Staying Connected with Campus Services

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The spring term is underway, and Campus Services employees have, once again, helped to successfully welcome students to campus during the pandemic. This is no easy feat. Thanks to EVERYONE and particularly to employees in Residential Operations, Dartmouth Dining, Hinman Mail, and Transportation Services for your willing attitudes and generous smiles. It all helps.

Spring Gift Boxes to Say THANKS

Campus Services employees rock!
To recognize and thank you for continuing to care for one another and keep the campus operating safely, the senior leadership team is giving a spring gift box to all employees. We'll keep the contents a surprise, but here's a hint. What flows downhill in the spring?
Gift boxes are ready for distribution as of April 7 at the following locations. Please complete the TSA screening before coming to campus.
- McKenzie 1st floor for FO&M, Res Ops, Project Mgmt Services, Campus Planning, and Campus Services Ops employees
- Delivered to your work location for Skiway, DPMS, and Real Estate employees
- A dept. rep will pick-up and distribute boxes at your office for Himman, Transportation Services, EHS, and Admin HR employees
- Supervisors/managers will hand out to Dining employees
THANK YOU for all you're doing. Keep up the great work! And, special thanks to DPMS employees (Monica, Devin, Kris, and Mike) for packaging the goodies.

Getting to Know the Electrical Shop

The scope and complexity of work performed by the Electrical (EL) shop is impressive. The shop is comprised of 8 electricians (EL) + 8 troubleshooters (TS). They, plus employees in the Building Automation Shop (BAS), all report to Supervisor John Biele. According to Biele, the shop’s “main goal is to service our students and faculty and keep the campus running smoothly and safely.” They’ve been on-campus throughout the pandemic, and provide significant professional expertise, a team-oriented work ethic, and a strong commitment to service.
Here are some of their responsibilities:
- Maintaining the power plant’s high-voltage electrical distribution system. Biele notes that “we are responsible for maintaining our underground electric utilities, maintaining all the electrical distribution gear on campus, and upgrading the system as needed.” This is high-risk work and the electricians are careful to look out for one another.
- Maintaining Dartmouth’s 44 emergency generator sets to assure 24/7 electrical back-up.
- Focusing on in-house projects which include helping to implement the new radio system; providing power and lighting to temporary dining tents during the pandemic; assisting with electrical upgrades/repairs in residential buildings, and doing electrical work for capital projects, the tiny research station, and sidewalk lighting projects. The list goes on.

The EL crew has a sustainability mind-set as well, and works with FO&M engineers on some of the lighting retrofit projects, identifying ways to reduce electricity use and save the College money. Biele reports, “we could not do it without support from all the other shops CR\ACS\FS\EM and work control. The EL\TS shop and BAS shops have really gone above and beyond to keep this campus running smoothly, and I am very lucky as a supervisor to be part of this team.” Great job, everyone!

Update on DOC House Renovation

Renovations are progressing nicely at the DOC House located on the north end of Occom Pond. Originally built in 1929, the House is being refurbished to preserve all historic building elements; to address deferred maintenance, accessibility and life safety needs; and to improve functionality of the building for multiple types of events.
The project, managed by Jason Rouillard, will be completed in June.

Exterior of the new dining room. New bay windows have been installed between the main lounge and new dining room.