Welcome Tom Contos,
Director, Facilities Planning and Construction

Facilities Planning and Construction welcomes a new director! Tom Contos hails from Washington and Lee University in Lexington, Virginia where he served in a similar position for the last 17 years. The majority of Tom’s career, approximately 32 years, has been in higher education with stints at universities in Pennsylvania and California. Prior to that, he was an architect in San Francisco.

Why JMU? According to Tom, the campus is a wonderful combination of beautiful historic bluestone buildings with tiled roofs combined with modern and innovative structures. He has a great appreciation for both styles. Tom was also excited about the transition to a much larger campus with greater projects, constant growth and the exciting challenges that brings. A bonus has been the people! He has been pleasantly surprised at the how friendly everyone is for a school of this size.

Tom currently commutes from Lexington where he lives with his wife, his 93 year old mother, two dogs (a Saint Bernard and a Saint Bernard mix) and two cats. He also has a 24 year old daughter who lives in New York City. When Tom isn’t at work he enjoys distance running, reading and working outside in his yard.

Recent Hires / Promotions:

George Yocum is the new Transportation Supervisor

Jason Bauer was promoted to a Power Plant Operational Supervisor

Justin Morris recently began his new role as the Irrigation Supervisor

Retirement: Ruth Jarrett 3/1/16 (7 years)
New Hires

Front Row (L-R): Chianne May, Ginger Meadows, Doreen Kelley  Back Row (L-R): Ethan Reed (Recycling), Everett Mealey (Hskp), Bob Juhasz (Recycling), George Yocum (Transp), Dan Mitchell HVAC

(L-R): Teresa Delawader (Housekeeping), James Pascarella (Landscape)

(JMU Facilities Birthdays for February)

Tim Breeden 2/2  Charles Lam 2/2  Jay Moyers 2/2  Deborah Selmon 2/2  Dennis Fulk 2/3
Bruce Helmsley 2/3  Theresa Shifflett 2/3  Tana Shifflett 2/4  Carolyn Armentrout 2/5  Sarah Bauer 2/5
Diana Miller 2/6  Chuck Horn 2/7  Sharon Laughlin 2/7  Kreg Somers 2/7  Carlene Heatwole 2/8
Wanda Hensley 2/8  Sharon Morris 2/9  Scott Wachter 2/10  Alfred Miller 2/11  Keith Ryder 2/13
Lorie Hartman 2/14  Joseph Richmond 2/14  Dwight Wallace 2/14  Kenny Berry 2/15  Jason Bauer 2/16
Tiffany Mayhew 2/17  Debra Cooper 2/18  Ruth Emswiler 2/18  Josh McNett 2/18  Diane Watson 2/18
David Dove 2/19  Cindy Leake 2/19  Donna Wissinger 2/19  Steve MacRae 2/20  Penny Raynes 2/21
Kenton Dove 2/22  Allen Umbarger 2/22  Kathryn Abernathy 2/23  Ronnie Davis 2/23  Stacy Heishman 2/23
Vickie Raynes 2/23  Christopher Times 2/23  Robert Cassidy 2/24  Linda Varner 2/24  Dexter Eppard 2/26
John Stephens 2/26  Matthew Mortenson 2/27

(JMU Facilities Birthdays for March)

Debra Lohr 3/2  Daryl Ours 3/2  Martha Tacy 3/3  Homer Whetzel 3/3  Wes Elyard 3/4
Gloria Reedy 3/4  Kay Ridenour 3/4  Daniel King 3/5  Andrew Abercrombie 3/6  Seth Arnold 3/6
Paul Sullivan 3/6  Wayne Barnard 3/7  Karl Hart 3/7  Angela Marston 3/7  Percy Pickett 3/7
Donna Smith 3/7  Juanieta Turner 3/7  Chloe Emerson 3/8  Mike Hensley 3/8  Doug Judy 3/8
Brandon Martin 3/11  Bonnie Comer 3/12  Kelly Metheny 3/12  Susan Tilley 3/12  Andrew Knight 3/13
Ken Fox 3/29  Chris Miller 3/29  Avery Daugherty 3/31

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