

Facilities Management Year End 2020 Newsletter

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Holiday Message from Ron

2020 has certainly been a unique test of our ability to adapt to change and work together. I will forever be proud of how the employees at FM rose to the call when asked to assist in making the campus a safe environment for students, faculty and staff during the COVID-19 pandemic. We are all in this together and I want us to do everything we can to help each other get through these challenging times.

What 2021 brings, who knows, but I do know that in times like this, we all need to be there for each other. As the holiday season is just around the corner, I want nothing more than for you to take care of yourself, your friends and your family. Please stay safe and we will push through these challenges with grace and positivity.

Wishing you and your family a blessed holiday season.

Ron Tarbutton, Chief Facilities Officer

*Happy
Holidays*



Celebrating our Employee Achievements

Ambassador Program:



Anna Hume

Supervisory Academy:



Tyler Toland

Facilities Management Leadership Program:



- ❖ Errick Anderson
- ❖ Greg Leeming
- ❖ Matt Morgan
- ❖ Geena Brownell – (pictured with Ron Tarbutton)
- ❖ Gabe Dreiling
- ❖ Errick Anderson
- ❖ Brenda Hall
- ❖ Bobby Edwards
- ❖ Richard Hamlett

APPA Certified Education Facilities Professional (CEFP) certification. The CEFP is an advanced level of certification and that represents a mastery of professional expertise and is a mark of superior proficiency in the core competencies for educational facilities professionals.

Congratulations for earning the CEFP certification:

- ❖ Craig Spencer
- ❖ Gabe Dreiling

FM Mask Contest

Earlier this year FM held a "Face Mask Contest" to have a little fun while wearing our masks to keep everyone safe. Congratulations to the winner of the gift card drawing, Michelle

McGaughey, Landscape Services department.



Thanks to everyone who participated and sent in pictures, here are just a few!



Huge Task of Obtaining Masks!

Thank you to everyone who helped get masks ordered, warehoused, packaged, and distributed to the university earlier this year. Also a special thank you to Anne Fultz and Jean Pangborn who volunteered after-hours to make masks for distribution to FM personnel, health care workers and first responders. As stated by Anne: "I didn't do it for the accolades but to help in a time of uncertainty. I want all my friends and coworkers to be safe!" (Left: Jean Pangborn, Center: table of handmade masks made by Anne and Jean, Right: Procurement Services working on mask distribution to the university: Braylen Phelps, Kierstean Steele, Brenda Hall and Jeff Cook, not pictured Shawn Agaba)



Landscape Services hosts a Service Learning Project

On Thursday, September 24th, the OSU Landscape Services team hosted a Service Learning Project on the north side of the Business Building at the new Carter C. Hanner Alumni Veterans Garden. Seven OSU students from the Horticulture Club and The Society of American Foresters chapter participated in planting three trees on site, two Bald Cypress and one Hardy Rubber Tree. The garden will feature corner stones from Hanner Hall that used to stand on the nearby corner of Athletic Ave. and Hester St. The trees planted will provide shade and a peaceful atmosphere for generations to come as citizens enjoy the garden and reflect on our Veterans service.

Students learned how to properly plant a tree, young tree care, and tree planting safety. The Landscape Services team makes great effort to reach out to the student body for educational and service-based opportunities. This Service Learning Project will be featured in the department's upcoming application for the Arbor Day Foundation's Tree Campus Higher Education recognition. Tree Campus Higher Education (formerly Tree Campus USA) is a program that the department has proudly participated in and received recognitions from for nine years running. The overall goal for this program is to promote healthy trees and student involvement in the campus community forest. OSU Landscape Services will continue to provide the student body with similar opportunities like this Service Learning Project. (Thank you to Caitlin Gipson, Landscape Services University Arborist, for providing the article and pictures.)



Facilities Management Veteran's Day

Each year FM honors our veterans working at FM. We thank each of our veterans for their service to this great nation and the personal sacrifices each made to keep freedom alive for all of us. (Thank you to Bill Hilson for creating the 2020 picture below).

I have provided a link so you can read the history of how Veteran's Day became a national holiday.

<https://nationaltoday.com/veterans-day/#:~:text=When%20is%20Veterans%20Day%202020,end%20of%20World%20War%20I.>



Energy Management offers OSU Walkabout

At the beginning of Fall Semester 2020, OSU Energy Management & Sustainability had the opportunity to contribute to Welcome Week activities and brainstorm a creative idea that would be fun for students yet keep them safe due to COVID-19. The result was the OSU Welcome Walkabout. Working together, Sustainability Coordinator Ilda Hershey with student interns, along with Energy Manager Jenny Cundiff, developed a walking tour of campus that featured examples of energy management and sustainability; OSU's beautiful landscaping and architectural features; and brought attention to outstanding outdoor artwork throughout central campus. A link to the activity and a map were posted on the OSU Energy Management & Sustainability website to encourage participants to explore central campus out in the fresh air while safely social distancing and/or wearing a mask. For even more fun, students and other participants were invited to post selfies on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter @osugreen. After Welcome Week activities had ended, the name was changed to OSU Walkabout and it has remained on the website for all to enjoy.

If you have not visited the OSU Energy Management website recently, don't miss this special event to enjoy with family or friends, especially during this holiday season. Listed under Events, [The OSU Walkabout](#) is a fun outdoor activity to do on your own, with friends or with family members.

Following the map provided on the web page, participants will enjoy locating special campus points of interest beginning at Edmon Low Library and ending at Central Plant located near Parking & Transportation Services and offering free bus service, as needed, to various locations across campus.

During this holiday season, a special treat is an early evening stroll beginning at Edmon Low Library with its orange holiday lights. If the weather is nice and you have not done so yet, we encourage you to experience the OSU Walkabout and gain a fresh perspective of our campus. (Article provided by Jenny Cundiff)



2020 Timson Facilities Management Award - Heather Forquer

Each year at our closing banquet, we honor a valued partner who embodies the spirit of the Timson Award. This award was established in 2010 to recognize the outstanding service of the Glen and Jane Timson family from Oologah, OK. Oologah is located about 30 minutes north of Tulsa. Four Timson children – Joe, Ben, Ray and Sally – all worked for Housing and Residential Life as student staff, graduate assistants, or full-time professionals. Jane taught in the Oologah school system, and her encouragement and mentorship resulted in many, many outstanding student staff. At one time we had 8 students on our staff from Oologah, a town of just over 1,000 residents!

The Department of Housing and Residential Life would like to congratulate you (**Heather Forquer**) as the inaugural winner of the 2020 Timson Facilities Management Award! This year, we established a Timson Award to be given to a Facilities Management staff member whose outstanding service makes a difference in the lives of our residents, and was selected by our staff members. Congratulations Heather!



Shannon Baughman, Associate Director of Operations
Department of Housing and Residential Life

FM Feed Our Own

Thank You to everyone who assisted with the FM Help Our Own Christmas Dinner this year. This event helps members of our Facilities Management Family that are struggling at this time of the year. With the donations received, FM families, that may not otherwise get the opportunity, will have a wonderful holiday meal to celebrate all the joys of this season. A special thanks to the FM Santa, John Byram and the FM Elves, Jo Price and Bobbi Todd.



Annual Inventory Accomplishment

For the 2nd year, the Procurement Services Warehouse team had had an annual inventory that yielded 99.999% inventory accuracy!

Great work!

Back row l/r-Sheri Hughes, Lori Vogt, Marlene Tornakian, Teresa Rutherford, Don Machart

Front l/r-Daniel Mutaj, Chris Tornakian, Brady Luginbill, Micheal Robertson

Not Pictured: Angela Duckworth



FM Steps up to the Pandemic Challenges in a Big Way!

Thank you to everyone at FM for stepping up to the challenges that we faced this year dealing with the pandemic. Every member of the FM staff contributed and together we met the challenge of making the campus a safe learning and working environment for students, staff and faculty.

Your efforts made a big difference and did not go unrecognized across campus! See the notes of appreciation below to every member of Facilities Management!

To the Facilities Management Team:

As we end the first week of classes I just wanted to drop a note to you and your team to say THANK YOU! We would not be in position we are in today without the hard work, dedication, and creative work of you and all of your staff. I truly believe we are as prepared and ready as anyone in the country and that is in large part due to all of your work. Please let your team know their efforts have not gone unnoticed!!!

Go Pokes!

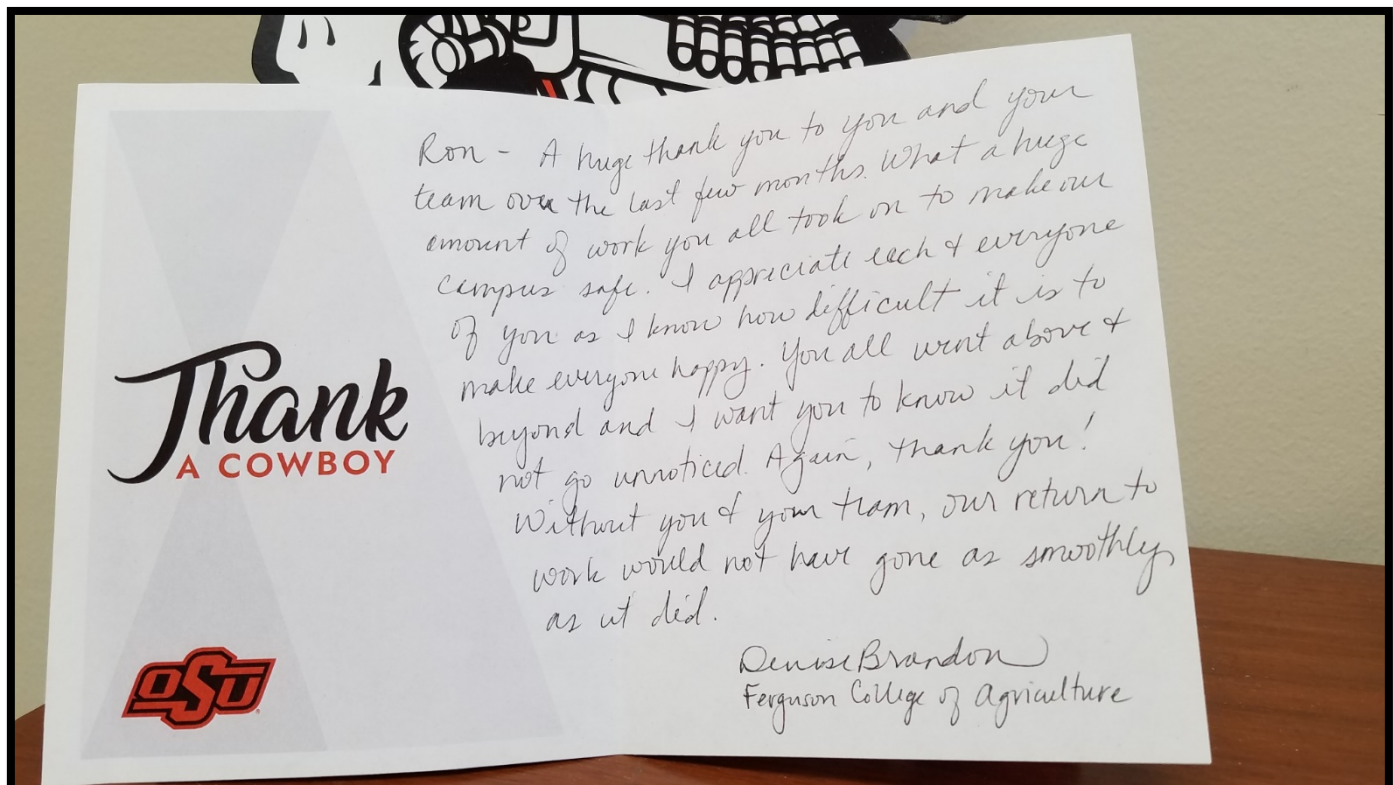
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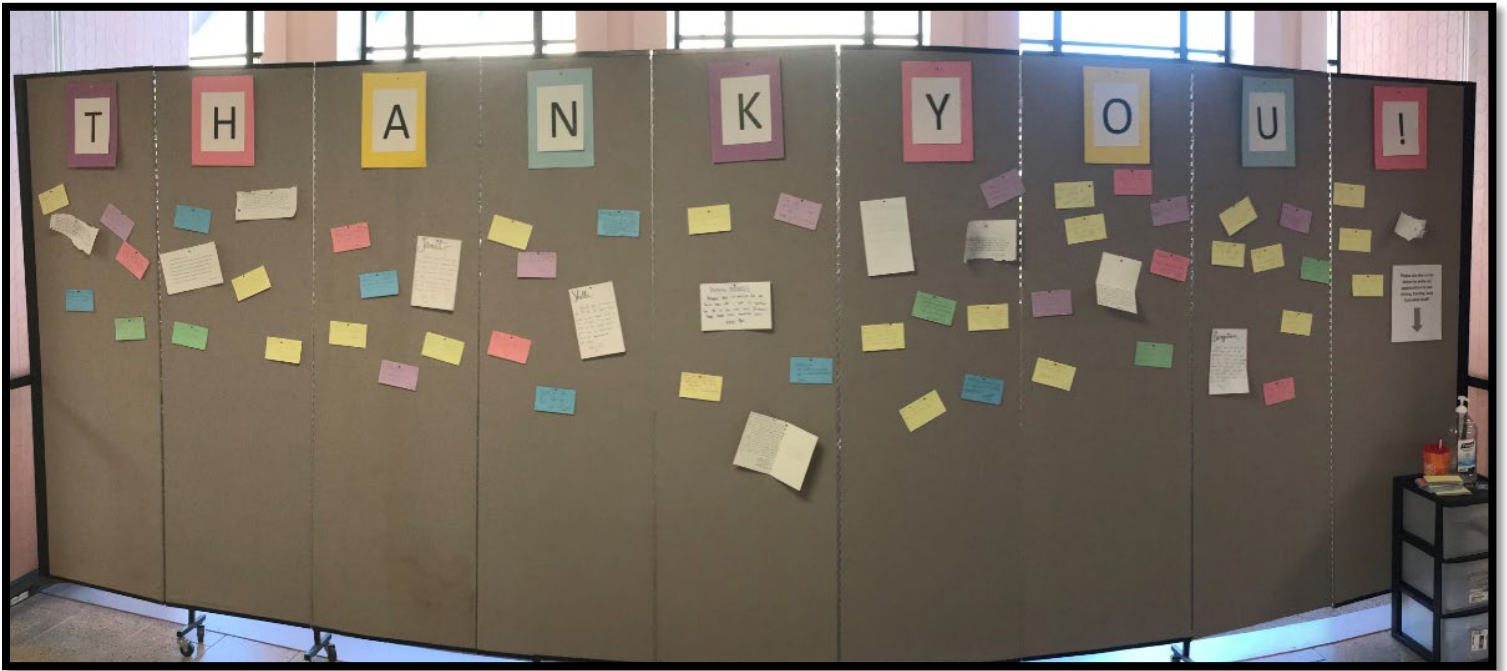
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Thank You note from Ferguson College of Agriculture



Luke Muller Student Body Vice President, OSU Student Government Association created an FM appreciation board for making the semester a safe environment for the students. The thank you notes were written by the students and posted to the boards in the Student Union. (Below pictures are a few the boards)



Facilities Management Staff,

I want to thank you for all of the hard work you do that oftentimes goes unnoticed on campus. We as students would be unable to do anything if it was not for the hard work and dedication that you put in to making this campus better for us each and every day. So thank you for all of the time and effort that you guys put into making this the best place it can be.

- Caden Young

Thank you so much for adapting to the changes this semester so we can be here 😊

Thank y'all for all
you've done to keep
us safe!

Your work isn't unnoticed
- ♡

Facilities Management,

Thank you so much
for all you do to keep
our campus beautiful!

We appreciate you!

XOXO,

Ellen

Dear custodial staff,

Thank you so much
for everything you do for us.
You are truly saving lives
in times like these.

We love you!

♡ ♡ ♡
CW

Custodial Staff,

Thank you so very much for going the
extra mile to keep us safe during these
highly stressful & uncertain times!

You guys are so friendly & have been a
big part of the Cowboy Welcome

THANK YOU!!!

Thank you so much
for all that you do for our
campus. Your hard work
doesn't go unnoticed

♀ Landrie



May the warmth and joy of the season fill your heart with happiness!

(Picture from 2019, but the message is just as meaningful today!)

See You In 2021