USU Facilities is pleased to announce Kyler Mitton as the employee of the month for August 2017. Kyler has worked for Facilities in the Plumbing Shop since 2012. Before coming to Facilities, Kyler worked for CIS as a furniture installer.

Dave Petersen, Director of Operations & Maintenance, has said, “My interaction with Kyler has always been positive. He is definitely a teamwork kind of guy. Since Kyler began working with the Plumbing Shop he has come up through the ranks and is currently a Journeyman Plumber. In order to earn his state license, he has taken it upon himself to further his education by attending Bridgerland Applied Technical College (BATC). Kyler has a great work ethic and there isn’t anything he wouldn’t do. As a plumber, his job can be messy sometimes, but he is more than willing to jump in and do what needs to be done.”

Garrett Thurston, co-worker, has said, “Kyler is a talker and can talk to anyone. He deals with, and is appreciated by, so many of our people and customers throughout campus. He keeps current on his trade by attending the annual Water Operator re-classification Conference each year in St. George. Kyler is a good example and leader, and takes a lot of pride in his work. He can look at a job and visualize in his mind what parts are needed. There isn’t much he doesn’t see in his mind and that’s not something that everyone is gifted with. I have a good time working with Kyler and I’ve learned so much from him.”

Kyler was born in Logan and raised in Mount Sterling, UT. His parents live in Mount Sterling and his brother and two sisters live locally. Kyler graduated from Mountain Crest High School and then went on to serve a mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Micronesia in 2009. Along with learning the trade of welding, Kyler is currently attending BATC and will earn his Journeyman Plumbing license in the spring of 2018.

Kyler is married to his sweetheart, Kailey, and they are the proud parents of one year old, Kruz. Kyler and Kailey are currently building a home in Mount Sterling. In their spare time they farm hay, do team & calf roping, and train quarter horses. When asked about having a bucket list item that he would like to achieve, Kyler is quick to mention that he’s already living it!

Congratulations to Kyler on this well-deserved recognition. It’s great to have him as part of the Facilities family!
Safety Awareness and Appreciation Award: Even though Tyler Hancey is currently an apprentice, he has taken on the role as Safety Committee Member for that HVAC crew and has done an excellent job. He has performed various observations, area inspections, and safety trainings. Recently Tyler was on call to the Animal Science building for an AC issue and found exposed live wiring that had been left behind by a contractor. Instead of ignoring the issue, Tyler properly disengaged the energy with lockout tagout, removed two power wires, capped the rest inside the box, and then locked out the disconnect. Tyler is the perfect model of how a safety committee member should act; by example. Thanks to Tyler for going above and beyond in making the USU campus a safe place to work!

Winning Spirit Award: We recently had an eight inch water line break between the Animal Science building and Maeser Lab. Thanks to Lance Maughan, the water line was fixed and turned back on in a short period of time. Because of his background in plumbing, Lance had knowledge that the lines in the two buildings needed to be flushed out. He went through the entire Animal Science building, flushing out all the air and dirty water. He then went to the Maeser Lab building and, in the process of flushing out the few fixtures, noticed that a back flow preventer had failed and was spraying water down a pipe chase, flooding the basement three floors below. Lance turned off the back flow preventer to stop the leak and then went to the basement and mopped up the water, preventing further damage. Lance went above and beyond his job duties, taking extra steps to save potential damage to the entire basement of the Maeser Lab building. He then sent an email to Customer Service to put in a work order to have the broken back flow preventer replaced. Having qualified employee’s like Lance saves Facilities a lot of hassle; it didn’t matter that this situation required him to put in a 14-hour day. Thanks to Lance for his dedicated service to USU!

Step Up Award: Due to recent emergencies, the SDL Cluster was short of a Coordinator and a Team Leader. The extra work load was handled effortlessly by the remaining crew members of Mark Peplinski, Connie Earl, and Elyse Long. These three employees willingly took on extra duties in several buildings to make sure all of the daily responsibilities were met. Mark, Connie and Elyse simply volunteered to rearrange their schedules in order to accommodate coverage in the additional buildings. These are three great people, who are part of an overall great crew at the SDL Cluster; 18 buildings which are very well cared for. Thanks to these valiant employees who do so much to guarantee that things are running smoothly on campus!
USU Facilities has worked 231 days without lost-time as of July 31, 2017. The previous record was 414 days.

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Be careful out there! During summer months, fatal crashes nearly double on our roads, making them Utah’s 100 Deadliest Days. In Utah, 280 individuals lost their lives on roads in 2016.

Driver Safety:
- Always wear your seatbelt!
- Take state drivers training every 2 years: [https://parking.usu.edu/htm/parking-information/drivers-representation-form](https://parking.usu.edu/htm/parking-information/drivers-representation-form)
- Do not use your cell phone or hand held radio while driving.
- Avoid distractions and obey all laws.
- Perform a pre-trip inspection on the vehicle to check fluid levels, tire pressure, functionality of lights, adjust mirrors, and check vehicle breaks.
- Familiarize yourself with the route so that there is minimal dependence on a navigation system.
- Check weather conditions prior to planning a trip.
- Make Zero Fatalities your goal.

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

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CACHÉ VALLEY GARDENERS MARKET

Saturdays 9:00am—1:00pm
MAY 13th through OCTOBER 21st
NEW LOCATION: HISTORIC COURT HOUSE 199 NORTH MAIN
gardenersmarket.org

Tony Grove Lake: The elevation at the lake is about 8,050 feet above sea level. You’ll find a very nice campground at the lake. Fishing is good here and the lake is ideal for canoes or rafts.

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Step Up Award: Thanks to Mike McBride for a job well done on the employee entrance steps at USU Parking; this project is now complete. Mike is pleasant, cheerful and fun to be around. Facilities, much like Parking, doesn’t hear these kind words near enough. We can’t thank Mike enough for consistently performing this type of work and for his ongoing, great customer service!

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**It's National Dog Day!**

- August 26
- National Sister's Day — Sunday, August 6