Employee of the Month — John Chase
Director for USU Regional Facilities Operations

USU Facilities is pleased to introduce John Chase as the Employee of the Month for June, 2019. John is the Regional Campuses Manager for USU. He has worked in Facilities for about four years.

Nominator, Joe Beck said, “John is working hard to bring our satellite campuses into similar direction with USU’s Main Campus. John is involved in many aspects of our other campuses with some very difficult issues. He always works with a smile on his face and represents Facilities in the best positive light to everybody he comes in contact with.”

Director, Dave Petersen added: “I am impressed with how well John has developed positive relationships with shop foremen and personnel. He has also developed a great teamwork mentality with those he works with. He is part of the team, helping in any way he can to achieve positive outcomes.”

Before working for Facilities, John worked as a Building Official for Brigham City (2.5 years) and at Logan City as a Plans Examiner (15 years).

John graduated from Murray High School, then after changing his major from Biology teaching, he earned a Bachelor’s Degree in Business from USU. He is currently finishing up the last class for his MBA. John is a Master Code Professional and Certified Code Official.

John was born and raised in Murray, Utah. He has one brother, Paul, who currently works for the federal government. John lives in Logan with his wife, Rachel and has three children: Hunter, 20, who is currently a student at USU; Steven, 17, a student at Logan High School; and Ella, 13.

John loves hunting, fishing, mountain biking, and working on glass projects with his daughter. He also enjoys traveling. He recently returned from Ensenada, Mexico, but he mostly travels within the U.S. Last year, he went on a motorcycle tour through Idaho, Oregon, and Washington, and Yellowstone.

John would like to express his appreciation for everyone he has the opportunity to work with in the Facilities department. Thank you, John, for all you do!
Teamwork Award—Sasha Shkurpela & Tyler Hancey

Nominator, Jeff Craw said, “Tyler and Sasha came together on a very mission critical problem for the department of Electrical and Computer Engineering. Their foam extraction machine went down and they needed it back up so they could use it for finals. The motor replacement wasn’t available so research was done to find an acceptable motor replacement. It was brought in the next day and was installed to the delight of the department heads and students. Sasha and Tyler communicated with the customer several times a day until it was back up and running.”

Step Up Award—Kris Merrill

After an asbestos removal, minor projects needed a deep clean at the Family Life building before construction could start. Kris dropped what he was doing and personally got the job done. Thanks for stepping up and offering some needed help!

Step Up Award—Zach Kullberg

One of the staff members at the library had this to say about Zach: “Zach does a great job and I have noticed a real difference since he started. I came in early today and he introduced himself and asked if there was anything he could do better or if there was anything he was missing. I was very impressed. Thank you for assigning him to our space.”

Step Up Award—Jared Nel

Nominator, Kelly Elwood said: “My Team Lead was off for two weeks and when he got back he was moved. Jared stepped up and took over the responsibilities during this time and is continuing to fulfill this role until a new Team Lead is hired. This has helped me tremendously and has also kept the customers happy. I would like to thank him for his exceptional work!”

Step Up Award—Gina Landaverde, Afton Selboid

Chris Dayley expressed his appreciation for Gina’s detailed cleaning of their large windows and for Afton’s thorough vacuuming of their entire couch area. People have commented on both of their kind and cheerful service and are very appreciative of the exceptional job that they do cleaning the Testing Center.
Congratulations to Elizabeth Grow, who was recently nominated for USU Student Employee of the Year! We are so appreciative of all her hard work!

**Step Up Award—North 40 Cluster**

Nominator, Kalilou Fofana, said: “Since Alex Landaverde took over the North 40 Cluster, I have received multiple compliments from customers about how happy they are with the quality of the service he and his crew are providing. One customer even requested to keep them in her area forever. We truly appreciate Alex and his crew’s hard work!”

**USU Facilities & Sustainability**

**Cache Valley Gardeners’ Market**
- Saturdays 9 AM - 1 PM
- Cache County Historic Courthouse

**USU Student Organic Farm**
- Offers whole and half Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) shares

**Other Local Food**
- Look for Utah’s Own food in stores.
- Local CSAs and farm stands.
- USU Farmers Market starts in August.

**fresh, delicious, local food options**

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**SAFETY**

USU Facilities has worked **408** days Without lost-time as of April 28, 2019. The previous record was 414 days.

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**BEAT THE HEAT**

Summer is coming! Here are some simple ways to BEAT the HEAT:

- Stay Hydrated (3-4 cups of water / Hour)
- Take Breaks (in cool or shaded areas)
- Buddy System (Watch out for each other)
- Use hats, sunscreen, or cooling towels
- Know signs and symptoms of heat illness:
  - Weak, hot, confused, nauseas, cramps, no longer sweating

**CORNER**

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!

Darby, Del Bryon 01  Guadarrama, Maria 14
Landaverde, Marissa 01  Miller, Nathan 14
Denny, Sophie 02  Elbert, Kurt 15
Orduno, George 02  Thomas, Cole 15
Wilkey, Jennifer 03  Bott, Tanner 16
Johnson, Daniel 03  Ashcroft, Erik 17
Ames, Jameson 03  Brooks, Chad 17
Harmon, Dorena Blythe 04  Costa, Germain 17
Kirkpatrick, Mitch 04  Simms, Gabe 17
Moreno Estrada, Jorge 04  Roseman, Keaton 18
Nelson, James 04  Wilson, Jonathan 20
Sedlacek, Jared 08  Meyer, Shannon 20
Cloward, Darcy 08  Pierson, Steven 21
Pierce, Jonathan 08  Dikos, Lauren 22
Steed, Holly 09  Hahn, Andrew 22
Adamis, Sophia 10  Bankhead, Philip 25
Christensen, Curtis 10  Newhouse, Will 25
Green, David 10  Tilt, Carter 25
Rogers, Blake 11  Fielding, Dellan 27
Berrett, Ben 12  Stimpson, Miranda 27
Williams, Rachel 13  Olsen, Kristi 29
Hoffman, Angela 13  Blad, Denny 29
Ponting, Grant 14  Sorensen, Libby 30

Beutler, Tammy 30 Years
Holt, Mark 26 Years
Olsen, Reid 25 Years
Weston Casey, Jocelyn 25 Years
Reeder, Roy 19 Years
Donaldson, Kelly 18 Years
McAllister, Brett 18 Years
Mortensen, Lorin 18 Years
Dabb, Carl 16 Years
Davis, Ronald 16 Years
Weeks, Kenneth 16 Years
Ortiz Hernandez, Edwin 15 Years
Pierson, Paul 15 Years
Earl, Connie 14 Years
Moreno Estrada, Jorge 14 Years
Gyllenskog, Dane 5 Years
Swope, Brice 4 Years
Hoth, Chandler 3 Years
Kerr, Tracy 3 Years
Tidwell, Auston 2 Years
Acevedo, Colton 1 Year

I want to acknowledge the exemplary support that the Department of Biology received from USU Moving Services during our moves into the new Life Sciences Building, and in vacating the north wing of the Biology and Natural Resources Building for renovation. The Biology Department required extensive support from USU Moving Coordinators Terrance Palmer, Jake Hall, and David Green; and from the Moving Crew Keaton Roseman, Kyle Quarnberg, Mathew Woodbury, and Kyle Ostergar. I want to thank the USU Moving team for supporting the Department of Biology faculty, staff, and students in successful and safe moves of teaching and research laboratories and offices this past year. Please share my appreciation with your staff. Thank you!

Sincerely, Maura Hagan, Dean, College of Science

FATHER’S DAY

6.16.19