USU Facilities is pleased to announce Katie Hoggan as the Employee of the Month for February 2014. Katie has worked at Facilities as a part-time employee since 1997 within the Business Services office. Even though she was gone for a few years in between while having her children, she decided to return and continues to be a dedicated employee.

Judith Clark, Business Services Manager, has said, “Katie’s position includes many assignments that need to be fulfilled on a daily and monthly basis. However, over the past few months she has been asked to spread her talents through the offices of Administration and Customer Service. This has caused her a lot of extra work in order to complete new assignments, along with her daily work load. She has graciously accepted all these assignments with a positive and professional attitude.

Linda Hudson, Customer Service Supervisor has said, “Because we can never leave the Customer Service area unattended, Katie will continually fill in anytime and never makes us feel like we are a burden. She is willing to learn so many different things. If she does happen to make a mistake, she will be quick to let you know. I don’t know what we’d do without Katie!”

Joe Beck, PAR Team (Positive Appreciation & Recognition) Chairperson has said, “Katie has been on the Team for a little over three years. She brings heart and soul to our meetings and events. Even as a part-time employee, she makes time in her busy schedule to be an active member of the Team.”

Katie was born in Logan and raised in Hyrum. The youngest of ten children, she loves being the baby of the family, having seven sisters and two brothers. Katie and her husband, Rob, have been married for almost eighteen years and have two daughters: Amy is fourteen and Jenna is twelve. As a family they love to camp and travel. This summer they have a trip planned to the east coast: Washington, DC, New York and Boston.

One of Katie’s passions is collecting fabric and sewing, making mainly clothing and tote bags. She and her family are also avid Aggie fans. Each year they have season tickets to Aggie Football and Basketball games.

Of all the many things that Katie loves about life, she is quick to point out that her favorite thing is being with family. Whether it’s her husband and children or her large family with siblings, nieces, and nephews, that’s where she finds her joy.

Katie, congratulations on this well deserved recognition!
When the night custodial crew arrived at the HYPR building on Monday, January 6th to clean for the evening, they noticed that the windows were dripping wet with precipitation. They later noticed a stream of water coming out of the vents. After searching the basement area, they found a “river” of water flowing into the mechanical room. Todd Durfee and Tyler Hansen immediately called the police and got the appropriate crews onsite to shut off the water. Todd then went to the Facilities building to get the Flood King to begin cleaning up the water. He then made contact with Mark Hunting and the carpet crew of Ben Elwood and Armando Estrada. They started right away to clean up the water that was flowing into the mechanical room. Todd and the carpet crew spent the rest of the night pumping out a foot of standing water from the basement. In the morning Adam Hunting, Chad Brooks, Kalilou Fofana and Ricardo Sandoval spent the remainder of the day removing the rest of the water. This task was made all the more difficult due to the fact that they were working in a three foot crawl space that was cold, dark and wet. With the combined efforts of these FM crews, this flood was taken care of. Great work everyone!

Step Up Award: Delena Williams is one of our new full-time employees who works within the Engineering building. We recently had an incident where a person in a lab accidentally put some parts to a project in a garbage can and they were mistakenly thrown out. Understandably, the person was frantic as these were very important to the project he was doing. Delena had been working in the building that day and the call came in after her shift had ended. She was contacted and willingly came back to work, sorting through the dumpster and finding the trash bag that contained the parts. The parts were then returned to a very relieved person. Many thanks to Delena for going above and beyond!
Safety Corner

USU Facilities has worked 264 days* without lost-time *as of JANUARY 31, 2014.
The previous record was 355 days.
Do your part to help extend the record!

| Lost-Time Hours (Goal: Less Than 200) |
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| 2013     | 2014        |
| 96 Hours | 0 Hours     |

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Be Careful Out There!

Hello all,

Thank you for the beautiful plant you sent for my father’s passing. We enjoy looking at it every day. We appreciate your thoughtfulness.

Todd Hlavaty

Dear Facilities,

Thank you all very much for your love, thoughtfulness and the compassion you have shown me at the passing of my sister. The flowers remind me of her, so beautiful and lovely. My heart has been lifted by your sentiments. Again, thank you.

Love, Judith

I would like to say thank you to Gilbert Young. He comes to work each day at 5:00am, and after seeing how icy the sidewalks and parking lots were on January 30, he went to USU Police and had them call LOAM and Heavy Equipment in so that they had a head start before students and faculty arrived. It was still slick, but this helped so much before everyone on campus showed up. Thanks Gilbert!

Scott Hampton

NFL SUPER BOWL XLVIII

Sunday, February 2, 2014
4:30 PM on FOX
**Groundhog Day** is celebrated in the U.S. each year on **February 2nd**. The groundhog awakens from a long winter’s nap and goes outside of his den to see if he sees his shadow. According to legend, if the groundhog sees his shadow, there will be six more weeks of winter. He returns to his den and goes back to sleep. If, however, he does not see his shadow, Spring is just around the corner! German immigrants brought the tradition with them from Germany. The tradition is based upon Candlemas; the day that is the midpoint between Winter and Spring. Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania is the site of the annual Groundhog event. For the record, Phil the groundhog sees his shadow about 9 out of 10 times.

**February is Heart Month!**

Heart disease is the leading cause of death among men and women in the U.S. Tell your loved ones to get checked today!