The 2013 UNCG Faculty and Staff Excellence Awards ceremony was held on Friday, April 5, 2013 in the EUC Auditorium.

**Chris Fay, Winner of the 2013 Gladys Strawn Bullard Staff Award**

Chris Fay, Grounds Manager received the Gladys Strawn Bullard Staff Award. This award was established to recognize and reward members of the student body, faculty, and staff of UNCG who provide outstanding leadership and service to the University. Three awards are given each year (one each for staff, student, and faculty). Consideration for selection of the award is given to persons who show commendable initiative and perseverance in their leadership and/or service roles, including those who quietly guide “the few”, as well as those who are more conspicuous and develop creative ideas and programs that advance the University, and whose contributions have significantly promoted the purposes of the University to provide an environment which encourages and nurtures the development of people.

Two Facilities Operations employees were recognized for 30 years of service to UNCG. Raymond Williams came to work at UNCG on October 4, 1982 as an operator in the Steam Plant. He is currently a Shift Supervisor in the Steam Plant on third shift. Jerome Hayes started work at UNCG on February 2, 1983 as a laborer working on the garbage truck in the Grounds Department. Today he is a grounds worker in the same department.

We appreciate the years of service that both of you have given to the Facilities Operations Department. Congratulations!
Welcome New Facilities Operations Employees

Facility Services

Ernest Brooks

Facility Services

Joseph Hall

Utilities

Kenneth Lewis

Utilities

Daniel Russell

Facilities

Wendjoumamba Atama

Congratulations on your Promotion

David Alcon—Utilities
KUDOS . . .

I want to tell you how much I look forward to seeing Jeff Hawkins at Herring Garden when I walk through in the mornings on my way to the Gray House. Jeff is personable, professional and has a great sense of humor. He always stops to greet me with a smile, a friendly greeting, and small talk. He does an outstanding job with the landscaping in Herring Garden. The lawns and beds always look good. I can tell he takes time and cares about what he is doing and takes into consideration the plants, the lawns and always seems to make sure they look good for the University and the School of Music. You and the entire Grounds department are very lucky to have someone like Jeff on board.

Maryann Burditt
Facilities Design and Construction

I want to extend our thanks and gratitude on behalf of the Weatherspoon Art Museum to the HVAC team for your excellent work in maintaining Cone Art Building’s environmental controls.

As an art museum we have very unique temperature and humidity requirements. Prior to 2010 our system was experiencing lots of fluctuations. After meeting with the HVAC team in December 2010 to express our concerns, our readings have been very consistent and your staff has been quick to respond to any concerns. We very much appreciate the excellent communication and professional and prompt attention to maintaining the environmental controls.

We were recently approved for the loan of an artwork from a very important museum. With our loan requests we have to send the lender a few months work of HVAC readings. Prior to December 2010 the same museum declined a loan to us based on our widely fluctuating temperature and humidity readings. So I would like to extend our appreciation to you and your group for getting our HVAC to the stable place it is now, as it is really important to us being approved for some loans.

We are very grateful for all of your team’s efforts and appreciate our successful relationship in working together to best care and protect these important works of art.

Myra Scott
Assistant Registrar

Dear Chancellor Brady,

My daughter will be entering UNCG in the fall as a music major for vocal performance. We took a walk around the entire UNCG campus this morning and I left saying I had to find and thank the persons responsible for such a beautiful place.

The campus is stunningly gorgeous. There’s art, nature, and interesting paths everywhere with a variety of buildings, paths, bridges, walkways, and plantings that are well-designed, architecturally interesting, and lovely.

I am someone who can see the amount of creativity, caring, and planning that went into every corner there. And there is something in every corner, plants and benches, shade trees, sunny areas, open spaces, quiet corners, etc.

This has made a big difference in our decision to let our shy and loving daughter live on campus instead of commuting. I feel better knowing she will be walking to class along these lovely pathways and can always find a perfect setting to study, chat with friends, and relax.

I’m surmising that if a university cares so much about the physical and natural surroundings there, then my hope is that they must indeed care even more for the hearts, souls, and minds of the students there.

I thank you and all the hard working people in your departments for their vision, forethought, and passion in creating another place of pride here in Greensboro.

Proud parent of an incoming freshman
Happy Anniversary

Terry Goins—Grounds—31 years
Katie Sales—Facility Services—26 years
Dan Moore—Buildings & Trades—23 years
Travis Holcomb—Buildings & Trades—21 years
Sarah Cottrell—Facility Services—18 years
Jeff Hawkins—Grounds—15 years
Chuck Underwood—Utilities—15 years
Peter Ashe—Grounds—14 years
Geraldine Coppedge—Facility Services—14 years
Erck Gardner—Facility Services—14 years
Tony Hamilton—Facility Services—14 years
Charles Landreth—Utilities—12 years
Ralph Farmer—Facility Services—12 years
Charles Webster—Facility Services—12 years
Terry Wilson—Utilities—12 years
Tony Rojas—Grounds—10 years
Leola Whitaker—Facility Services—9 years
Koami Amaglo—Facility Services—8 years
Willie Dowd—Facility Services—8 years
John Richardson—Facility Services—8 years
Bai Rhah—Grounds—7 years
Scottie Gant—Facility Services—6 years

Dora Frimpong—Facility Services—6 years
Leroy Arrington—Facility Services—6 years
David Alcon—Utilities—5 years
Steve Watson—Facility Services—5 years
Clifton Quick—Facility Services—5 years
Lillie Walls—Facility Services—5 years
Donald Joyce—Grounds—3 years
Betty Patterson—Facility Services—3 years
Doug Shelton—Grounds—3 years
Robert Owens—Buildings & Trades—2 years
Deborah Joyce—Facility Services—2 years
Michael Jumpe—Utilities—2 years
Donald Autry—Utilities—2 years
Marty Pridgen—Utilities—2 years
Barry Michaels—Utilities—2 years
James Mason—Facility Services—2 years
Robert Simpson—Facility Services—1 year
Lonnie Watford—Facility Services—1 year
Ted Crawford—Grounds—1 year
Rhonda Goins—Facility Services—1 year
Jerome Isley—OWRR—1 year

Facilities Operations
Staff Stars

Craig Payne, Jeff Melton, Al Hanes, Tom White, Helen Burns, Debora Tinnin, and John Pearce (not pictured) all received Staff Stars in recognition for their outstanding service and dedication to the UNCG Community.

MORE KUDOS . . .

A special Thank You for Mark Wilson, HVAC. Mark went the extra mile by advising, and then working his sheet metal “magic” for a project in the sign shop. Thanks, Mark for all your help!
Don Williamson
Sign Shop

As a member of the Staff Senate Executive Team, Mark Cable (Zone Maintenance) was invited to be part of a group meeting with Dr. Terrance MacTaggart on March 20th. The purpose of the meeting was to solicit feedback from members of the staff as part of the comprehensive evaluation of Chancellor Brady’s performance at UNCG that is being done by Dr. MacTaggart.

Happy Anniversary
“24, a day in the life of a Facilities Operations employee” continues with 9:00 am—10:00 am . . .
WORKPLACE SAFETY

In our continued efforts to reduce accidents and to promote a safety-focused environment, all Facilities Operations managers and supervisors recently attended Root Cause Analysis training. Since the training, a root cause analysis report is completed after any accident or near miss. We are featuring “Safety Alerts and Tips” based on the results of these reports. It is up to all of us to ensure a safe working environment.

1. Use proper equipment when moving a heavy load and avoid loading too much at one time to ensure you can properly see obstacles and/or unsafe items in your way.

2. If items received from manufacturers are too heavy for the pallets they arrive on, notify your supervisor of a potential safety problem. We can ask our vendors to split deliveries into smaller loads to ensure that pallets don't break causing a safety hazard.

3. If your job requires that you push/pull heavy loads, please be aware of the distribution of weight that might cause the load to tip over causing injury to you and/or others.

4. If you are working with a new employee or employees who are not familiar with moving heavy, cumbersome equipment—please help your co-worker by making certain they are using proper lifting techniques and/or proper placement of hands on the equipment for safe lifting.

5. When you have limited visibility and space when working on equipment, make sure you have enough lighting and when applicable, use proper personal protective equipment (PPE) to avoid potential injury.

6. Look at the possibility of a retrofit for equipment that has limited visibility or accessibility for maintenance of equipment.

**Spring Safety Tips:**

It’s that time of the year to sweep winter away and do our annual spring cleaning. Avoid injury by reviewing these safety tips.

- Keep stairs, landings, and walkways clear of boxes, bags, or other clutter while spring cleaning.
- When climbing ladders, use the 4-to-1 rule. For every four feet of ladder height, the bottom of the ladder should be one foot away from the wall or object it is leaning against. Inspect ladders prior to use and do not lean too far to the sides when on a ladder.
- Remember to use your legs and thighs when lifting and don’t bend from the waist when lifting heavy objects and ask for help lifting if needed.
- Leave toxic chemicals in their original containers and keep them out of reach or locked away from children.
- Use proper protective equipment when using toxic chemicals whether you’re working inside or outside your home.

Falls and poisoning remain the top two causes of serious injuries at home. As you undertake your spring cleaning, remember to stay safe!
Congratulations to B.E.S.T. for the Month of March

Geraldine Coppedge—First Shift

Steve Watson—Second Shift

Congratulations to B.E.S.T. for the Month of April

Robin Rorie—First Shift

Nathaniel Gant—Second Shift

Welcome Springtime!

Comments, Questions, Kudos, Ideas??
Send to: Vickie DeBari at vjdebari@uncg.edu
UNCG Recovered 91,295 Pounds of Organic and Recyclable Materials During RecycleMania

UNCG participated in the eight-week competition in which schools are ranked according to how much recycling, trash and food waste they collect. Between the Feb. 3 kickoff and the tournament’s final day on March 30, participating schools collectively recovered 90.3 million pounds of recyclables and organic materials, preventing the release of nearly 121,436 metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent (MTCO2E) into the atmosphere.

Locally, UNCG recycled over 26% of its waste during the course of the competition. This recycling rate beat out NC A&T (24%), UNC-Chapel Hill (24%), NC State (22%) and ECU (21%). However, Guilford College was one of the top performers in the neighborhood with a recycling rate of 60%.

During this 13th annual tournament, updated weekly rankings allowed schools to track their performance in eight categories – measuring their recycling rate; overall recycling by weight; lowest amount of total waste; and per capita recovery for paper, cardboard, cans and bottles, and food waste. Colleges also participated in several special categories targeting electronics and film plastics, as well as the “Game Day: Basketball” category, which ranked schools based on recyclables collected at a single home basketball game.

UNCG finished 33rd in the National Waste Minimization category, only disposing of 17.7 lbs. per capita.

The colleges and universities that took home top prizes in the three primary categories are:

- Grand Champion” (percentage of overall waste that is recycled): University of Missouri-Kansas City - (86.02%)
- “Per Capita Classic” (total pounds of recyclables collected per person): California State University-San Marcos - (53.11 lbs.)
- “Waste Minimization” (lowest recyclables and trash per person): Valencia Community College- (3.20 lbs.)

UNCG should be proud of its performance in RecycleMania this year but there is still much room for improvement.

Upcoming Events:

NCAPPA is coming to UNCG

Monday and Tuesday, May 13—14, The North Carolina Association of Higher Education Facilities Officers (NCAPPA) 2013 conference is being held at UNCG. The theme for this year’s conference is, “Weaving Innovation with Fundamentals—Your Gateway to the Future”. Presentations and topics will include Housekeeping, Grounds Management, Building Maintenance, and Utilities with a focus on training for supervisors, superintendents, and managers. In addition to presentations, there will be vendors and business partners, various walking tours, a bus tour, and admission to a Grasshoppers ballgame.

Saturday, June 1, 9:00 am—2:00 pm the annual Cram and Scram sale will be held in the Cone Ballroom. All items will be 50 cents a piece, cash only. Free parking will be available in the Walker Avenue Parking Deck. More details will be available for this event next month.

Friday, June 14, 9:00 am—2:00 pm, we will hold the annual Shred-A-Thon. Everyone has the opportunity to shred paper documents for free at the Walker Avenue traffic circle. This event is limited to UNCG Faculty, Staff, and Students. More details will be available for this event next month.