



# KU FOGHORN

The University of Kansas Facilities Services Newsletter

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**KU FACILITIES SERVICES**  
The University of Kansas

## Note from the Director



- If you have not ordered shirts you are allowed 5 shirts per year from your last order date. Please see Amber Wood for shirt orders. Shirts can no longer be exchanged for any reason.



- Do you have your KU ID badge displayed prominently? Employees should be wearing a KU FS shirt **OR** a KU ID badge displayed when doing work in a building. ID badge cover, clip and lanyard can be obtained from your supervisor. Supervisors can receive these from Amber Wood. If you need a replacement ID—present the non-working card to your supervisor who will contact Amber Wood for a letter.



Summer is the warmest season of the year. For many it is road trip time. Hundreds of thousands of families and friends take advantage of sunny, warm weather and hit the road, heading for beaches and lakes, national parks and other fun places. With hot weather also comes the need to stay hydrated. Please make sure you and everyone around you stay hydrated, drink plenty of water and stay out of the sun when possible. We had three F.S. Employee of the Month winners Craig Moore (April), Dana Evans (May) and Phil Vannicola (June) this quarter as you can see in this edition. Please continue to support this process. We also had three F.S. employees awarded the Kansas University Employee of the Month Pat Stalcup (April), Lewis Ashworth (May) and Caleb Cook (June). Congratulations to all our winners. The KU Construction Team was merged with Facilities Services. This will allow us all to continue working together and increase efficiencies on University projects across campus. Team cleaning in Zone 5 custodial continues to progress with great results. Remember, if you have an idea or suggestion, please let us know either thru our suggestion boxes placed around the department or send me a message. Again, thank you for everything you do for K.U. Stop by and say hello when you're in the area. My door is always open.

Vince Avila



Pat Stalcup, Power Plant 1 received the April University EOM



Lewis Ashworth, Zone 1, May University EOM



Caleb Cook, Zone 6 University EOM for June

## Upcoming Events

- July 13-14 Biometric Screenings
- August 25 T-Bones Game KUFs
- September 5 Labor Day
- September 26 Begins Employ State Health Plan Open Enrollment Begins
- October 10-11 Student Fall Break
- November 13 Veteran's Day Holiday
- November 24-25 Thanksgiving Holiday break
- December 26 Christmas Observed Holiday



Matt Falkenstein (right) and Allen Flanner (right) count some of the 8000 items at the store room for inventory. 1-2-3-4-5-6.....



Photos to the left are the before and after stripping and waxing of the antique and intricate floors of Dyche Hall. The crew responsible for this phenomenal job are (left to right) Jerry McDavis, Chris Mills and Steven Steffe



Water main break outside FS Warehouse June 6-8. Mike Brown, Peter Bridges, Dave Bakarich



Greg Herries & Keith Brown clean up after a food fight. It is reported that Bluto was not on the scene with an exploding "zit" potato.



Zone 2 (above) gathers to have a pot luck meal in Spring of 2016.



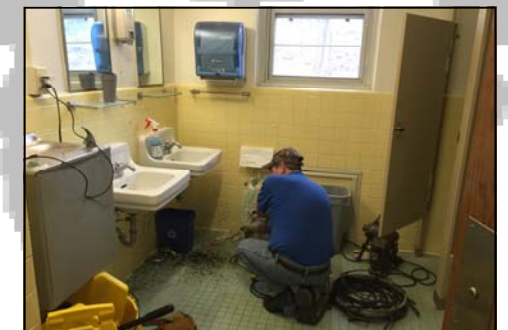
Debbie Mendoza (left, Zone 2) cleaning at Hashinger. Looks good Debbie!



KUC repairs the drive at the Visitor's Center.



Al Henricks, Jack Bame, Allen Barton, Dave Henricks, Josh Hackathorn, Gene Normandin, Phil Vannicola, Aaron Hout, Drew Goulden, Bags, Mike Williams, Johnnie Mole, Barry Elder all took part in the head shaving to support Tommy Wood during his chemotherapy treatments.



Mike Rowe missed out on this dirty job but Zone 6 plumber Keith Visocky got 'er done!

# Praise for Facilities Services



Buddy Taylor doing tile work at Tower C.

## Zone 5, William Bagwell

I wanted to let you know, Bags was a huge help to us when he was here fixing the storm doors. There was a gas leak, (city) a man asked for his help and he helped, you have a great crew working with you! I really appreciated his help.

*Dana, Chancellor's Residence*

## Zone 2

Thank you so much for the email, and kudos to the staff who had a hand in setting up/cleaning those rooms (in Self). Thanks again!

*Sandra Lollis, Operations Specialist*

## Zone 5, Chris Mills

Thank you for cleaning the carpet in the Chancellor's Office hallway. It looks great. We appreciate all that you do behind the scenes to take care of our office.

*Kathy McCurley, Office of the Chancellor*

## Zone 5, Jeremy Mills

Jeremy just came by to hang my whiteboard and did a great job! Thank you!

*Wendy Bridges, KU Calendar Administrator/Events Manager*

## Zone 6

I just want to commend you and your team for following up so quickly on our requests. I note that the thermostat has been moved to my office and parts for my vent have been ordered, covers have been installed on the restroom paper towel dispenser slots, and dirt has been added and the drain pipe has been moved from adjacent to the north external stairway of Spooner. I am sure you have done other things that I can't see, but I just want to give you and your team a big thank you. We really appreciate all that you do for us and how quickly you respond!

*Dr. Sandra L. Olsen, Professor of Museum Studies, Biodiversity Institute*

## Zone 2, Buddy Taylor & Craig Moore

Have y'all seen the slat board that Buddy and Junior made to replace the piece that I lost moving the APL office from the Burge to Tower B? It is so awesome, I could not be more impressed!! I just wanted to give a little shout out to your guys b/c they did an awesome job!!!

*Robin Harris*

## Zone 1, Doug Fraser & Mannell

I wanted to thank you for sending Doug and Chis out there to the KU Field Station. they did a great trouble shooting a controller system all of us were unfamiliar with, and they had a great attitude. Doug graciously explained to Bruce how to call things in to the right people to get their generators added into KU's test system.

*Katie Sadler*

## Zone 5

Just got a very nice note from one of my staff that I thought I'd pass along to you and ask that you pass it on to the appropriate crew member. "Whoever cleaned the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor ladies last night did a great job." Please let you staff know their work was noticed and appreciated.

*Lon Dehnert, Assistant Dean, School of Education*

## Special Services

Just wanted you to know that we had a complex and challenging move of two large desks yesterday.

Laura Sellers Crew: Tyler Brown, Will Allen, Matt Yates and Adam Peterson—did a fantastic job. And—their attitude was positive and helpful. I need to move things more often just to work with these terrific people!

And, I have always believed that people reflect the attitude and standards of their boss—Laura has always been cooperative, helpful and positive. Thank you.

*Bernie Kish, Ph. D., University of Kansas-School of Education*

## Zone 1, Carla Endacott

I just want to let you know that we really appreciate the great job Carla is doing. She takes pride in her work and it shows. I've had several people ask me if we have a new custodian because it shows. I just want to say KUDOS to Carla. She definitely deserves recognition for her outstanding work. Our building was starting to look a little run down. Now it's starting to look new again.

*Carla Ramirez, Facility Manager, KU Office of Research*

## Zone 1

I wanted to take a moment to thank you for your attention to our needs here at the Dole Institute. Keeping the venue looking and functioning well go hand in hand with our museum, research and program offerings and is a critical part of our ongoing mission, so we appreciate the fantastic support. I know Lawrence especially appreciates the attention to detail you and your team is giving us, from making sure everything looked great for the chancellor's big dinner, to working with landscaping and personnel to following up and keeping him focused on status.

So thanks a bunch, we appreciate the effort.

*William Lacy, Director, Dole Institute of Politics*

## Zone 1

More people have commented on Dan, Sue, and Colt's work: 1.) They appreciate the bathrooms regular quality cleanings and washing out the floor drains to eliminate the smell. 2.) People have noticed the floors getting done and taken care of. They wanted to pass on their thanks. 3.) We even had a carpet steaming without asking for one. That really excited the occupant. 4.) The water fountains are sparkling and look great! Thank you for the excellent night crew! Keep up the good work! Many Thanks,

*André Faucher, Research Support Services Manager, Sustainability Ambassador*

## Work Management, Melissa Wittner

I just wanted to take the time to tell you about Melissa. Sometimes dealing with FS and Maximo can get really crazy. Kind of like working with IT. Melissa has always been a big help. Regardless of how difficult the issues she takes them in stride and works very hard for a positive outcome. Many thanks. Here on campus we need more people like her to keep things operating through all the day to day issues we face.

*Jim Wilmington, Project Manager, DCM*



Repairs to the Fraser Flag



**EAC Employee of the Month April:  
Craig Moore**

Craig Moore is a carpenter in Zone 2. Craig is known to help whenever needed, doing whatever job is needed such as asset tags, filters and carpentry work. Craig gets along with others, and works hard until the job is done. Craig is sure that all emergency jobs are completed before continuing with other work. He is quick to help his fellow employees with technical work. Craig was nominated by Steve Gottstein.



**EAC Employee of the Month May:  
Dana Evans**

Dana is a third shift custodian in Zone 5. Dana is trained in a variety of duties. He is a team player who takes pride in his work and goes above and beyond expectations. His coworkers find him easy to work with, helpful and personable. Dana has been at KU for 32 years and is known for being a hard worker with a dedicated background. Dana was nominated by Becky Shepard and Arlene Buman.



**EAC Employee of the Month June:  
Phil Vannicola**

Phil is a GMRT Senior in Zone 4. If you've ever met Phil, it's guaranteed you'll remember him. You'll most often find Phil working with Josh and Aaron on steam projects. Phil never says no to a job regardless of what you ask him to do (some of which you don't want to hear about). Phil may appear to be a loose cannon with a few loose screws but if you know him well enough you know he has a heart of gold. Phil wouldn't let me tell you the many acts of charity he quietly does so I won't list them, but know the list is couldn't fill a thousand Foghorns. Phil was nominated by Tommy Wood.



**Tom Ramirez Retires**

Tom Ramirez retired after 42 years at KU. Rory White is seen here presenting the plaque to Tom.



Gloria Davis receiving her 35 year Pin & Gift.  
Keep up the good work Gloria!



Kenny Bateson receiving 30 year plaque, cake