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Facilities Services  
Scholarship Fundraiser  
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As we slowly return to our new normal, everyone was excited to finally host our annual scholarship golf tournament once again. Last summer, we had to cancel the tournament due to COVID concerns, but this year, the pandemic only slightly affected our tournament. As the magical day approached and the State experienced a rise in COVID cases, everyone started wondering if we would even be able to have a tournament, but we did, and it was fantastic. Palouse Ridge Golf Club made sure that the course was in top notch condition, despite the extreme heat.

During the weeks leading up to the tournament, we saw our participant numbers reach record levels, getting all the way up to 126, but alas, there were some last minute withdrawals the week of the event and our final participant count settled in at 109. While not a record year, it was definitely a fantastic turnout and the players thoroughly enjoyed the event and were treated to a great time. The only challenges were the extreme heat and smoke, but even those did not deter our steadfast players.

While COVID deterred some of our normal sponsors, many returned as always. Of course, Jess Ford of Pullman returned as our title sponsor and the "Hole in One" sponsor. Bouten, Hoffman, Skanska and Perkins + Will were our Gold Sponsors; Valley Electric and DCI Engineers were our Silver Sponsors, and Coughlin, Porter, and Lundeen were our Bronze sponsors. We cannot thank them enough for these corporate sponsorships. We also had a few lunch sponsors including Syntier, Vanir, and Hummel. Then, we had several Hole Sponsors, including Palouse Design Associates (PDA), Sazan Group, and our very own Fischer family. We also had Coffman sponsor the Closest to the Pin award and PDA also sponsored the Longest Drive. Finally, we had REMAX supply us with a lot water for our participants, and they also sponsored the Last Place award, which is always one of the most coveted.

The morning of 31 July started out like most on the Palouse, the air was dry and the overnight temps didn't get much below 75 degrees. The air conditioning units that the Refrigeration shop so graciously provided had been working all night long in the

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Pavilion, trying to get the space at a comfortable temperature for our morning check-in, it was nice. We had four of our scholarship recipients able to come out and help with the tournament. Most showed up to help in the check-in process and it was great for them to show their appreciation to all the participants. That group included Lexi Brantner, Kaitlyn Cornish, Colin Finch, and Hayden Cole. The golfers were also treated to quite the spread for breakfast, including breakfast burritos, fruit and of course the much needed coffee and juices.

As the day progressed on, the teams passed one by one in front of the Clubhouse and were treated to a chance to win the \$10,000 putting contest. Amy Hickman and Kaitlyn Cornish greeted our excited participants and were there to witness the spectacle. While in some years the finalist just came close to the pin, this year, two players actually sunk

their prelim putts, Mike Collins and Phil Johnson. Phil's team was one of the first to even attempt the putt, so after that, measuring was not even necessary, making Amy and

Kaitlyn's job pretty easy. After lunch was over, they squared off just the two of them to see who would make the final putt and Mike got the closest. The course director, Jeremy Wexler, then re-arranged the trajectory of the putt, and Mike stepped up to make history. Unfortunately, his final putt went slightly left of the cup and he narrowly missed out on the \$10,000 prize.

The other well sought after prize was the Hole-In-One contest, sponsored by Jess Ford of Pullman on Hole 6. Rick Finch and Hayden Cole camped out there all day to provide witness to this history making event. Unfortunately, while there were a few close shots, none of our golfers sank the magical shot. I think most teams were just happy if they made the long shot and hit the green, let alone sink the hole-in-one.

As the teams finished up and slowly arrived in the Pavilion, they were treated to a fantastic lunch spread provided by the Roundtop Public House. They also got a chance to bid on all the fabulous silent auction items that were donated by numerous local businesses. Unfortunately, we were not able to get the Stay-and-Play package from the Coeur d'Alene Resort so that Tom Burritt could outbid everyone again like the last 5 years. There were quite a few very nice items though, and the big spender ended up being Brad Rodman from Valley Electric, outbidding everyone on several items. A full list of those auction items and the businesses who donated them is available on the website: <https://hardhatclassic.wsu.edu/auction-items/>.

The teams dropped off their score cards and Jeremy put the results up on the big board. It was obvious that between the mulligans, the format, and the incredible skills of our participants, that the winning score was going to be pretty low. After all the cards were put up, the winners emerged, our first place trophies went to the team of Carl Moses, Austin Domebo, Kurt Simmons, and Brandon Koehler with an unbelievable score of 52, for those that don't know much about golf, that is 20 under par. The second place trophies went to Team McKinstry, Jack Knudsen, Joe Hunt, Mark Heid, and Jeff Cirka with a score of 56. The third place trophies went to the team from DCI Engineers, Grant Buckingham, Alex Mengistu, Harry Rodin, and Phil Johnson, with a score of 58. The most honest team, comprised of Jacob Davis, Logan Mayes, and Shilo Sprouse were awarded with the last place trophies and goody bag with a respectable score of

78, which is still a pretty good score. There were a few individual awards also given out. The women and men's longest drives went to Roxy Holden and Titus Nordquist for monster drives that

went hundreds of yards. Roxy and Jimmy Gress also won the longest putt awards. Finally, Erica Schuyler and Jeff Cirka won the closest to the pin awards. This list of winners as well as photos of all the teams is available on the website: <https://hardhatclassic.wsu.edu/gallery-2018/>.

Overall, the tournament brought in over \$31K, and after all the expenses, almost \$16K went into the Facilities Services Scholarship fund. After having to cancel last year's tournament due to COVID, this influx of resources to the fund will help tremendously as the Scholarship committee decides how much they are able to distribute each year. This tournament is the primary fundraiser for the scholarship fund each year, and significantly assists with supporting the next generation of Cougar graduates.

While the tournament was an incredible success, there is a lot of work that goes on behind the scenes that must be recognized. Jackie Carter once again headed up the effort and was the primary coordinator for the event, here efforts all year long really set the event up for success. Then, the other volunteers that helped were Roxy Holden, Maja Huff, Amy Hickman, Joe Kline, Phil Johnson, Teresa Cole, Chris Fischer, Tom Burritt, Rick Finch, JB Self, Ian Allen, and Jason Sampson. The Heavy Equipment crew also helped out with the set-up and teardown for the event. Thanks, and we all look forward to next year's tournament.



# Coins of Honor Awardees

As was recently announced, we have developed a Facilities Services Recognition Program. Part of this program are the Coins of Honor to be awarded to those who, individually or in groups, live our values of teamwork, collaboration, service and innovation. Several people have been nominated and some awarded a coin for their representation of Facilities Services. Following are the people presented with a coin this quarter:



## Kent Overby (FOMS) Awarded the "Service" Coin

for outstanding service he provides for Facilities and its customers. On Saturday, June 12th, WSU experienced a short duration electrical outage, due to an Avista problem. The nature of the outage caused our substation automation to no respond, which left a large section of campus without power. Kent responded to the Grimes Way Steam Plant and East Campus Substation, and relayed valuable information that lead to restoring power very quickly to the campus, while keeping a calm, professional attitude. Kent then went on to take care of the rest of the problems that the electrical outage caused in short ore. Then again on Tuesday, August 3rd, there was a large water leak at Food Science Human Nutrition on the 1st floor. Kent arrived on site and found the source of the water, shut it off, and began mitigating the situation. The water traveled throughout that floor and found its way into the main communication frame (MCF) for the campus, located one floor below. Kent's quick thing of covering the servers with plastic and diverting water, save the University thousands of dollars. Kent is consistently going above and beyond every day, and keeps a positive attitude and smile on his face (even with wet shoes).

**Kathie Powers (Custodian 3) Awarded the "Service" Coin** for the exemplary service and teamwork that she displays on a daily basis. Other than her normal duties which she goes above and beyond, she has a great training mindset where she is able to transfer her knowledge on to someone

providing great retention. When she is covering for her supervisor, she anticipates things very well. She has been instrumental in helping train new leads alongside her supervisor to give them the best chance of success.

**Neal Wallen (Maint. Mech 3) Awarded the "Teamwork" Coin** for going above and beyond his daily project to make sure everything around him is in good working order. Recently, he was working on a condensate tank at Jackson Hall and noticed that the condensate meter was not installed correctly. These meters are supposed to be installed so they are constantly submerged, and this one was not. Not only do the meters give incorrect readings, they run the risk of damage or replacement required with a surge when the pump starts up. Neal took it upon himself to create the work order to get the meter fixed. This is not a one time thing for Neal,. He is often keeping his eyes peeled for additional issues. He recently found a leaking 10"expansion joint in a tunnel. This is a bit of an emergency repair. Neal coordinated the entire job between plumbing and the insulators. What may seem like normal lead duties to someone on paper, however, Neal's continuous attention to project work, exceptional coordination from start to finish on these jobs and overall leadership for his team and colleagues around him warrant his recognition. Neal is consistently working towards making an impact on this campus each day he is at work, and he has been doing that longer than a decade.

## Wayne Comstock (Truck Driver 2) Awarded the "Service" Coin

Central Receiving and Delivery experienced two employees out due to unexpected absences, at the same time, we had another employee that was scheduled for annual leave all of that week as well, Wayne Comstock. When we called him after he left on Friday, he talked with his wife, and



agreed to come in the next week to ensure we were not down 3 people. This type of Service before self to ensure the mission success is something that I admire and I would like to aspire to in other areas of our organization.

**Jim Beck (Truck Driver 2) Awarded the "Service" Coin** for his 40 years of service to the University. He started in March of 1981 He is a steadfast worker, one of the hardest working individuals in CRD, even after all these years. He just does his job, day after day, and keeps our auto-freight deliveries going.



## Johnson Hall Demolition.....by Cyndi Arbour



Johnson Hall 1963

faculty and staff are moved permanently to the new USDA ARS building. This renovation was also funded by the state for an additional \$4.9 million. After these occupants move out at the end of the 3-year period, the renovated lab and offices may become “swing space” to be used for other temporary laboratory research needs.

Due to academic scheduling issues, the existing classrooms in Johnson Hall must remain available through the end of Spring semester 2022. Therefore demolition can't begin until summer of 2022, and need to be completed by the end of 2022 as the ARS Building construction is scheduled to begin January 2023.

This biennium, the University received \$8 million in state funds to demolish Johnson Hall, a 170,000 SF building across the street from Martin Stadium. This building removal had been discussed for several years and was part of the Research and Education Complex (REC) master plan. The building removal was finally funded in part due to the plans by USDA to construct a new ARS building on its footprint. While the main portion of Johnson Hall will be removed, the Annex will remain. The University has hired the Design-Build team of Skanska / LMN, who recently completed the nearby Plant Sciences Building (REC 5) to perform the demolition.

The demolition of Johnson Hall is one of the largest demolition projects that the University has undertaken in its recent history. To complicate the work, there is extensive asbestos in the building that will be required to be abated prior to demolition. The scope also includes the reconnection of underground utilities to Johnson Hall Annex to allow it to function on its own.

Prior to the demolition of Johnson Hall, approximately 300 building occupants in eleven WSU and USDA units will need to move out of the building. All of these occupants are CAHNRS faculty/staff or affiliated CAHNRS faculty (USDA/ARS). Most of these occupants will move to Clark Hall, which had recently been partially emptied when the Plant Sciences Building was completed this past spring. As part of their scope of work, Skanska / LMN will design and renovate approximately 29,300 SF in Clark Hall for the temporary 3-year relocation of most of these Johnson Hall occupants before these

A group of CAHNRS and FS staff have been meeting for two years to prepare for the project. We affectionately have named ourselves the “Johnson Demolition Support Group”. There are thousands of details to resolve, including how to clean out old labs, how to move 300 people to new space in a few months' time, what furniture to keep and what to surplus, which lab moves where into Clark, and many others. This will truly be a team effort with many hours of support coming from Shops, Heavy Equipment, Waste Management and Surplus, EH&S, Office of Research, and many others. As not everyone can fit into Clark, additional space in other buildings like Hulbert, Vogel, and LARC will also need to be renovated for some specific programs. But it will all be worth it once the work is completed, when an old building that was a huge drain on the University's maintenance funds is removed and the Corps of Engineers completes a new ARS building in its place.



Johnson Hall Today

# Welcome New Employees!

## (April—August 2021)

Name	Position	Division
Amelia Craigen	Plant Communication	WMC
Alicia "Jade" Luna	Custodian 1	Custodian
Jordan Baker	Custodian 1	Custodian
Christopher Hughes	Custodian 1	Custodian
Carey Edwards	App Systems Analyst	Resource Mgt
Gregory Shisler	Waste Collector	Waste
Robert Dodson	Automotive Mechanic	Motor Pool
Tyler Schaaf	Custodian 1	Custodian
Joshua Baldwin	Plant Comm Coord	WMC
Marcia Simmons	Custodian 3	Custodian
Ashley Tucker	Custodian 1	Custodian
Wyatt Johnson	Custodian 1	Custodian
Derek Wakefield	HE Operator	Heavy Equip
Clayton Butterfield	Custodian 1	Custodian
John Jane	Window Washer	Custodian
Chris Bontuyan	Truck Driver 1	Waste
Justus Luna	Custodian 1	Custodian
Daliantie McNeil	Custodian 1	Custodian
Alex Lee	Custodian 1	Custodian
Annette Redmon	Custodian 3	Custodian
Troy Hooper	Custodian 1	Custodian
Nicholas Johnson	GNSS 3	Grounds

# Promotions!

## April—August 2021

Name	Position	Division
Legan Morgan	Custodian 3	Custodian
Jennifer Shaul	Custodian 3	Custodian
Chris Cyr	GNSS 3	Grounds
John Baldwin	MM3	Utility



# ***Service Awards***

***Learn more about Service Awards at:***  
***<https://hrs.wsu.edu/recognition/length-service-awards/>***

<b>Name</b>	<b>Division</b>	<b>Years</b>
Robert Coffey	Maintenance	5
Timothy Demand	Custodian	5
Forrest Gilchrist	Custodian	5
Kevin McNally	Custodian	5
Kimberly Moore	Custodian	5
Darren Palmer	Heavy Equipment	5
Andrew Warn	Custodian	5
Adam Woodruff	Custodian	5
Li Ping Yi	Custodian	5
James Beck	Maintenance	15
Jann Dahmen-Morbeck	HR/Admin	15
Rich Miller	Construction	15
Mike Morbeck	Motor Pool	15
Kathrine Power	Custodian	15
William West	Construction	15
Calvin Baisley	Maintenance	20
Charles Hull	Maintenance	20
Thomas Moore	Maintenance	20
Ronald Redman	Waste	20
Leif Erickson	Utilities	25
Christine Persons	Custodian	25
Randy Ludiker	Custodian	30
Jeff Semingson	Custodian	35

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

## KUDOS

Project: Van Doren replace window A/C units in rooms 106C, 106D "Thank you, everyone! Both room occupants are very pleased with the new units (and the remote controls!). We really appreciate the professionalism and expertise of the installers (Jeff Gulick and Jason Brausen)."

D. Hamilton

"I was just talking to Lance Mitchell in the hallway and he mentioned that when he took delivery of the flooring shipment at the VBR Loading Dock recently Gary Johnson (Building Mechanic) jumped in out of the blue and helped Lance out. Lance said he could not have done it without Gary, and wanted to send a KUDOS in recognition of Gary's help. "

C. Gray

"I received a note today from the chair of the Chemistry Department, Kirk Peterson, commending Tim Johnston on solving an annoying noise problem in Kirk's office. I submitted a work request to deal with a high-pitched whine in Kirk's office, and having listened to the noise myself, I can attest to Kirk not wanting to spend any time in the space. I erroneously attributed it to air handling, but Tim spent some time with Kirk tracking it down to the steam system below Kirk's office. Tim then worked with the shops to adjust the steam pressure to completely fix the issue on the same day. Speaking personally, I will say that

Tim is a valued member of the Chemistry Department team in Fulmer."

T. Amonett

"I just wanted to give a shout out to Kelly Kirpes (see below). He was able to get a pallet jack (from who knows where) and helped them to load the pallet, he took it to the carpenter shop (since they have a loading dock), for central to pick up. In addition a call came in minutes after he left. Samantha from the Children's Center called to say that an employee had locked her personal items in a cupboard and they are unable to open. I called Kelly and asked if he would be so kind as to check it out, because we were pretty sure that FOMs would not have the key to open the cabinet. Success, he was able to assist the employees at the center. WAY TO GO KELLY!"

J. Carter

great job

## WSU Holiday Schedule

Veterans Day	November 11, 2021
Thanksgiving	November 25 & 26, 2021
Christmas	December 24 & 27, 2021
New Years Day	December 31, 2021
Martin Luther King Day	January 17, 2022

Memorial Day	May 30, 2022
Juneteenth	June 20, 2022
Independence Day	July 4, 2022
Labor Day	September 5, 2022

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## Facilities Services Safety Committee

### Safety Question Contest for the Month of September 2021

**Directions:** The answer to the question below can be found in one of the chapters of the Accident Prevention Program (APP). Read the question carefully. When you think you have found the answer, you may email your answer to Jann Dahmen-Morbeck [jann.dahmen@wsu.edu](mailto:jann.dahmen@wsu.edu) or print off this page and cut out the form on the dotted lines. You may give the form to your supervisor to send in intercampus mail to Jann or drop it off at her desk in the front reception area of McCluskey Office building. The names of all employees who submit the correct answer will go into a hat for a drawing. Whoever's name is drawn will be able to pick out one of the monthly safety awards. **This contest will be open only until 5 p.m. on October 26, 2021** so get started finding the answer now and win a nice prize! Link to APP Chapters <https://sharepoint.wsu.edu/FacilitiesServices/Operations/Safety/SitePages/Home.aspx>

#### Reference APP Chapter 18 – Machine and Tool Safety

What chapter and WACs are referenced in the section under “Employees who use machines shall:?”

**Question:**

**Answer:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Employee submitting the above answer:**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Division:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

**Jackie Carter is the Winner!**

Jackie's entry for the Safety Question was randomly selected from the total entries with correctly answered questions. *Thank you to all that entered the contest!*

Answers to April's contest question of, "Name 2 guidelines for compressed gas cylinder storage and 2 guidelines for compressed gas cylinder transport. Answer: Guidelines for Compressed Gas Cylinder Storage :

1. Store all gas cylinders not in use away from excessive heat sources, such as stoves, furnaces, radiators, the direct rays of the sun, and the presence of open flames. Cylinders in storage should always be secured in an upright position.
2. Storage of oxygen cylinders shall be separated from fuel or flammable gas cylinders or combustible materials by a minimum of 20 feet or by a noncombustible barrier of at least 5 feet high having a fire resistance rating of at least one-half hour. Keep all burning or flammable substances away from the oxygen or fuel gas storage area (at least 20 feet) and post "No Smoking" signs.
3. Cylinders must be secured. When cylinders have regulators installed, valves should still be closed when unattended, but valves must be closed and capped if regulators are removed. Note: for cylinders

stored at U-Stores or Chemical Storage buildings, the cylinders may be nested together.

4. Never store liquid or gas chlorine with ammonia.
5. Do not spray water on a leaking chlorine cylinder, as it will make the leak worse.

Guidelines for Compressed Gas Cylinder Transport:

1. When a gas cylinder is ready for return to the supplier, be certain the cylinder valve is closed to prevent internal contamination and the shipping cap is in place to protect the cylinder valve. Identify empty cylinders for easy reference.
2. When moving gas cylinders always roll them on their bottom edges or use a cart designed for their movement. Sliding or dragging them or rolling causes excessive wear and may weaken their walls by metal erosion. Slings and electromagnets are not authorized when transporting cylinders.
3. Fuel gas and liquefied fuels must be stored and shipped valve end up.
4. Cylinders must be upright when they are transported in powered vehicles.
5. All cylinders with a water weight of over 30 lbs. must have caps or other protection.
6. Caps must be on cylinders unless they are transported on a special carrier.
7. When cylinders are in vehicle transportation, regulators must be removed and caps must be on the cylinders.