USU Facilities is pleased to announce Amanda Thomson as the employee of the month for March 2018. Amanda has been with Facilities since October 2016.

Ben Berrett, Director of PD&C, has said, “Every space request, every change of space on campus, it all goes through Amanda and she puts it through her database, putting it under a new category. In completing the Clinical Services building, there were people from 8-10 different buildings moving into their new space. Amanda worked with the Dean & Associate Dean of Education, showing reports as to the space where people were vacating from and moving into. In a short period of time, Amanda produced a fifty page report for the College of Education and then presented it to the USU Space Committee. This impressive report had never been available before and has set a new standard for the Space Committee to follow. All were so appreciative of the work done by Amanda. Not only has her effort saved valuable time and money, but it has put Facilities in a good light.”

Jeff Turley, nominator and Manager, has said, “Amanda is an incredible addition to the Facilities Planning, Design & Construction department. She is a hard worker, self-learner, and has taken the task of space inventory to a new level. When given tasks and assignments, she works hard to complete them. If these assignments involve areas that she isn’t familiar with, or doesn’t understand, she always does what is needed to figure things out. She works well with all departments on campus, gathering space information from them. Amanda is kind and pleasant to work with and has great communication skills. She is an example of what a model employee should be.”

Amanda was born and raised in Rexburg, ID and is the youngest of four, having one older brother and two older sisters. She attended Madison High School, where she first met her husband, Brady. In 2001 Amanda graduated from USU with a degree in Interior Design. She and Brady then moved to Austin, TX where they lived for five years. Here Amanda worked as an Interior Designer, doing Model Home Merchandising. In 2006 they returned to Idaho where Brady finished his schooling, after which they returned to Cache Valley. They now live in Hyde Park and have four beautiful children; Dexter (13), Miles (11), Gibson (8), and Ames (6). Amanda loves to travel with her family; they enjoy visiting national parks, returning to visit Texas, and going to Disneyland. Amanda is also an avid skier and even teaches lessons in the wintertime.

Congratulations to Amanda on this well-deserved recognition. We are so happy that she is part of the Facilities Organization.
Safety Awareness & Appreciation Award: Without ever being asked, Brian Daines comes in early to apply ice-melt and mag to the sidewalks. This isn’t a planned event; he just watches the weather, wakes up early and comes in before his normal work schedule. He is always so conscientious, making sure that the University sidewalks are safe for everyone on our campus. Even the first day of the 2018 semester on January 8th, when campus was a sheet of ice, Brian was here, taking care of business as usual. We can’t thank Brian enough for all he does for us at Facilities and Utah State.

New Full-Time Facilities Employees
Dylan Finchum – FM
Justin Low – FM
James Nelson – FM
Joe Eliason – FM
McKay Jensen – Locksmith
Kandee Thompson – Customer Service

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Sincerely,
Dr. Kristine Miller
Professor of English
USU Honors Program Director

Some of our Facilities Employees at Work...

DON’T FORGET TO SPRING FORWARD
Sunday at 2 a.m.
March 11, 2018

ST. PATRICK’S DAY
SATURDAY, MARCH 17

RETIREES
Scott Nydegger (HVAC) 28 Years of Service

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USU Facilities has worked 97 days
without lost-time as of February 22, 2018.
The previous record was 414 days.

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Jobsite Housekeeping:

It is vital to dedicate attention to maintaining an organized and clean jobsite, because clean jobsites have fewer injuries.

- Check the jobsite floor and ground conditions daily.
- Remove any ice, snow, debris, etc. that may cause slippery conditions.
- Use squeegees to remove puddles on flooring due to weather conditions.
- If oil or gas spills on the floor, ensure it is properly cleaned up.
- Properly maintain hoses and cords as to not cause a trip hazard.
- Stack materials securely to prevent sliding or falling.
- Schedule regular times for clean up on the site each day.

Contact Safety Manager with questions: james.day@usu.edu

Step Up Award: Henry Clinger, of Facilities Maintenance, has been working in the Water Lab for the past few months. He replaced a seasonal employee, who they loved and had built years of trust with. Henry stepped in, and from day one took ownership and earned the respect of our customers in the Water Lab building. This building has high expectations and unique challenges. Henry has exceeded all expectations and has done an excellent job communicating with these key customers. Thanks to Henry for all he does for Facilities and the USU Campus.

NATIONAL PUPPY DAY
FRIDAY, MARCH 23

CONGRATULATIONS
To Bret (LOAM) & Emily Leckie on the arrival of their little girl, "Cora Geraldine" born on Valentine’s Day!
HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!

Davies, Daniel  01  
Bresee, Justin  03  
Domenici, Chris  03  
Hall, Jacob L.  05  
Wood, Bailey  05  
Ward, Bradley D.  06  
Von Bose, Harrison K.  08  
Moody, Dallin  09  
McAllister, Brett A.  09  
Hudson, Linda G.  09  
Olschewski, Erich  10  
Sauvey, Ashley  12  
Thompson, Jonathan  12  
Fox, Coal R.  14  
Gilden, John T.  16  
Mitton, Kyler K.  18  
Petersen, Tim  18  
Rogers, Seneca  19  
Moser, Shane  20  
Wilson, George J.  20  
Cheney, Callie  20  
Burk, Michael A.  21  
George, Tyler M.  21  
Goodrich, Corban  22  
Bodkin, Sarah  23  
Machuca, Yiddiani  23  
Bradley, Jayce  24  
Thurston, Garrett  25  
Black, Patrick  25  
Thain, Shane  25  
Jardine, Steven L.  27  
Christensen, Savannah  27  
Martin, Vicki L.  28  
Miller, David W.  28  
Williams, Jennifer  28  
Soucie, Katlin  30  
Garcia, Angel B.  30  
Hancey, Tyler  30  
Wilkinson, Jaynie  30  
Farr, Keelie  31  
Creech, Nicholas  31  
Moser, Calvin  31

Thank you for your years of service!

Johnson, Ted A.  20 Years  
Reid, G. Todd  20 Years  
Christensen, Curtis H.  18 Years  
Jepsen, Raelene S.  17 Years  
Nelson, Patricia  17 Years  
Garcia, Angel B.  13 Years  
Hunting, Mark J.  13 Years  
Eskelson, Matthew R.  11 Years  
Dabb, Glen I.  7 Years  
Elbert, Kurt A.  6 Years  
Huss, Matthew  3 Years  
Tidwell, Shawn V.  3 Years  
Zollinger, Brannon  3 Years  
Erickson, Melanie  2 Years  
Gudmundson, Tyler  2 Years  
Lay, Kirk  2 Years  
Pierce, Brandon  2 Years  
Hamblin, Jayne  1 Year  
Law, Colby  1 Year  
Wood, Bailey  1 Year