



Inside Facilities

Our Values:

- **Students are our top priority**
- **We strive for excellence**
- **We thrive on diversity**
- **We celebrate collaboration**
- **We champion innovation**
- **We safeguard freedom of injury and expression**
- **We nurture the wellbeing of our community**
- **We act ethically**
- **We are responsible stewards**



► Facilities Adapts To Serve

The summer of Covid-19 featured Facilities employees working harder than ever to reconfigure, reschedule and rethink almost every aspect of campus operations to prepare for the return of students. EH&S led the Covid-19 response efforts by ordering, organizing and distributing the necessary PPE to keep our work environment safe. In the photo above, Environmental Health & Services safety specialist Jerry Jackson (left) and general safety manager, Jerel Harris work together to fill individual hand sanitizer bottles for campus distribution from the newly-established EH&S distribution center.

Building Services employees trained on new protocols in campus cleaning measures and Building Maintenance and Engineering teams updated air filters and UV lighting in buildings on campus. The Analytics team continued to improve utility data accuracy and track the ever-changing utility use profile on campus during the closures and re-openings. Design & Construction, while requiring all contractors to follow safety protocol, managed to successfully open the doors on the Campus Center Exhibition Hall, Cafe and Pavilions. Renovations are well underway to the Russ Chandler Baseball Stadium and despite a significant water main break, the planting of trees and shrubs in the Eco-Commons still pushed ahead.

2020 is often described as "unprecedented" because we have never in recent history encountered a challenge of this kind, a global pandemic. We in Facilities have adjusted to the challenges and discovered new ways to deliver services despite the circumstances. As the fall semester progresses, we are aware that new challenges will arise but if we look out for one another and follow the recommended safety protocols, perhaps soon we can high-five for a job well done.

Praise and Appreciation

"A HUGE thank you to Asst. to the Executive Cheryl Kelley, along with Quinae Ford xx, Jeff Wiley, xx and Cathy Brim, xx. This group came together to create a staff appreciation day . It was Cheryl who had the idea to request funds back from the Foundation and she spent many hours organizing the event and putting treat bags together. Thanks Cheryl and team!" - Jessica Rose, Associate Director, Analytics and Communications

"I want to give a shout-out to Amber Chellis-Omodo (xx) and Bill Oswell (xx) for their partnering in our planning efforts related to the president's house. This was a good reminder of how critical it is to partner on the front end of projects to get budgets right. I really appreciate Amber's insights on historic preservation and Bill's input on being realistic on the numbers." -Linda Daniels, Asst. Director, Capital Planning & Space Management

"I wanted to let you know how much my group enjoys working with Larry Labbe, the Georgia Tech Fire Marshall. I have meant to reach out for a while to let you know how much we appreciate his effort. You rarely find positive, professional, and knowledgeable people who are customer service oriented. Please take this attached letter as a token of appreciation for Larry's work for the Institute for Electronics and Nanotechnology. Let me know if you have additional questions concerning my comments. Best Wishes, Gary Spinner - Sr. Asst. Dir- Research Ops, The Institute for Electronics and Nanotechnology at Georgia Tech

"I am astounded at the forethought and effort GaTech has put into their COVID safety planning and efforts. I have good friends who work at 3 other USG institutions whose plans pale by comparison to ours. Thanks to you and all the GT leadership for understanding the danger of the situation and for taking decisive action to mitigate the risk for us all." - Chris Britt-Rogers, Library Service Center

"Jamie, Jammie and James! - Thank you so VERY MUCH for sending over the calvary of movers to help us get things put back together from the spring flood. The guys were awesome, so very helpful and we couldn't have done it without them! A pleasure to work with them, even though moving boxes is not necessarily their responsibility, and I just wanted to let you know. A great group of guys " - Gary, John, Terrance and Ken!

"Thanks again!"- Debra K Dorsey, Dir-Student Affairs Administration\

"Kynthia Gaines is doing a phenomenal job at leading the expansion study effort for the Food Packaging Technology area for GTRI." -Dan Nemec , XX

"I wanted to give a shoutout to Lynn Ellis. Yesterday, my schedule was tight with meetings across campus, but I had to also make sure that I had iPad connectivity in the Rose Bowl Room for training that I was providing today. Lynn provided the right adapter that I needed to connect to the two large screens in the room. I was on a time crunch, and had to leave O'Keefe to get to my next meeting, but she not only placed a service ticket with OIT to get their A/V team to come take a look, but followed through with them to make sure that the connectivity was fixed in time for my three training sessions today. I'm a huge believer in giving people credit where credit is due, and while the things she did may seem small on paper, they weren't to me. I'm grateful for her help in what was crunch time for me." - Jeff Wiley, I.T. Support Professional I

"I wanted to take a moment and send the below email to recognize David Tate and his Area 4 team for all they do. During the last few months, it has been especially challenging. David and his team are always quick to step up to the plate. I know there are times people focus on the negative and not the positive. We wanted to take a moment and recognize David Tate, Area 4, as well as Andy Sheffield and



Engagement & Collaboration

Jeff Wiley, IT Support Professional I and Christina Fannin, Design & Construction Project Manager were both recently featured in the Daily Digest. Our staff is diverse and multi-talented and we hope to see more features in 2021.

A hobbyist photographer for more than 20 years, Wiley appreciates that his colleagues are at ease with him taking their photo. "I love that our people trust me enough to tell their story. They are used to seeing me walking around with a camera slung around my neck at our staff events, and they usually don't shy away. That's a level of trust that I don't take lightly," he said. To read the whole article about Jeff, go to <https://www.news.gatech.edu/2020/08/11/jeff-wiley-champions-essential-workers>

Fannin's job is to help campus departments make changes to their workspace. Once the design is completed, Fannin manages the construction project. "That is exciting for me," she said. "I like seeing the project come together from drawings. I am thrilled when a project is completed and the customer is happy. It doesn't matter if it's an office space, a lab, or a whole building." Fannin said her group, the special projects team is very supportive. "I'm glad I came here. I'm around a lot of engineers and architects, and I like that. My group is like brothers and sisters. We support each other. I love it here," she said. To read the whole story about Christina, go to <https://news.gatech.edu/2020/10/28/meet-cristina-fannin-construction-manager>



Praise and Appreciation (cont.)

Area 5 for all they do for us. Thanks again!" - Kimberly (Kim) Mull, Sr. Director of Security, Facilities, and Logistics, Library/Clough Commons

"Nazia and the EH&S team, thank you for your attention to improve air quality in DM Smith and Skiles. Very much appreciated." - Kaye Husbands Fealing, Ph.D., Dean of Ivan Allen College of Liberal Arts, Ivan Allen Jr. Chair

"I want to send a BIG THANKS out to John Jackson, Albert Williams, John Winters, Gerry Green, and Terence Bowens for the help with the student PPE relocation. With this team we were able to move around 7 pallets of student PPE from the GTPD to the Flags building in a little under 3 1/2 hours. This was not easy work and very hot in the back of the trucks. NOT one complaint. Thank you for letting them help us out and Please send my Thanks to each person." - Thanks, Brandon Ford, Facilities Staging

"Jeff Sheehan xx, Thank you and your team for helping with distributing the sand at Alumni Park. Your tireless commitment and leadership is greatly appreciated in making this campus look beautiful and today was no exception. In fact, you and your team enable the sand courts to be usable for our competitive sports program along with a well needed outlet for GT students to play volleyball. I am grateful for your help!" - Jonathan Hart, Assistant Director | Facilities and Operations, Campus Recreation

"Jessica Rose xx, the Air Quality Article in The Daily Digest was really good! Thank you for your work on it and it reflects well on SFS." - Nazia, xx

"Kudos to Holland Plant Operators for their tireless work to have the Plants running 24/7". - Casey Charepoo, CEFP, Associate Director- Infrastructures & Plants Operations

"I am proud and simultaneously grateful to Ovida Reeves, xxx, for taking the ASPIRE program very seriously. The program encourages managers to be 'co-learners'. As such, I was fortunate to be able to grow alongside of Ovida in this very productive program. It has been a great learning opportunity for us both," - Jessica Rose, Assoc. Director, Analytics & Communications

David Tate (Area Maintenance Manager), your team is A#1! - Vickie Brian, Assistant Director of Administrative Operations, Daniel Guggenheim School of Aerospace Engineering

"I wanted to thank Verol Baker, (Custodian II) and Vernicer West, (Custodian I) for getting the classroom in fine order. It was very clean, lots of sanitizing supplies were available, and we all felt very safe there. THANK YOU for doing this, it truly means a lot to walk in and straight away feel safe which I did, and the students did. I am very grateful for what have done for me and for my students". Professor Vinayak Agarwal, Assistant Professor, BioChemistry & Chemistry

Retirees



More Praise and Appreciation

"Brandon Ford-Staging Foreperson, Alphonso Benson-Staging Specialist I, Derrick Jones-Staging Specialist II, John Mays-Staging Specialist III, I really appreciate all of your assistance with the PPE distribution. You have done an outstanding job and we could not have met the needs of research and our staff and faculty without them.

"Many thanks for all of your hard work through rain and shine, and maybe some confusion!". Nazia Zakir, xxx

"We had a flood on the second floor of Boggs from the result of a busted valve from a dishwasher. The water was all over the hallway and in three labs. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Adrienne Devezin (Custodian III), and her team of Shaneiqua Jordan (Custodian II), Crystal Cox (Custodian I), Alfred Blue (Custodian II), Tonia Epps (Custodian I), Bridget Michel (Custodian I), & David Kidd (Custodian III). They were all Johnny on the spot and attacked the flood immediately. Kudos to them all for a job well done". Micheal Riley, Facilities Mgr II, hemistry & Biochemistry

"I wanted to lift up one of the custodial staff in the Crosland/Price buildings Tijuana Smith (Custodian II). I forgot my phone at the water fountain and didn't realize my mistake until I was in the middle of a timed test. After finishing the test and receiving not much help from other resources, I saw Tijuana and asked for her help. She was the first person to greet me kindly, express concern and try to help. She called who she thought might have just finished cleaning on the 7th floor. She confirmed they had my phone in a locked office. I REALLY appreciated that Tijuana was helpful, even though it wasn't "technically" her job to help me. Leah Pincus, student
Lindsey Cottingham and Mark Wood's partnership with the Athletic Association has been invaluable over the past 2 years. Add in Dan Nemeec and team, you now have a very high functioning group that have been played a critical role to the capital project success we have achieved in these recent times. - Athletic Association

Anniversaries

25 Years

**Mark Demyanek, VP Sustainb
Facilities Safety**

10 Years

**Christena Hammett, Facilities-
Bldg & Equip Maint**
**Lawrence Labbe,
Environmental Health & Safety**
**RodneyLevitt, Facilities-Bldg &
Equip Maint**
**Robert Mendoza, Facilities-
Bldg & Equip Maint**
**Alejandro Hunt, Facilities-
Bldg & Equip Maint**

5 Years

**Patricia Anderson, Facilities-
Building Services**

**Shikbath Choudhury, Facilities-
Building Services**

**Obrena Chin, Facilities-
Landscaping**

**Shonda Hartshorn, Facilities-
Building Services**

**Monique Thornton, Facilities-
Building Services**

**Sabrina Mackey, Facilities-
Building Services**

**Anok Barj, Facilities-Building
Services**

**John Duncan, Facilities-
Building Services**

**Debra King-Pringle, Facilities-
Building Services**

**Carla Barbour, Facilities-
Design/Construction**

**Erin Porterfield, Environmental
Health & Safety**

New Facilities Staff Council Member

New Member of Staff Council from
Facilities Management - Science &
Research

Alicia Wood-Jones, Environmental
Health & Safety - Associate Lab &
Chemical Safety Officer



► STAFF IN ACTION

Gratitude Goes A Long Way

Two separate events this year honored the hard work being done by Facilities Management Employees. Employee Appreciation Day featured photo ops with Mr. Incredible and the Ramblin' Wreck, goodie bags and GT swag. Jackets Appreciating Jackets, an event organized by the parents of current students, provided a day of snacks, drinks and GT cookies.



Dear Building Services, Maintenance, Health & Safety, Landscape Services Staffs,

We are a large GT parent group, who has been noticing all you are doing for our students and the entire GT community this unusual semester! We so appreciate the extraordinary efforts you have devoted toward keeping our campus safe and healthy, and open. We are all experiencing unprecedented demands during this global health crisis and the work you are doing is critical to the goal of getting campus life back toward normal. We as parents, some very distant from our kids, know the vital part that you all are playing in helping to keep everything on campus thriving, as much as possible.

It is hard to know how to adequately express our deep gratitude, so we hope that you accept our small gesture, as an expression of a far greater appreciation for all that you continue to do.

Stay safe and healthy,

*The parents of "Georgia Tech Current or Potential Parents" Facebook group
#jacketsprotectjackets*

► HR CORNER

A note of thanks to all the hard-working employees of Sustainability, Facilities and Safety! I commend your commitment to Georgia Tech and it remains a privilege to serve as your HR Business Partner.

In resuming on-campus operations for the fall semester and supporting our mission to protect the health and safety of the campus community, all employees have been instructed to enroll in the "Returning Safely to Campus" course. Instructions to enroll can be found at training.hr.gatech.edu.

This course is mandatory and should be completed by Friday, September 4.

Stay well and should you have any questions, you can always reach me at derrick.morse@ohr.gatech.edu.



Strategic Plan 2020-2030

OUR MISSION

The Georgia Institute of Technology is a public research university established by the state of Georgia in Atlanta in 1885 and committed to developing leaders who advance technology and improve the human condition.

OUR VALUES:

Students are our top priority.
We strive for excellence.
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OUR VISION:

Over the next decade, Georgia Tech will be an example of inclusive innovation, a leading technological, research university relentlessly committed to serving the public good; breaking new ground in addressing the biggest local, national, and global challenges of our time; making technology broadly accessible; and developing exceptional



► AROUND CAMPUS

Georgia Tech Basketball

Georgia Tech Faculty & Staff will have access to complimentary tickets for the select men's and women's basketball games listed below.

Faculty/staff wishing to attend games should check in at the ticket office windows on the 10th Street side of McCamish Pavilion to claim a ticket. Check in will open one hour prior to game time.

This complimentary ticket offer is available to Faculty & Staff with a valid Buzz Card and is limited to one (1) ticket per Buzz Card. Additional tickets may not be requested nor will they be available for purchase. The ticket is for your personal use only and resale of the ticket is prohibited.

General admission seating inside the venue will be grouped in pairs with six feet of distance between each pair. Faculty & Staff members who wish to sit together must arrive to the game together and sit in one of the socially distanced seating pairs. Individuals who attend the game alone will claim a pair of seats for them self to maintain social distancing. Approved personal face coverings must be worn at all times within McCamish Pavilion and while in line at the ticket windows or venue entrance.

Available Games:

MEN'S BASKETBALL

SUN JAN 3 VS WAKE FOREST
TUES JAN 12 VS PITT

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

SUN JAN 10 VS VIRGINIA TECH
THR JAN 14 VS SURACUSE
SUN JAN 24 VS DUKE
THU FEB 4 VS CLEMSON
SUN FEB 7 VS WAKE FOREST
THR FEB 18 VS FLORIDA STATE
SUN FEB 28 VS PITT

[CLICK HERE](#) to be notified as future games are added to the list.

Virtual Sustainable Facilities Forum

Over 150 individuals attended this year's virtual forum. From historic preservation to Smart Labs there were many interesting topics from which to choose. Chaired by Maria Ceballos, xxx and Mailte Weiland, xxx, presenters from Facilities Management this year included Jerry Young, Landscape Project Manager, Emma Brodzik, Recycling Coordinator, Wendy Welker, Jennifer Disotell, Ryan Lisk, Greg Spiro, Kynthia Gaines, and Jessica Rose. Here's a sample of just one of the three tracks available to attendees of this year's forum.

Kendeda Building: Operational Lessons Learned



Maintaining Green Cleaning in a Pandemic



Georgia Tech's Historic Preservation Plan



VOTE 2020

January 5 –
Runoff Elections for Senate and Public Service Commissioner

US Senate
David Perdue and Jon Ossoff for a full, 6-year term

Kelly Loeffler and Raphael Warnock to fulfill the remaining term

of Johnny Isaackson (retired)

Public Service Commission- District 4
The PSC oversees public telecommunications, utilities, natural gas, etc. rates. The District 4 race is between Lauren "Bubba" McDonald and Daniel Blackman

Wall of Heroes

Building Services Operations Manager, Willa Chapman, created a Wall of Heroes to inspire, support and encourage the over 250 employees in Building Services. Located in the hallway of the Building Services department, it serves as a daily reminder of their vital importance in maintaining a healthy and safe environment for all members of the Georgia Tech community.



Engagement & Collaboration

Student Bryan Hare sought assistance from Facilities Management for guidance in the possibility of building a piezoelectric sidewalk on campus to educate young students on novel, interactive energy technology and promote GT as a leading institution in energy technology.

Student Bernardo Perez contacted Facilities Management for information to provide students with a look into the custodial staff's life and the difficulties they are faced with this semester.

Women's Basketball Lockerroom

The Georgia Tech Women's basketball team has a new space to enjoy pre- and post-game, practices and training sessions as DPR Construction completed a new locker room space for the Yellow Jackets, an addition and renovation of 2,610 sq.-ft. located between the McCamish Pavilion and the Zelnak Center. The renovated space includes a staff lounge, game lounge, nutrition lounge, and a new hydrotherapy tub for quick player recovery.



Veterans Resource Center

The Veterans Resource Center at Georgia Tech is dedicated to serving students who are Veterans, Military, Reserve and Guard members, and dependents by providing comprehensive support services that enhance and complement the academic experience.



Eco-Commons

Opening in time for spring semester, this eight acre greenspace is sure to please everyone on campus. Areas to engage, learn and reflect offer multiple opportunities to engage with nature. Read more about this campus treasure here: [xxxxx](#).

Mark Demyanek Retires

Chuck Rhode, vice president of Facilities Management for over 25 years, retired as of July 31, 2020. Family, friends and colleagues joined together in an online farewell on Friday, June 26th complete with roasts, toasts and gifts.

