

JMU Facilities News

April 2016

New Fire/Smoke Damper Program Springs Forward!!

Facilities Management, in order to meet National Fire Prevention Association (NFPA) code requirements, has started a Fire/Smoke Damper Inspection program at James Madison University. Fire and smoke dampers are used to prevent the passage of flames and smoke through areas where air ducts pass through walls, floors, or other constructed barriers. NFPA code requires that fire and smoke dampers be inspected once every four years to ensure proper operation and to maintain the integrity of building construction methods designed to limit the spread of fire and smoke.

There are several types and sizes of dampers employed throughout campus to include; fire, smoke, combination fire and smoke, as well as, static and dynamic methods of operation for each type. Sizes of each model vary from just a few inches across to several feet in height and length. Likewise, locations and access vary greatly between each damper, adding a significant amount of time to the inspection process. Also adding time to the inspections is the number of dampers per building which can number from a handful to over 100 given the size of the building. As dampers are original equipment to buildings, Damper Inspectors often find that additions or remodeling projects have resulted in new systems or equipment placements that have completely blocked off access to the damper.

While the challenges are great, the peace of mind achieved from knowing Building Safety Systems are operating properly is priceless. Facilities

Management continues to build this program 'in house' and has hired from the local community to help support it. We are unique among other institutions in the Commonwealth, many of whom contract with a larger companies to complete these inspections.

Please welcome our new inspectors to the JMU FM team when you see them around campus. The work they are doing helps protect all staff, students, and faculty.



(L-R): Building Safety Technologies Supervisor, Brian Clements; Technicians: Richard Bowen, John Reynolds, William Drury



Beth Aldrich is the new wage Human Resources Assistant for JMU Facilities. She is a 2014 graduate of JMU with a degree in Vocal Performance. Her prior work experience consists of both retail and administrative work in Harrisonburg.

Beth grew up in Frederick, Maryland as one of three children. Beth loves traveling to visit her family, trying local restaurants, and listening to or performing music.

Beth's position will provide assistance to human resources for JMU Facilities such as interviewing, screening applicants, data entry, processing paperwork, assisting employees with HR related questions, and many other administrative duties.

New Hires



Clockwise from front center: Charles Emery (Power Plant), Amber Brown (Hskp), Barbara Coates (Hskp), Reba Mitchell (Hskp), Sean Atkins (Power Plant), Tina Bragg (Hskp), Sabrina Foltz (Hskp), Brittaney Sutherland (Hskp), Mike Long (Life Safety)



(L-R): Cody Dearing (Landscape), Heisha Huffer (Hskp), Samantha Michael (Hskp), Wendy Earls (Hskp), Sandra Lopez (Hskp), Avery Daugherty (Transportation)

Announcements:

- ♦ **Choices:** Friday, April 8 and Monday, April 11
- ♦ **Administration and Finance Divisional Meeting:** Tuesday, May 10 at the Festival. Continental breakfast begins at 8:00 a.m. Meeting starts at 9:15 a.m.
- ♦ **JMU Thanks to You Employee Appreciation Day:** Thursday, May 12 from 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
- ♦ **Open enrollment for health insurance:** May 1 through May 23
- ♦ **M2M Discount Cards for JMU employees:** Courtesy of the Harrisonburg/Rockingham Chamber of Commerce, M2M Discount Cards can be requested by emailing Lisa Hajdasz, JMU HR, hajdaslk@jmu.edu, or by calling HR's front desk staff at 540/568-6165.
- ♦ **Employment / Income Verifications:** Available 24/7 through www.theworknumber.com/employees
- ♦ Self-schedule an appointment with a Benefits Specialist through [Full Slate](#)

Commencement Schedule

Thursday, May 5, 2016

7 p.m. The Graduate School, Convocation Center

Friday, May 6, 2016

3 p.m. University Ceremony, Bridgeforth Stadium

6 p.m. The College of Business, Bridgeforth Stadium

Saturday, May 7, 2016, 9 a.m.

The College of Arts and Letters, The Quad

The College of Education and University Studies, Convocation Center

The College of Health and Behavioral Studies, Bridgeforth Stadium

The College of Integrated Science and Engineering, UREC East Campus Field

The College of Science and Mathematics, Alumni Centennial Park

The College of Visual and Performing Arts, Duke Lawn

JMU Facilities Birthdays for April

Sean Atkins 4/1	Bill Baker 4/2	Hope Smith 4/2	Jolane Rhodes 4/3	Nicholas Ciccone 4/4
Amanda Boatright 4/6	Pierce Pitsenbarger 4/6	John Keplinger 4/7	James May 4/7	Sandra Nesselrodt 4/7
Steven Tennyson 4/7	Tony Kitta 4/9	Aaron Largent 4/9	Marvin Gooden 4/10	Terry Grimm 4/12
Margie McClurkin 4/12	Chris Cooley 4/14	Jonathan Gordon 4/14	Jeff Knicely 4/14	Miranda Eppard 4/15
Greg O'Shell 4/15	Sandra Brown 4/16	Debrah Lam 4/16	Jeff Holbert 4/17	Melissa Borrer 4/18
Aaron Conard 4/18	Linda Hensley 4/18	Bobby Jenkins 4/18	Esther Wright 4/18	Nathan Wisman 4/21
Jennifer Kemper 4/22	Galina Khatman 4/22	Cassidy Clayton 4/23	Preston Fitzwater 4/24	Justin Stilson 4/24
Brenda Hottinger 4/25	Jeremy D Miller 4/25	Debbie Towe 4/26	Heide Horne 4/27	James Frank 4/28
Wayne Hensley 4/28	Don Kidd 4/28	Diana McNett 4/28	Tim Dean 4/29	Michael Lucas 4/29
Albert Buracker 4/30	Reginald Lawson 4/30			