JULY 2015

Congratulations to Mike Hass on his promotion to the new role of Program Manager for EDCS! Mike worked for SSC for over a year and a half and came to College Station in June. Before joining our team at TAMU, Mike worked at Prairie View A&M for SSC as the Facilities Services Director. Mike had a 35 year career as a Public Works Officer in the Air Force before coming to work for SSC. Mike is a real foodie and loves to cook. He likes the look of satisfaction on people’s faces when they finish one of his dishes. His favorite vacation includes fishing for salmon while visiting Anchorage, Alaska or Grand Haven, Michigan. The best advice he has ever received was to do something that scares you every day because you’ll never grow if you don’t take a risk. Mike loves his job because he gets to make things happen for people in the built environment, but says he’s looking forward to working on strategy and best business practices to improve EDCS’ operational capabilities.

I once read the instructions to assemble a child’s toy ladder. The instructions read “all that is required is a screwdriver and the desire and ability to do the job.” Having the proper tools and training are important but desire and ability are critical to climbing the ladder of success. This month we are focusing on our team members who continue to grow with SSC. Congratulations. SSC’s got talent!

-Bob Casagrande, VP of Operations

EDCS Promotions

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DIVERSITY

July is National Make a Difference to Children Month. During this month, we are reminded of the ways we can make a positive impact on the lives of children. Thinking back to your childhood, who are the adults you remember - teachers, neighbors, people at your place of worship, relatives? Be that ONE person who makes a difference in the life of a child.

Stress can be detrimental to your health. Remind yourself daily to de-stress by being kind to yourself. Tell yourself you are doing a good job, and believe it!

GROUNDS

- Ignacio Garcia

MAINTENANCE

- Ernest Kluge
- Uriah Seagraves

CUSOTMDIAL

- Maria Martinez
- Keyana Morrow
- Irene Zapata

Stop Think Act

SAFETY

SSC's got talent!
**Maintenance Kudos**

- Trades employee Ernest Kluge did an outstanding job for Dining Services at Ag Café on July 2nd!
- Zone R North Supervisor Mark Ingram has been going above and beyond to make sure the NSC Halls (Lachner, McFadden, Haas, Clements) are in tip top shape!

**EDCS Expansion for Veterinary Facilities**

Project Manager Jon Hobson led the way for an expansion of the Theriogenology Facility! The building is located north of the Veterinary Large Animal Hospital. The new expansion includes additions of labs and office spaces. The construction consisted of concrete slab, a pre-engineered metal building, exterior walls made of metal, CMU and brick, with a metal roof to top it off.

**Howdy Bed Appreciation**

The newly transformed Howdy bed has certainly taken notice on Texas A&M’s campus! If you’re around the MSC, you’ll notice incoming freshmen and their families taking pictures by it all day long. Thank you to this amazing Grounds staff for their hard work! Top left photo: L to R: Adolfo Bonilla, Taylor Tate, Jose Godinez and Emory Samuels.

**Maintenance Quarterly Safety Incentive Luncheon**

The first Quarterly Safety Incentive Lunch was held in the Trades Shop. Lunch was provided for an estimated 160 people. There were also 10 giveaway prizes including a 40” television, folding chair, cooler, blender, 2 CamelBak water backpacks, and 4 pairs of safety glasses. All shops except for 2 attended because of an accident that occurred with a member of their shop within the past quarter (April, May, June). The lunch was a positive gathering which is designed to promote a drive for employees to hold each other accountable to work safe, thus creating a safer working atmosphere for everyone’s benefit. Our next safety incentive lunch will be held in October.