

JMU Facilities News



February 2019

Gratitude to FM

For those who may not know, I'll be leaving JMU to go to Tennessee Tech later this month to take an Associate Vice President of Facilities and Business Services position. Over the last couple of weeks, I've been sort of saying goodbye to folks as opportunities present themselves and forced to reflect on the impact that people have had on me over the years; and its overwhelming. The fact is that some of the best parts of who I am are because of the people that I've worked with here at JMU. "Thank you" doesn't quite cover the gratitude I feel for that, but those are the best words available to me. No exaggeration to say that I believe that this is the best place I know of to work and its 100% because of the people.

Because I have such strong ties with JMU, I suppose I can't help but feel like I'm representing our facilities wherever I go; so I also promise that I'll represent the best we have to offer when I get there. JMU definitely sets the bar high in that respect so I've got my work cut out for me.

Thank you again for everything and best of luck for the future!

-Craig Short (Executive Director of Facilities and Construction)



Caught in the A.C.T. February Recipients

Tom Templeton and Katrina Lam (Landscape) for their customer service, teamwork, and their attention to a matter outside their area by identifying and calling in a massive leak.



Announcements

- **Compass Award:** receiving nominations until February 8 at 5pm
- **Balanced Dukes Conference:** registration is now open

Valentine's Day Raffle & Bake Sale



Raffle drawing on February 13

Bake Sale on Thursday, February 14
from morning until sold out
in the USB Annex &
USB Main Lobby

New Hires



(L-R): Sonny Beecher (Housekeeping), Pamela Young (FM Payroll), Kyle Henry (Landscape), Aaron Lam (Landscape), Robby Spade (Power Washing), Rayan Lamrani (BST), Kevin Vanegas Correa (Housekeeping)

2018 University Unions Employee of the Year



(L-R): Dennis Dove and Dave Barnes

This award is given annually to one employee in University Unions. This year's winner is Dennis Dove in appreciation of his years of service to the University Unions community, his exemplary attitude, and his commitment to our departmental values.

Employee Spotlight: Vic Wise

Commitment is defined by Miriam-Webster as an agreement or pledge to do something. Synonyms include allegiance, devotion, dedication, faithfulness and loyalty. Any or all of these could be used when describing this month's FM Spotlight employee.

Meet Vic Wise, who has served as Supervisor at the West Campus Power Plant since March 2011. Vic's life is devoted to the commitments he has made, both personally and professionally.

Originally from Williamsport, Pennsylvania, with an education and interest in Forestry, he relocated to Virginia 1986 and made Staunton home. He and wife of 36 years, Kathi have two grown sons, Vic and Russel. As a family, they share a strong devotion to the U.S. military. A veteran of the United States Army and Army National Guard 29th Infantry, Vic retired from the military with a combined 23 years of service. Ben has served five years with the US Army's 75th Ranger regiment. His other son, Vic ('07 JMU), founded Freedom Ruck, a charity focused on inspiring patriotism and supporting servicemen and women.

If you really want to see Vic light up, ask about either of his sons or the Freedom Ruck charity. The main awareness and fundraising event is the annual Freedom Ruck, which is now in its 6th year. This event is strategically held in the winter (most recently, January 5th and 6th) to better exemplify some of the many endurance challenges a soldier

faces, such as extreme weather, sleep deprivation and carrying the extra weight of survival gear. The team starts out at the Richmond War Memorial and marches to Arlington National Cemetery. It is a 48 hour, 105 mile continuous, grueling hike with each participant carrying a backpack or "rucksack" filled with necessities that weighs approximately 60 pounds! The entire family participates in this event by either marching or serving as support staff for the team. You can learn more about Freedom Ruck by visiting <http://www.freedomruck.com/>

Other veteran organizations in which Vic and his wife are involved include Team Red White and Blue (RWB), which supports veterans' community connections through physical and social activities, the annual December wreath laying ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery, sponsored by Wreaths Across America.

Although Vic has a rather full life with his professional work and volunteer commitments, he makes time for some of his other passions; mountain biking, hiking, running with his wife, and, hopefully more travel in the future!

Thank you Vic for your devotion to family, service to our country, dedication to community and commitment to the University!



JMU Facilities Birthdays for February

Teresa Nesselrodt 2/1
Jay Moyers 2/2
Timothy Breeden 2/2
Charles Lam 2/2
Deborah Selmon 2/2
Dennis Fulk 2/3
Bruce Helsley 2/3
Theresa Shifflett 2/3
Christine Conard 2/4
Thomas White 2/4
Tana Shifflett 2/4
Ardell Monegro 2/5
Carolyn Armentrout 2/5

Sharon Laughlin 2/7
Chuck Horn 2/7
Kreg Somers 2/7
Carlene Heatwole 2/8
Wanda Hensley 2/8
Robert Charles 2/9
Sharon Morris 2/9
Scott Wachter 2/10
Maite Frisman 2/10
Alfred Miller 2/11
Juanita Blose 2/11
Joann Myers 2/13
Keith Ryder 2/13

Stephanie Reedy 2/14
Lorie Hartman 2/14
Kenny Berry 2/15
Daniel Breighner 2/15
Jason Bauer 2/16
Sarah Baker 2/16
Regena Curry 2/16
Tiffany Mayhew 2/17
Keyla Martinez 2/17
Ruth Emswiler 2/18
Debra Cooper 2/18
Josh McNett 2/18
Cindy Leake 2/19

Sherry Siever 2/19
Steve MacRae 2/20
Penny Raynes 2/21
Allen Umbarger 2/22
Kenton Dove 2/22
Kathryn Abernathy 2/23
Vickie Raynes 2/23
Stacy Heishman 2/23
Dexter Eppard 2/26
Franklin Brooks 2/27
Matthew Mortenson 2/27
Kevin Correa 2/27