

JMU Facilities News June 2017

Power Plant Certifications

Several Power Plant staff recently passed exams administered through the American Society of Power Engineers to obtain the following licensure:

Facilities Operating Engineer 1st Class:

- Jason Bauer
- Steve MacRae

Facilities Operating Engineer 2nd Class:

- Brian Buckless
- Charles Emery
- Reginald Lawson
- Brian Moshier
- Percy Pickett
- Kenneth Stickley

Facility Operating Engineer 3rd Class:

- Thomas Burkholder
- Aaron Carper
- Bryan Sollenberger



(L-R): Jason Bauer, Charles Emery, Percy Pickett, Brian Buckless, Bryan Sollenberger



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Landscape's Mike Hott Helps Ensure the "Well Beeing" of the Environment

The concept of sustainability for JMU FM bridges the notions of society, economy, and environment as dynamically inter-related issues deserving of attention. One person who exemplifies this notion of sustainability is JMU FM's very own Mike Hott in Landscape. In addition to his great work at the Edith J. Carrier Arboretum, Hott is also the owner of Hott Apiary and has been working with bees for over three decades.

Given the significant role bees play in our environment, Hott's business venture serves as a critical link in the food chain by supporting the health and size of the local bee population, which in the long run is essential to our survival. It is estimated that bees are responsible for pollinating about one-sixth of the flowering plant species worldwide, including about 400 different agricultural types of plants. In other words, bees pollinate one-third of everything we eat!

Bees also pollinate many other plants we do not eat but rely on for our survival such as crops for livestock and cotton plants. It has been estimated that the monetary value of annual global crop pollination by bees to be worth almost two billion dollars.

Monetary value aside, the "well-beeing" of these creatures is also of tremendous importance to the natural world around us. The recent trend of "colony collapse disorder" has wiped out about one-third of all honeybee colonies in the United States since it first hit nearly a decade ago. It has been estimated that as many as 40% of colonies will continue to die each year as a result of this phenomenon. In light of these problematic trends, the work of Hott and fellow apiarists (beekeepers) is significant in combatting this issue and preserving the environment.



Beyond selling a range of honey-based natural remedies and beauty products, Hott Apiary also offers bee swarm removal and pollination services to the local community. You can even visit the Hott Apiary Farm Store in McGaheysville to purchase products or learn more about beekeeping and honey harvesting.

If you missed Hott Apiary's first annual Honey Bee Festival earlier this May, be sure to make plans to attend next year. This well-attended event is a great way to learn more about honey bees and their contributions to the world we live in while enjoying great food and entertainment at the same time.

Thanks Mike for doing your part in promoting sustainability and helping the environment!



Rock Paw



Contemporary Land Artists, Glen Myers and Paul Layman, can be seen here with their latest “Earth Art” creation located in the grassy area across from Sonner Hall. Earth Art is an art movement in which landscape and the work of art are inextricably linked through the use of natural materials such as boulders and stones. Rejecting the traditional gallery and museum spaces typically employed by artists, Glen and Paul opted to create their work outdoors, using natural material available at the site to pay homage to the iconic JMU paw print. This ‘yet to be named’ piece by the duo challenges the traditional definition of art as something to be bought and sold for profit and is, therefore, not for sale. That said, they have both indicated that the first one was free (more or less), but moving forward they would consider only commissioned pieces of art. Rock on! 😊👉

Caught in the A.C.T.: June Recipients

Chris Dove—Moving & Delivery

Wes Elyard—FM IT

Donna Fink—Housekeeping

Jack Martin—Engineering

Melissa Mayhew—Work Control



See FM's [Caught in the A.C.T.](#) site for more information

Comments on Commencement

Years ago, I was told that your time as JMU will fly by; this seems to be true for me. Although I am in my 24th year, at times it seems like I just started my journey here. Over the years, one thing has become very clear to me: as soon as commencement comes to an end, we clean up and start preparations for the next big event on campus affecting our students' lives (whatever that may be). Cleaning, landscaping, maintenance, and repairs are all certainly a big part of that.

I would like to thank all of our FM staff for making this year's graduation very special for our students, their families and their friends. All of the hard work and dedication that each of you demonstrates makes this event so successful year after year.

Additionally, I would like to spotlight the efforts of our Recycling/Waste Management team who, during the weeks leading up to commencement, take care of so much behind the scenes. Twelve large dumpsters were brought on to campus prior to graduation to handle the waste disposed of by students during their move-out. Recycling Supervisors, Jason Rexrode and Sam McGhee, and their team had the challenging task of managing these dumpsters, filled with a high volume of trash, during periods of substantial rain. Additionally, Housekeeping staff provided assistance, enabling Recycling staff to rest overnight.

The morning of graduation, not a dumpster could be found, for they had all been removed. Approximately fifty tons of trash were taken from campus in just a two week time period! This was amazing to see. I would like to thank this team for their efforts which, although very much behind the scenes, impacted the lives of many.

Again, a sincerest thank you to each and every one of you.

Rodney Lam

FM Assistant Director of Operations



JMU Facilities Birthdays for June

Boyd Armentrout 6/1

Dan Adkins 6/5

Barry Smith 6/6

William Ingram 6/8

Julia Huffman 6/11

Michael Botkin 6/12

Kristian Sours 6/16

Shirley Shoemaker 6/24

Robert Weese 6/27

Ryan Hedrick 6/29

Cheryl Smith 6/3

Stephen Pittella 6/5

Lori Allman 6/7

Steve Lackner 6/8

Bobby Morris 6/11

Eric Jenkins 6/12

Beverly Goolsby 6/18

Reba Mitchell 6/25

Melissa Mayhew 6/28

Gary Shears 6/29

Ashley Alger 6/4

Teresa Karres 6/6

Shirley Comer 6/7

Michael Chiarello 6/10

Wendy Schwister 6/11

Jesse Lam 6/13

Steven Brubaker 6/20

Brandan Baker 6/26

Akeem McCarthy 6/28

Steven Troy 6/29

Bill Bauer 6/4

Rebecca May 6/6

Chase Sprouse 6/7

Stephanie Thompson 6/10

Gerard Smith 6/11

David Kipps 6/14

Bob Hume 6/20

Cynthia Shifflett 6/26

Barbara Coates 6/29

Tom Barr 6/30

Sandra Huffman 6/4

Betty Shifflett 6/6

Patsy Delawder 6/8

Cherry Herring 6/11

Katharine Wright 6/11

Jessica Ritchie 6/15

Jessica Knically 6/21

Jennifer Stepp 6/26

Bryce Harpster 6/29