Employee of the Month
Mikel L. McBride — Carpenters Shop

USU Facilities is pleased to announce Mikel L. McBride as the Employee of the Month for August 2014. Mike has been with the Facilities Carpenters shop since 2003. Before coming to Facilities Mike worked for “LaVon McBride Construction”, his father’s company.

Dave Petersen, Director of Operations & Maintenance, has said, “It has been a pleasure to get to know Mike over the past ten years. I really appreciate his great attitude and willingness to contribute to the success of both the Carpenter’s shop and Facilities as a whole. Mike is a very knowledgeable technician and has a great ability to visualize the best approach to accomplishing desired results. His communication and team working skills are exceptional. There have been multiple projects where the customer has taken the time to express to me how great it was to work with Mike and how much they appreciated his willingness to listen, feeling like he had their best interest at heart. Mike is customer service oriented and does his very best to insure their satisfaction. It’s great to have Mike as a member of our organization.”

Russ Moore, Carpenter’s Foreman, has said, “Mike is an employee who sets a high standard of quality for the work he performs on a daily basis. When any job gets bogged down due to circumstances beyond our control, Mike will say that the customer doesn’t want to hear about the problem, they just want the job done. He will then roll up his sleeves, and with the help of the crew, will work to remedy the problems and complete the job as quickly as possible. Mike has made lasting changes on our campus that will be here for years to come.”

Mike was born in Logan and raised in Cache Valley. He has one brother, two sisters, and currently lives in Hyrum, just a mile or so from both his parents and in-laws. Mike graduated from Mountain Crest High School. He then served a two year LDS mission to Japan. Since then, Mike has graduated with honors from the school of hard knocks!

Mike and his wife, Katie, have four children: Emily (17), Scott (15), Kamille (12), and Halee (9). He and his family enjoy camping and metal detecting together. In his free time Mike loves fishing, long range shooting, and hunting coyotes & varmints. Mike and his family enjoy traveling together. They recently returned from a two week trip to Texas and Louisiana, visiting family and friends.

Mike, congratulations on this well-deserved recognition. Facilities is lucky to have you on the team!
Step-Up Award: Cody Williams/Carpenter’s Shop

Dear Facilities,

During the annual Old Main window wash, rooms 239B and C had issues with water coming through the windows. For at least six years, annually, calls were made to Facilities requesting someone to come in to fix the problem. Facilities sent folks in to caulk the windows, replaced the boards, etc. Nothing worked. In May 2014 another request was made for the same issue. Cody Williams came to assess and repair the problem areas. Today, 7/3/14, the Old Main 239 B & C windows were washed again. No water came in. Cody fixed the problem at its core. Finally! Kudos to Cody for a job well done!!!

Karen Flessner
College of HASS

Teamwork Award: The group of Chad Henager, Brian Taylor, Nephi Rogers, and Kevin Blair truly exemplify teamwork. Each of these men has special skill sets that they bring to the table as a whole. They come together when needed to make things happen and get the work done. A typical example of this happened recently over a weekend. These four men worked together to remove a large piece of switchgear from the Fine Arts building and installed a new panel in its place. This is not an easy job to do. This group pitched in and got it done. When it was discovered that there was a problem with the new piece of equipment from the factory, each of them worked extra hours to come up with a way to provide temporary power to the building until the problem was resolved. We take our hats off to Chad, Brian, Nephi, and Kevin for going the extra mile as a team, solving problems throughout the USU campus.

Teamwork Award: We recently had an incident at USTAR 650 that warranted shutting down a BSL3 Lab. This just happened to take place over a weekend. The bearings went out on an exhaust fan and Duane Bentz was called to replace them. While he was there doing his work, Kirt Poulsen and Aaron Olsen asked if he would also be willing to change the exhaust fan bearings on the room next door. Duane was a trooper. He put his other work on hold and willingly fixed both problems. Thanks for all you do, Duane. You are truly appreciated!
**Safety Corner**

USU Facilities has worked 18 days* without lost-time as of July 31, 2014. The previous record was 414 days. Do your part to help extend the record!

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**OSHA Recordable Injuries**

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To my friends and co-workers,

Thank you for the beautiful planter that was sent to us at the time of my brother’s passing. The green plants will serve as a pleasant memory of my brother Bruce. He enjoyed the time he spent working at Facilities and I know he would appreciate your kindness also.

Sheryl Barfus & family

Dear Facilities,

We can’t thank you enough for the planter you sent after the passing of our grandfather. It was very much appreciated.

Juanita, Adam and Mark Hunting

Facilities,

Thank you for the plant and card for my dad’s funeral. We really appreciate your kindness.

Wade Nield and family

The Raspberry Days Festival is an incredible event held to celebrate the harvest of the world famous Bear Lake Raspberries. The Raspberry harvest usually starts around the 3rd week of July and lasts 3-4 weeks. The Raspberry Days Festival is an annual event, which begins two days prior to the first Saturday in August. The festival is a fun filled 3 days with the Little Miss Berry Pageant, the craft fair with continuous entertainment, the Parade on the Boulevard, the Rodeo and 5K run in Laketown, the Pancake Breakfast at the Garden City Park, dances, and ending with the fireworks on the Beach.

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International Lefthanders Day: August 13

It is meant to promote awareness of the inconveniences facing left-handers in a predominantly right-handed world. It celebrates their uniqueness & differences, who are from seven to ten percent of the world’s population.
HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!

Bryan S. Bowers 1
Bret I. Leckie 1
Jerry L. Petterborg 1
Joshua T. Riggs 1
A. Levi Waldron 1
Scott J. Jaggi 2
Jeffrey S. Dunlop 3
Salvador Landaverde 4
Thomas L. Moore 6
Andrew J. Miller 8
McCoy S. Brian 8
Tyler Hansen 8
Larry L. Dunkley 11
Zach Larson 11
Pete A. Elliott 12
Hunter L. Casey 13
Christine Bartlett 13
Colton Broadhead 13
Todd S. Hlavaty 13
Tanya K. Rice 15
Katherine Lee 15
Cassista J. Cox 17
Todd R. Sorenson 17
Dhana Bulugahamulle 18
Ryan W. Campbell 18
Brittany Hubert 18
Troy L. Johnson 18
Vincent E. Harper 19
Michael A. George 20
Kendra E. Bunnell 22
Steven H. Schilling 23
Tina Butters 25
Jocelyn Casey 25
Stephen Danielson 25
Luis A. Ontiveros 26
Tracy L. Nielsen 27
David B. Danielson 28
Bryan D. Sperry 28
Joseph T. Beck 29
Thomas D. Findlay 30
Randi D. Ransom 31
Trec C. Reed 31

YEARS OF SERVICE

Michael L. Mikkelsen 29 Years
Nancy F. Christensen 27 Years
Brenda W. Rust 27 Years
Gerald L. Green 22 Years
Randy L. Jones 21 Years
Jed D. Waldron 21 Years
John Fitch 14 Years
Nicholas G. Moore 14 Years
Allyson S. Olsen 10 Years
Solomon E. Nielsen 9 Years
Steven K. Yeates 9 Years
Shanna Avila 8 Years
Joseph T. Beck 8 Years
Lynn E. Jaggi 8 Years
Luis A. Ontiveros 8 Years
Michael J. Donaldson 6 Years
Richard L. Morriss 6 Years
Juan J. Hernandez 4 Years
Justin B. Jones 4 Years
Gilbert M. Young 4 Years
Claude Gittins 2 Years
Randi D. Ransom 2 Years

INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP DAY—SUNDAY, AUGUST 3

NATIONAL MUSTARD DAY

white mustard, ground
Bavarian sweet mustard
dijon mustard
simple table mustard, with turmeric coloring
Saturday, August 2, 2014

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