Facilities Maintenance Digs In - Recently, Facilities Maintenance Utility Distribution Shop took on a large project to replace the main water line supplying the WVU Farm complex. The existing line was old and had numerous repairs that were costing a lot of time and money to fix. The reliability of the line was also in question. Scheduling and planning was key in this project so as not to affect the farm operations. The Dairy Barn schedules milking operations two times a day and requires fresh water be available during the milking process. This made the installation and tie in of the new line very critical.

Patrick Kight, the new manager of the Utility Distribution Shop, led John Hardesty and Tracy Stiles on the repairs. These repairs included rerouting and installing approximately 900 ft. of new 4” water line, coordinating with the local utility to provide a new point to tap the water main, installing new valves and connections that feed existing buildings and finally, installing a new fire hydrant for added fire protection of the facilities. During the project, the farm provided an equipment operator to dig the water line ditch. This part of the project was also supported by Tim Dalton and Chuck Loy from the Utility Distribution Shop when the farm operator was not available. The project was completed in about two weeks at a cost of around $17,500. This included labor and materials. Completion of this project by the Utility Distribution Shop saved the University about $23,000 had we contracted the project to an outside vendor.

Another great job completed by the Utility Distribution Shop Team!
CONGRATULATIONS to our recent retirees for their years of service.

HC Tennant - 34 years
Campus Service Worker for Jeffrey Smith
Zone 1 Area 3 Operations

Claudia Pauley - 20 years
Campus Service Worker Lead for Robert Phillips
Zone 3 Area 10 Operations

Gary Little - 21 years
Warehouse Purchasing Assistant II for Dave Dixon

Orvella Deavers - 19 years
Campus Service Worker for Joseph McBee
Zone 2 Area 1 Operations

Gerald Nash - 13 years
Campus Service Worker for Michael Olenick
Zone 6 Area 6 Operations

Paul Barnett - 13 years
He started out working for Student Affairs in 2001 and made the switch to Facilities Management in 2005 as a Trades Specialist I for Ken Parker
Zone 1 Downtown Operations when the two organizations merged to become one entity.

Wayne Blatt - 7 years
Trades Specialist I for Willie Jefferson
Zone 5 Maintenance.

Editor’s Note: New hires and Student Support Staff Employees have the option to have a photo along with a small introduction about their Facilities Management years of service or what they would like to share with our readers. We welcome those who wish to participate. If you would like to contribute to our newsletter, please email Pamela.Readd@mail.wvu.edu

Welcome to Facilities Management

New Employees

Heather Forquer is originally from Washington, PA and has been in the Morgantown area for 21 years. She received both her undergraduate and graduate degrees from WVU and has been employed with the university for about 10 years. She enjoys watching her two teenage sons participate and compete in multiple sports and during the off-seasons, camping and spending time with friends and family. She was previously the Student Loan Officer with the Office of Student Accounts before joining Facilities Management’s Central Office team under Senior Financial Management Analyst Carrie Hall, and is excited to be here with us and looking forward to many more years to come.

Marty Lipscomb; Trades Specialist II for Robert Sanson PM/Shift Maintenance

Joseph Vincent; Construction Manager for Associate Director John Thompson Design & Construction

Heather Hathaway; Financial Analyst for Assistant Director Dan Stalnaker

Brianna Smith; Human Resources Representative for Maria Witt and Ben Maatman
Ethan Gardner is a native of Pittsburgh, PA and pursuing a degree at WVU in Petroleum and Natural Gas Engineering. He has been working at Design & Construction since early June under Associate Director Daniel Batson. In his free time, he enjoys working out at West Virginia University’s Recreation Center as well as playing golf and basketball.

Michael Knight is setting his goals towards earning his Mechanical Engineering degree working with Dan Batson’s team located in the Design & Construction building. Having applied to West Virginia University as a student and coming to the United States has been an exciting journey for him. With the knowledge and experience that Michael hopes to gain while in college, he wishes to pursue a progressive career in the flying car industry. Whenever he gets the opportunity, he loves to play ultimate Frisbee, golf, and indulge in life’s simple pleasures like sipping an ice cold lemonade while lounging at the lake.

Kaitlin Lake recently graduated from West Virginia University with a degree in Accounting. She is now working towards her Masters in professional accountancy and wants to obtain her CPA license with plans to sit for the exam within the next year. She is working with the Facilities Management’s Central Office team under Senior Financial Management Analyst Carrie Hall. She enjoys traveling, camping, and reading in her spare time.