

Employee of the Month: Kory Johnson, HVAC

USU Facilities is pleased to introduce Kory Johnson as the Employee of the Month for May, 2020. Kory has worked for Facilities for eleven years. Before working in Facilities, he worked at Lutz Heating for about three years.

Nominator, Jeff Crow, said, "Kory is one of the techs in the HVAC shop. One of Kory's outstanding abilities is to communicate with customers, with customer service, and with other techs. Kory has some very complicated buildings, and communication with the building occupants and building managers is key in making sure the customers are satisfied and comfortable. One of Kory's buildings is the Merrill Library; it has been going through a major controls upgrade. Kory has been very instrumental in making this a smooth process by being in constant communication with occupants and the building manager. He has also been

working closely with the control techs to gain insight on the new technology. He is always eager to learn. Kory's other building is Huntsman Business Building. It has a very complicated HVAC system that requires a lot of attention. He was assigned this building over a year ago and has done a great job making sure the occupants are comfortable. Kory is a great asset to the HVAC shop."

Kory was born in Logan and was raised in Richmond with his brother and sister. He graduated from Sky View High School, then attended Bridgerland Applied Technology College for four years to earn his HVAC certification. He and his wife, Heather, have been married for nine years, and they have a little girl, Melory, who is four years old.

In his free time, he likes to go hunting, fishing, camping, and 4



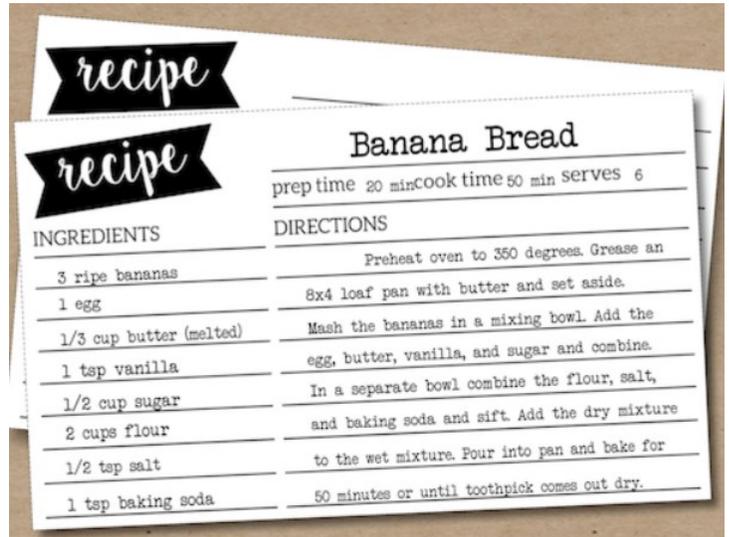
Kory Johnson - May

-wheeling.

Thank you, Kory for all of your hard work and for always representing the Facilities department well, no matter where you are or what you are doing on campus.



From left to right: Sasha Shkurpela, Tim Petersen, Ron Davis, Tyler Hancey, Vinny Neumiller, Matt Wallin, Mark Ostergar, Jeff Crow (Foreman), Brice Swope, Ken Weeks, Sol Nielsen, Mason Wallin, Kory Johnson (Employee of the Month), Brock Blanchard, Edwin Ortiz



THANK YOU

We can't thank you enough for the beautiful planter you sent for the passing of our good brother. Your love and kindness will never be forgotten.

With love and gratitude..

Allyson and Kay Olsen



KEEP
CALM
AND
BE
AWESOME

Teamwork Award

Christy Barfuss, Dan Barfuss, Mason Wallin, Ken Weeks, Brock Blanchard, Tyler Hancey, Brice Swope, Mark Ostergar

Nominator, Jeff Crow said, "This group of technicians came together to change out a big air compressor in Widstoe Hall, which is one of our critical buildings. Because they all performed their assigned tasks, the changeout went perfectly and without interruption for the customers. This is a great example of employees coming together to get their job done."

Winning Spirit

Nominator, Ben McCulloch said, "Gabriella Garrett has created a wonderful work environment for Venue Operations. Whether it is assisting a customer with their needs, helping out members of our crews, or double-checking that the work orders are correct and ready for the customer, she does everything with a positive attitude. Whenever anyone seeks Venue Operations or Movers for help, they are met with a positive attitude and a welcoming smile from Gabriella. There have been several instances in which Gabriella has solved problems before anyone else even knew about them."



CORNER

SAFETY

USU Facilities has worked **479** days Without lost-time as of April 27, 2020. The previous record was 414 days.

| Lost-Time Hours (Goal: Less Than 200) | |
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| 2019 | 2020 |
| 96 | 0 |

| OSHA Recordable Injuries (Goal: 0) | |
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| 2019 | 2020 |
| 21 | 10 |

The last 4 injuries were back or shoulder strains/sprains.



USU FACILITIES & SUSTAINABILITY



Bicycling is fun, healthy, and made for keeping and going the distance.



SAVOR BIKE MONTH WITH A SCAVENGER HUNT

- 1** Watch for the May 11-15 posting of the hunt criteria & rules by the Trails Cache.
- 2** Ride throughout the week solo or with your family.
- 3** Submit your photos for fun and to enter for prizes.

Facebook & Instagram
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Attitude is a choice.
Happiness is a choice.
Optimism is a choice.
Kindness is a choice.
Giving is a choice.
Respect is a choice.
 Whatever choice you make makes you.
 Choose wisely.
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-- Roy T. Bennett annsivers.com



A RETIREMENT MESSAGE FROM DAVE PETERSEN

I am retiring after 38 years of service here at USU Facilities and was hoping to have the opportunity of having a reception of sorts for some goodbye interaction. But with the current challenges before us it wasn't going to be feasible. I decided that perhaps a little written expression would at least allow me to express some parting words. I have had the opportunity to interact with so many wonderful people over the years. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time here and it's been a great career. I have seen a lot of construction of new buildings, remodels and upgrades in the last 38 years. It's been interesting to reflect on staff retiring and new staff being hired, changes in how we go about our work, equipment and materials used and the increase in technology. Thinking about it, cell phones and computers were just starting to come on the scene when I started back in 1982. Over the years my job assignments gave me the opportunity to interact with the campus community. It was a pleasure to get to know so many wonderful people and to assist in creating and maintaining facilities that meet the need of the mission and vision of this great institution. The opportunity to be involved provided a way to see the bigger picture and how we are a very integral part of that picture. It was also great to see the campus community having that same perception of Facilities, that we are part of the team. Our yearly building visits with various users of each building, was something I looked forward to. Being able to interact with our customers and have a conversation about how things were going from a Facilities perspective, was always time well spent. It was for us, and always hoped that it was for them. I will miss that interaction. I have had the pleasure of working for multiple supervisors and have enjoyed everyone and appreciate their mentoring me along the way. As a supervisor I have appreciated the trust, confidence and relationship over the years from the awesome people I had the pleasure of working with. It will be a challenge not to have that interaction anymore. It was great to have the opportunity to serve on multiple committees throughout the years, both within Facilities and the campus community. That also provided a way to contribute beyond my day to day responsibilities that really added to my employment experience in a very positive way. Thanks for a great run and may you make the most of your time here at Facilities. For me it seems to have gone by in a hurry.

Thanks,

David Petersen

(Dave would love for anyone to keep in touch by emailing him at his personal email address: dwp6w@q.com)

Step Up Award: Colton Acevedo, Jared Sedlacek, Jaxon Tidwell, Scott McBride

Nominator, Christian Mansfield said: "We had a project in JQL where we needed to build some new offices right in the middle of a large, open space. I expressed concern regarding dust during construction. Colton and Taylor expressed excitement at the challenge and took responsibility for dust remediation. They built an awesome tent to completely enclose our construction. It needed to suspend about 16' off the ground. They created a temporary structure and some rigging to prevent the plastic from drooping and tearing. We have dubbed it 'mega tent'. I am continually impressed at how 'mega awesome' this crew is!"

STEP UP AWARD

Mike Rudie and Arden Nicholls:

Nominator, Denny Blad said: "I was working in HR, and they had scheduled movers to move desk, and their employees could only be without desks for a limited time. My partner was gone to a funeral, putting me in a pinch to rush and get my project done. Mike and Arden dropped what they were doing to rush over and help me get it done in time. They are always willing to help!"

STEP UP AWARD

Bryon Lister, Bryon Darby, JD Nyman, Josh Riggs, KC Knowles, Steven Jackson, Taylor Acevedo:

Nominator, Phil Bankhead said, "This group of techs repaired a well that a tractor ran into. They tore it down, fixed the plumbing and electrical, reframed, and sheetrocked/taped, painted, rewired it, and plumbed it all in less than ten days. They worked together to make this job go very smoothly."

Commendation

Charles Darnell

"We hereby offer a formal commendation to Charles Darnell and his entire team in Facilities, especially **Zac Cook, Alexi Lamm, Mark Holt, and Jordy Guth** for their exceptional work in responding to the faculty and student resolutions requesting reductions in USU greenhouse gas emissions.

Charles has worked tirelessly over the past year to develop a creative, yet practical plan to substantially reduce the University's carbon footprint in an aggressive, yet cost-effective manner without sacrificing productivity, quality, or comfort.

Charles has gone well above and beyond his traditional job expectations to build external relationships with other universities across the state, Rocky Mountain Power, Logan Light and Power, Price Public Utilities, and numerous large energy users in Cache Valley.

For all your efforts, we offer our most sincere gratitude.

Dr. Patrick Belmont, Faculty Senate President

Winning Spirit Award

Shawn Tidwell: Nominator, Christian Mansfield said, "Over the last couple of months, Shawn has taken on multiple large projects. He personally sought out these projects, because he likes to be busy and he enjoys a challenge. Not only does Shawn knock his scope of work out of the park, but he contributes to the coordination and design of each project. Shawn is an exceptional communicator. He makes it easy for me to schedule other contractors around him. He has a long history of building many types of structures. The experience he brings to Facilities is invaluable. I genuinely look forward to having projects with Shawn."



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!

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| Trevor Westlake | 13 | Andrew Wilkinson | 01 |
| Larry McCormick | 14 | Zac Cook | 02 |
| Kennedy Carrillo | 15 | Grace Sherrod | 02 |
| Audrey Howard | 15 | Howard Bee | 03 |
| Hannah Birkholz | 16 | Kellstin Downs | 04 |
| Ron Davis | 16 | Sara George | 05 |
| Steven Jenkins | 16 | Kristina Eubanks | 05 |
| Shane Richards | 16 | Alan Roberts | 05 |
| Rebecca Bingham | 17 | Luke Bair | 06 |
| Carter Gunnell | 18 | Mason Wallin | 06 |
| KC Knowles | 19 | Gina Landaverde | 08 |
| Terry Trinkella | 19 | Jairus Larsen | 08 |
| Justin Jones | 20 | Addam Tremea | 08 |
| Klansy Downs | 22 | Ailizati Halimulati | 09 |
| Chad Henager | 22 | Jeremy Kimery | 09 |
| Glen Dabb | 24 | Jared Leatham | 09 |
| Caleb Oar | 24 | Bennett Anderson | 10 |
| Brock Blanchard | 25 | Cesar Flores | 10 |
| Dallin Law | 25 | Sadie Grooms | 10 |
| Adoria Davidson | 28 | Andy Beutler | 11 |
| Ricky Scothern | 28 | John Danielson | 11 |
| Braydon Bringhurst | 29 | Adam Painter | 11 |
| Parker Forster | 29 | Kaylie Weight | 11 |
| Tyson Holder | 30 | Grayson Brogdon | 13 |
| Samuel Monson | 30 | Ed Buist | 30 |
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THANK YOU
for your years of service!

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| Paul Beutler | 38 Years |
| Ben Berrett | 26 Years |
| Steven Pierson | 25 Years |
| Cindy Yeates | 24 Years |
| Kristi Olsen | 20 Years |
| Barbara Powasnik | 17 Years |
| Vilma Valle | 17 Years |
| Shane Thain | 16 Years |
| Zac Cook | 12 Years |
| Jamie Hart | 8 Years |
| Kyler Mitton | 8 Years |
| Braxton Fitzgerald | 7 Years |
| Vicki Martin | 7 Years |
| Jeffrey Stout | 7 Years |
| Jeremy Kimery | 3 Years |
| Andy Beutler | 1 Year |
| Nate Christiansen | 1 Year |

We would like to offer a heartfelt thank you to Facilities for the lovely flower arrangement. It certainly brightened a very difficult time for our family.

Steven & Cindy Yeates

