

# Inside Facilities

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## ► President's Visit

President Barack Obama visited our campus and lauded Georgia Tech for being “one of the finest technical institutions in the world.” The Facilities Management team was quick and precise in their work, assuring that the behind-the-scenes logistics of such a high profile visit were managed smoothly.

O&M Associate Vice President Mark Demyanek said it best with his congratulatory message. “Way to go team! This was a complex event, with many moving and changing pieces. Special recognition goes to Andy Sheffield and his team for their efforts, but you all contributed in many significant ways. Your efforts are appreciated.”

## ► NEW HIRES & PROMOTIONS

**Welcome and congratulations to our newest team positions. Whether working up or joining as new-hire, there is always room for growth at Tech.**

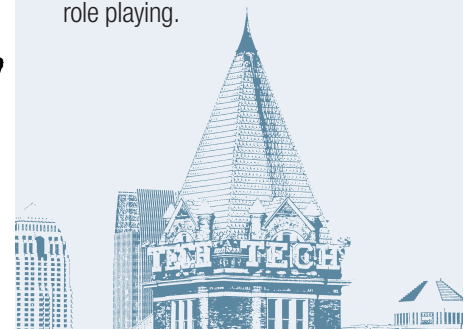
- Richard Chew, New Area 5 Foreperson
- Jerel Harris, General Safety Manager, EHS
- Gerald Benamin, Interim Power Plant Manager
- Danny Wilcox, Electrician II, Utilities Maintenance



## ► CAMPUS COMMUNITY

Facilities Management supports our Georgia Tech students and researchers through a variety of activities. This is a “value added” service and is one of the many ways that we can assist in graduating students who are tomorrow’s leaders. Check out our latest involvement:

- Two student groups from the School of Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering toured the Holland Plant in late March to support Thermodynamics I coursework.
- The Landscape Services & Utilities Maintenance Department are supporting an Environmental Engineering Lab class to conduct research on cistern water.
- Associate Director of Landscape Services Hyacinth Ide hosted a roundtable discussion on tree care at a student Green Alliance meeting.
- Mike Leasure, Director of Energy Conservation, was a guest lecturer providing expertise for Dr. Kim Cobb’s Carbon Reduction Challenge within the Energy, Environment and Society course. Mike and his team are currently providing on-going data and technical support to (2) student teams.
- Production Control Assistant Dianna Halabi provided data to a Design Methods research team on live action role playing.



## ► PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT & INDUSTRY ENGAGEMENT

### Development

- Our Human Resources Business Partner Jeffrey Maynard is now a Certified Professional Behavioral Analyst for the DiSC profile tool.
- Power Plant Stationary Engineer Philip Schroeder earned his Master of Science Degree in Building Construction and Facilities Management from Georgia Tech.
- The APPA Supervisor's Toolkit winter course was a great success, with 28 team members completing the week-long training. The course is specifically designed to meet the needs of the facilities management professional. We are very fortunate to have spirited course conductors Casey Charepoo and Jeffrey Maynard on our Facilities Management staff. Congratulations to all attendees on making a commitment to professional progress.



### Industry

Volunteering personal time to represent Georgia Tech within your industry can help your career flourish. Thanks to the following team members for their dedication.

- Building Services Associate Director Tommy Little was invited to join the Green Clean Schools Leadership Council for the Healthy Schools Campaign, a national program.
- Area 2 Manager Bill Halabi and Design Project Manager Don Alexander have both been elected to the Georgia APPA Board of Directors for 2015.
- Utilities Maintenance Associate Director Casey Charapoo is a Committee Chair for the Georgia APPA organization.
- Greg Spiro, Senior Mechanical Engineer and Jerry Young, Landscape Project Manager, represented the Design & Construction team at the Net Positive Water panel discussion on March 25.

***"One should not pursue goals that are easily achieved. One must develop an instinct for what one can just barely achieve through one's greatest efforts." –Albert Einstein***

## ► FOND FAREWELL:

# Goodbye and Good Luck!



Senior Administrative Professional **Anna Hawkins** of Environmental Health and Safety (right) with Donna Castenell from Institute Budget Planning, and Area 1 Manager Garry Lockerman.



Power Plant Manager **Harrold Cash** (right) with Assoc. Dir. Of Utilities Maintenance Casey Charepoo.



Horticulturist **Luther Wilkerson** (left) with A&F Exec. V.P. Steve Swant.



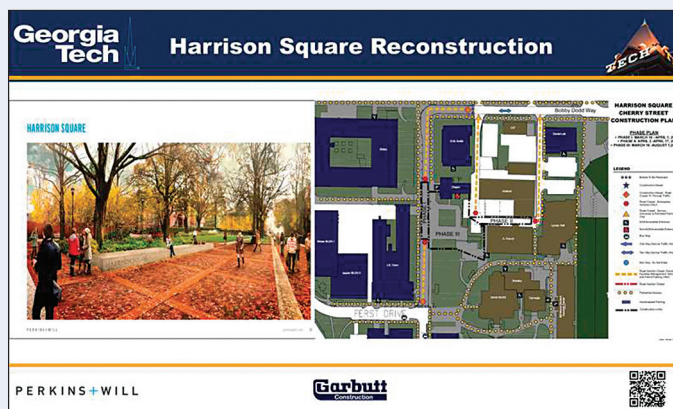
## ► RAISING THE BAR

# Praise & Appreciation

Outstanding customer service and teamwork are essential to the Facilities Management reputation. When a customer takes the time to write a personal thank you note, we know that we are exceeding expectations.

- When Ivan Allen College Facilities Manager, Sam Aral, was presented with the Building Manager of the Year Award, he stated "I could not do what I do...and none of my team could, without the **support of Facilities Operations and Maintenance.**"
- "I was so impressed by all the work he, (Hyacinth Ide), and his team do to keep the campus lush and beautiful." – Leisa Rasmussen, Fleetistics, complimenting the **Landscape Services team.**
- "The Harrison Square construction sign looks great - I have seen many people stopping to take a read. Mission accomplished!!" – Rachael Pocklington with Institute Communications complimenting the work of **Architect Il Elvia Lam** from Design & Construction.
- "Rob, you guys are doing a great job, (on housing landscaping)." – Compliment to **Horticulturist Robert Paltz**, Landscape Services from Ernie Olivares, Senior Director, Housing Department.

- We truly appreciated **William Robertson's** help these last few weeks. The quality of his work and the dedication to customer service was superb. With **Area 3's** help, (including) **Brenda Cochran's** quick responses to email requests, our customers were not affected by us not currently having an electrician. That's how we like to do business!" – Cheryl Kelley Production Control Assistant Area 2.
- "I was extremely pleased that the entrances for buildings and the parking area all had salt on them... I know your crew has a lot to cover... (I)t is much appreciated the hard work they did, coming in at 3am to make sure we could get to work with ease." – Cary Ogletree, Facilities Project Manager, School of Mechanical Engineering complimenting the **Winter Weather Ice Team.**
- "I want to express my thanks regarding an issue with one of my chemistry groups located in ES&T. (We) had a requirement for electrical work to further a research experiment. Due in no small part to **Cheryl Kelley, Brenda Cochran and William Robertson**, the installation was very quick. My appreciation to all who made this possible with such a quick turn around." – Vic Summey, Facility Manager, School of Chemistry & Biochemistry.



- "Your **Production Control Assistants** are critical and they do a GREAT job!" – Katherine Norris, Library Sr. Facilities Manager.

- "I ran into **Electrician Jedd Versteeg** the other day... He's been great for the School of Biology; any time we needed electrical work to be done and done correctly he's our winner!!" – Frank Cannella, Facilities Manager, School of Biology.



## ► EVENTS

# Rockin' Roll Chili Bowl

The 30th Annual Facilities Management Chili Cookoff on March 20, provided a venue for fun and comradery. Thanks to everyone who volunteered their time to make it a success. We were not able to gather all names of sporting-activity winners, but the enthusiastic participation was impressive. Congratulations to the following trophy winners:

- 1st Place Chili: Building Services Zone 5
- 2nd Place Chili: Maintenance Area 3
- 3rd Place Chili: Maintenance Area 2
- Best Dessert: Ebony Pearson of Building Services
- Best Booth: Building Services Zone 12
- Best Hat: Lionel Whatley of Building Services



Chili Cookoff Winners Zone 5 with Mark D.



Design and Construction Team



Utilities Maintenance Team



Reneee Lee, Samantha Harrison and Charlie Mason



Best Booth Winners Zone 12



Area 5 Team

## Tech Beautification Day

The Landscape team, led by Horticulturist Donna Chronic, guided over 400 student volunteers to complete nearly 80 campus projects on Saturday March 28.

*"The chilly morning seemed to energize everyone and I saw lots of smiles from all the student groups...Our crew did a great job of organizing. This annual event is a huge effort with many moving parts and pieces. THANK YOU for a job very well done!"*

— Mark Demyanek, Assistant Vice President Facilities Operations & Maintenance.



Groundskeeper Damien Reid works with students on a re-sodding project.



Students planting perennials in the Biotech Quad