

## JMU Facilities News June 2015

### *New Management for FM Operations*

JMU Facilities welcomes a new manager to FM Operations. Asa Taylor has been hired to fill the role of Building Support Systems Manager. Asa joins us after serving nearly 25 years in the Navy. He held many positions while in the Navy to include; Squadron Flight Officer, Airfield/Facilities Manager and most recently Rotary Wing Operations Officer. After retiring from the Navy he worked for Lockheed Martin as an Unmanned Aerial Systems Operator. In this position he flew unmanned helicopters with a remote to deliver supplies to battle zones in Afghanistan.

Asa has lived many different places but is now happy to call Harrisonburg and the Shenandoah Valley home, so much so that he has begun the process of building a home. His wife, Jen works at JMU as a professor in the Political Science Department and they have three children, Amelia, Wyatt and Stella. He enjoys running, driving his motorcycle to the local wineries for tastings with his wife, Jen, and visiting his parents that live in the Bahamas! He also hopes to be active in working with the JMU Student Veterans organization.

Asa Taylor



Matthew Jefferson



Matthew Jefferson has accepted and began his new position as the Mechanical Trades Senior Manager for JMU Facilities. In his new position he will be responsible for managing the plumbing, electrical, HVAC and Building Automation Systems departments. He has been employed at JMU for 14 years; he began his stint as an HVAC Technician in 2001 and later transferred in 2005 to the Building Automation area where he has worked as a technician, programmer and most recently supervisor. He has worked in the HVAC field since 1994.

Matthew hails from Alexandria, Virginia but has lived in the Shenandoah Valley since he was 26 years old. He has many hobbies, to include, hunting, fishing, watching his kids sporting events and tending to his newly established chestnut orchard. He also enjoys spending time with his family in his spare time; he and his wife Amy (works in Admissions at JMU) have three children, Danielle, Allison and Dalton.

### **Chesapeake Bay TMDL Action Plan Comment Period**

Part of JMU's stormwater programs requires us to develop an action plan showing how the university will meet the needed pollutant reductions of our general permit. A draft of this plan is located on the web at <http://www.jmu.edu/facmgt/sustainability/Stormwater/ms4.shtml> and will be open for public comment until June 15<sup>th</sup>. If you have questions about JMU's stormwater programs or would like to make comments about the action plan, please contact the Stormwater Coordinator at [chestndl@jmu.edu](mailto:chestndl@jmu.edu).

# Graduation 2015



Housekeeping Supervisor, Donna Fink



HVAC Technician Ryan Price



Electricians Gib Whitmire and Mark Campbell



Boiler Technician, Shane Long

## Comments from Senior Management on Graduation

I would like to thank everyone that worked supporting graduation this year. The dedication and care each of you put into your individual tasks was nothing short of amazing. I have not heard any complaints, only praise of how everything looked and operated. It was truly a team effort, and I am very proud to be part of such a great team. *Rodney Lam*

I couldn't have put it any better myself. As the saying goes in Facilities Management; 'If nothing happens, you're doing it right'. I've never seen a group of people work so hard and smart, to make sure that 'nothing happens' as JMU Facilities Management.

It was a great day for thousands of people and one that they'll remember for a lifetime. As I walked around through the visitors and students during all of the graduation ceremonies, I can't tell you how many compliments I overheard and received directly. I'm convinced that what we do to frame the environment is as important to fulfilling the institutional mission as anything else that takes place on campus.

Thanks for keeping the tradition of excellence going and for all of the work efforts, both hard and smart! *Craig Short*

I can't say it any better either. I could not be more proud to work with such a great group of people. I thought the day was wonderful and I know our students and their families did too. So appreciative for each and every one of you.

*Towana Moore*

## JMU Facilities Birthdays for June

Boyd Armentrout 6/1	Trevor Lam 6/1	Nicholas Kee 6/1	Cheryl Smith 6/3	Bill Bauer 6/4
Ashley Alger 6/4	Lori Bond 6/4	Sandra Huffman 6/4	Dan Adkins 6/5	Rebecca May 6/6
Barry Smith 6/6	Betty Shifflett 6/6	Shirley Comer 6/7	Steve Lackner 6/8	William Ingram 6/8
Lauren Ritchie 6/8	Patsy Delawder 6/8	Gerard Smith 6/11	Wendy Schwister 6/11	Katharine Wright 6/11
Bobby Morris 6/11	Julie Huffman 6/11	Michael Botkin 6/12	Eric Jenkins 6/12	Jesse Lam 6/13
Herbert Slusher 6/13	Christina Leigh 6/13	Jessica Ritchie 6/15	Beverly Francis 6/18	Dale Moyer 6/20
Robert Hume 6/20	Charlie Lucas 6/21	Christopher Bennett 6/23	Shirley Shoemaker 6/24	Brandan Garrett 6/26
Cynthia Shifflett 6/26	Jennifer Stepp 6/26	Robert Weese 6/27	Melissa Mayhew 6/28	Ryan Hedrick 6/29
Steven Troy 6/29	Gary Shears 6/29	Tom Barr 6/30		