Staying Connected with Campus Services

It's obvious from your feedback that Campus Services employees are actively engaged in meaningful ways—both in their regular jobs and in their communities—as we navigate through this unprecedented coronavirus outbreak. Included in this weekly newsletter is a new section that highlights some of our volunteer efforts. Thank you for all you do.

Energy Savings

Our FO&M engineers project significant energy savings from buildings that are unoccupied due to the recent ramp-down of the campus. Significant efforts across the entire campus have been made by Engineering, Electronics and Building Maintenance Shops, Troubleshooters, Residential Operations, Custodial Services, EH&S, and staff/faculty to reduce energy use and cost by shutting off lights and other unnecessary equipment, closing fume hoods, latching windows, setting back space temperatures in unoccupied spaces, etc.

Based on current energy reduction trends, the following statistics highlight predicted energy use as compared to budget.

- Total Campus Energy Use: Steam use down 14% and electric use down 22%
- Science Facilities: Steam use down 24% and electric use down 16%
- Athletics: Steam use down 39% and electric use down 43%
- Undergraduate housing: Steam use down 20% and electric use down 26%
- Libraries: Steam use down 30% and electric use down 4%

Director of Engineering & Utilities Abbe Bjorklund appreciates the “continuing efforts to set back temperatures and equipment throughout the campus.”

DPMS Supports the Community

While DPMS employees work remotely and from the office when printing equipment is needed, they've found a unique way to support the local community. DPMS Director Monica Godfrey wrote, “the DPMS team was signed up to work at David’s House in April for our half day of community service. Unfortunately, that was cancelled. In lieu of hands-on-volunteering, we pooled our money, solicited some donations and, with permission from Dartmouth-Hitchcock, are putting together shower bags for staff at D-H.

The bags contain travel-size shampoo, conditioner, body wash, toothbrush, toothpaste, gum, life savers, granola bars, and a small water. We purchased and had donated enough for 300 bags that will be distributed this week based on which unit has the greatest need.

The D-H individuals with whom I coordinated this effort are so excited [to receive and distribute these packages].”

A Message from President Hanlon

This comment from President Phil Hanlon ’77 was shared in his April 5 address to the community. The last sentence, in particular, aptly applies to the work being performed by all Campus Services employees.

“Earlier this week, Provost Joe Helble and I had an opportunity to visit the ’53 Commons dining hall, where the staff have totally transformed the way they’re feeding those students who, by necessity, are still in residence. Almost overnight, dining staff envisioned and launched a web-based take-out service, where students can place orders on-line that are then prepared for pick-up. They've even instituted a delivery service for the students in quarantine.

Examples of this kind of creative thinking and can-do spirit serve as a reminder that the greatest antidote for uncertainty and turmoil is a resilient, creative, and determined community.”