It was recently announced that the COVID-19 Task Force will disband at the end of July. Let’s take a moment to thank one of the Task Force co-chairs, our VP of Campus Services Josh Keniston. Josh has managed both of these roles incredibly well for over a year now. Thanks, Josh, for your capable leadership and advocacy on behalf of the division. You ROCK!

Our AWESOME Finance Team
One of the most critical, behind-the-scenes teams in our division is the Finance team which has been working remotely through the pandemic. Comprised of just 3 senior financial analysts who report to COO Julie Findley, the finance team uses a “dedicated analyst” model whereby each analyst becomes a financial expert in his or her areas of operation. The team supports all Campus Services departments, performing monthly reviews of all transactions and developing quarterly revenue and expense projections for their respective areas. Annually, they build the operating and capital budgets for each area. The operating budgets then roll up to the entire Campus Services operating budget totaling ~$230 million per year.

Beyond budgeting and forecasting, finance team members prepare ad hoc analyses to determine if a project makes sense for the College to take on. Steve LeBlanc supports real estate and says, “a common type of ad hoc analysis that I might do is some [type] of break-even, cost, or profitability analysis. If a Campus Services area or the College is interested in starting a new program or service or making a purchase, they usually want to know the financial ramifications. I help create an analysis that projects whether the investment will ultimately prove profitable, break even, or cost the College money.”

Amy Podalsky, who works with EHS and the Business & Hospitality Services areas, partners with Matt Smith and Claire McNamara in Dining Services and enjoys feeling like part of the team. She finds “working for operations much more exciting than just working with the financials, and said, “I like being a go-to person to solve problems in my areas, sometimes in more than just a financial capacity.”

When asked what she finds interesting about her work, Judy Stabilepszy, who supports FO&M and Residential Operations, comments that, “working specifically with the Utility Engineers and the Plant staff has been fascinating and educational, particularly as we move Dartmouth towards a more energy efficient campus. I also thoroughly enjoy working with, and I have tremendous respect for, everyone in Work Control; their camaraderie is second to none!”

All agree that finance is most important a customer service function. Steve notes, “it is our job to help the Campus Services areas manage their budgets, make fully informed business decisions... and to help them make their case regarding business decisions to senior leadership.”

Next Week’s Luncheon
Just a reminder that the “thank you” luncheon will be held next Wednesday, Aug. 4, rain or shine, at House Center A. We look forward to seeing all Campus Services employees who work during the serving period from 11 am to 2pm. (This includes those working remotely and all first- and second-shift Dining Services employees.) Stop by and enjoy delicious food prepared by Maple Street Catering and pick up a summertime gift provided by our divisional leadership team.

Note: Plans are underway for a similar event for 2nd and 3rd shift custodians the week of Aug. 9. Details to follow.

Terrific Free Concerts & Films
The Hopkins Center is providing some really great music and films this summer that are both FREE and accessible to all. Here’s a quick summary of upcoming events:

- The film, A Quiet Place Part II, is a 2020 film directed by John Krasinski, to be shown Sat., July 30 at 9 pm, outdoors at the Kemeny Courtyard.
- As part of a summer concert series, the Pedro Giraudo Tango Quartet will play live on Thu., Aug. 5 at 7pm at the Hop Courtyard.
- Three outdoor films will be shown on the Dartmouth Green in August:
  1. Reel Rock 15 (Aug. 6) shows 4 "epic climbs from around the world."
  2. Best Summer Ever (Aug. 13) is a dance camp musical. The actors have a range of physical and mental disabilities, although the disabilities don’t enter the plot.
  3. One Ocean Film Tour 2021 (Aug. ) shows eight ocean-loving, short films "focused on adventure, conservation and inspirational heroes."

There are a number of On-Demand films that are free and available to rent from Aug. 1-31. For details go to https://hop.dartmouth.edu/.