rodwell, and Lyle Weaver**.

Staying Safe: Have you had your furnace checked lately?

By: Chuck Reyes

Carbon monoxide (CO), sometimes called the "silent killer," is an odorless, tasteless gas which you cannot see. It is produced during the combustion of fossil fuels like natural gas, propane, fuel oil and kerosene. CO can be a problem for people when fossil fueled appliances, such as furnaces, are not working properly or venting is inadequate.

If your furnace is working adequately, the products of combustion, including CO, are vented through an exhaust pipe to the outside of your house and diluted in the air. However, if the furnace heat exchanger is old or showing signs of wear or the vent pipe is not sealed properly due to improper installation or age, carbon monoxide can enter the living space creating a hazardous environment for people and animals. *It is recommended to have the furnace checked annually for proper function by a qualified technician before the heating season.*

Often people supplement their heating with kerosene heaters. These units must be used with extreme caution because of the CO buildup in the room. As a precaution, the windows should be cracked open to allow enough dilution air to enter the space, and placing a CO alarm in the area is essential.

Fast Facts:

- As of February 2010, New York State requires carbon monoxide alarms in all new and existing one and two family dwellings and rentals having a fuel burning appliance.
- The National Fire Protection Agency recommends CO alarms be installed outside each sleeping area.
- The Center for Disease Control (CDC) says CO kills 400 people each year and injures over 20,000.
- Carbon monoxide alarms usually have to be replaced every five years- check your model for specific details. They can be purchased for around \$20 at big box or hardware stores.

Geneseo Employee Opinion Survey: 4/2-4/13

As SUNY Geneseo continues to implement the College's strategic plan, faculty and staff will soon have an opportunity to directly contribute to key objectives under the Access and Success focus areas. On Apr. 2, faculty and staff will be invited to participate in the Geneseo Employee Opinion Survey, which will measure concepts such as workplace satisfaction and campus culture.

Conducted through Geneseo's Office of Institutional Research and the Department of Human Resources, the survey will be facilitated by the Chronicle of Higher Education and in collaboration with ModernThink LLC, an independent management consulting firm focusing on workplace quality in higher education.

Faculty and staff will receive an invitation from ModernThink LLC on Monday, Apr. 2, which will include a link to the web-based survey. Staff who may not be able to easily access their email accounts will be able to stop by a computer lab that will be set up in Milne 104. Details with specific dates and times for the computer lab will be communicated to you soon. The deadline to respond to the survey is Apr. 13.

The Geneseo Employee Opinion Survey is voluntary and completely confidential; the College will not be able to trace results back to individuals and only aggregate findings will be used for organizational improvements.

Upcoming events:

- 3/27, 10am-11:30am** Training- Creating Behavioral Interview Questions
- 3/30, 9am-12pm:** Training-Motivating Your Team for Success
- 4/2-4/13:** Employee Survey (See above)
- 04/11, 9am-4:15pm:** Training- Microsoft Excel Basics 2013
- 5/2:** Retiree and Service Award Recognition Lunch
- 5/12:** Graduation