

Toward Sustainable, Inclusive & Inspiring
FACILITIES



Facilities & Services

THANK YOU AND HELLO



Jeff Angiel
Associate Vice Chancellor & Executive Director
of Facilities & Services

Thank you for welcoming me to the Urbana campus and making my first weeks so enjoyable. I am incredibly excited to partner with you on the projects and initiatives that will help shape the university and have a transformative impact in the years ahead. I'd like to especially thank and recognize Morgan White, who served in an interim role before my arrival.

The opportunity to join the U. of I. and work with this team of prominent professionals to support world-class teaching and research activities was the key reason I wanted to become the associate vice chancellor and executive director of Facilities & Services. This semester, I have started meeting with academic and administrative units to learn more about your operations and listen to feedback on strengthening relationships, enhancing service delivery, and expanding academic collaboration that keeps us focused on meeting emerging needs and achieving strategic goals.

I am deeply grateful for the tremendous assistance I have already received from the talented professionals within our organization, the Office of the Chancellor, faculty and staff from various units. These interactions and conversations have reinforced how fortunate I am to join this world-class community. Encouraging engagement and involvement is vital to providing and maintaining modern, innovative, and sustainable spaces that allow you to perform at your best; I hope the same efforts will lead to many future generations of excellence in scholarship and discovery.

I am honored and thrilled to be here, and I look forward to contributing to the university's rich legacy and undeniably bright future.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Angiel

Hall of Fame

F&S provides all physical plant, operational, and essential services for sustaining an environment that fosters the research, teaching, and public engagement activities of the university. This includes a wide variety of activities and services vital to all on campus and in the community. Welcome to our Hall of Fame.



FACILITY ACCESS MAPS

Facility Access Maps are exactly what they sound like: online you can find more than 200 campus building layouts, which include ADA-accessible entrances, storm refuge locations, restrooms, water fountains, nearby bus stops. This is a valued, trusted resource when going about campus and finding building features.



<https://go.fs.illinois.edu/Facility-Access-Maps>



CAR POOL

The Car Pool has more than 200 vehicles available for Illinois faculty and staff to rent. Managing more than 5,500 rentals a year, this is a fast and convenient full-service operation, done either in-person or online. The service includes passenger vans and alternative fuel vehicles.



<https://go.fs.illinois.edu/CarpoolIFS>



BIKE SHARING

Another bike sharing option has hit campus: Bird is adding 500 class 1 pedal-assist e-bikes to the Urbana campus in 2024. Five slow-ride zones will be activated using Bird's geo-zone technology on the Main Quad, Bardeen Quad, South Quad, Ikenberry Commons, and a section of north campus. Illinois also hosts 750 Veo e-bikes, giving students, faculty, staff, and community members more micromobility options..



<https://fs.illinois.edu/biking>

BREAKING BARRIERS AND BUILDING FUTURES:

How Women at F&S are Redefining the Trades

By Jalynn Bugaj, F&S Customer Relations & Communications intern

At F&S, women are transforming the trades by showing that skill and dedication come in all forms. By challenging old stereotypes and leading with expertise, they're setting a new standard for success in the industry.

Women who work in crafts and trades, fields traditionally dominated by men, often encounter unique challenges related to perceptions of their skills, capabilities, and overall contributions. Despite these obstacles, they bring a diverse perspective and valuable expertise to their roles.

The supportive nature of their colleagues, combined with F&S's dedication to diversity, plays a crucial role in creating a workplace where everyone can thrive and contribute their best, significantly enhancing their overall work experience.

"While there are barriers that I have to work to break due to the culture we all exist in, I have met some of the most amazing people here willing to support me and make sure I have the tools to succeed," said Laura Abbott, pipefitter apprentice.

"As a union member, the fact that I am not needing to travel long distances within my local is a big plus! All of the tradespeople I have met are very respectful," said Dawn Rambole, sheet metal worker. Rambole has been with F&S for 19 years.

"The university is a very inclusive and diverse workplace. I've met people from all walks of life, with a vast variety of knowledge," said Jordyn Brock, pipefitter apprentice.

From Teaching to Trades

Abbott, who spent five years as a middle school physical education teacher before transitioning to the trades, describes the switch as exactly what she was seeking in her career. She notes that her teaching background has been beneficial in her new role.

"Going through the teacher education process and learning how to learn helps me every day in my career. The problem-solving processes, critical thinking, and knowing how to best use my available resources have made me very good at my job," Abbott said. "I would say too, that having taught, I carry with me some of that same spirit and desire for the betterment of community that originally drew me into teaching. The opportunities are just different."

"I leave this job every day happy. I have enough money in my wallet and enough mental and emotional reserve left to live my life after hours. That was something I didn't always have in my teaching career," said Abbott. "I get to learn something new every day in my job. There is always a new aspect of my work to refine. I feel a sense of pride in the work I do that I didn't always feel before. I can see where I began and where I am now and be proud of that growth."

The women of F&S are not just skilled laborers; they are pioneers in their fields. Their dedication and expertise speak volumes, shaping a more inclusive and resilient campus community at the heart of F&S and paving the way for future generations.



MENTOR AND MENTEE AT F&S:

“I don’t believe there is a better success story.”

Working at F&S can act as a gateway to other experiences, including the opportunity for team members to become a community mentor through the C-U One-to-One Mentor Program.



Check out C-U One-to-One here.

or Go To: www.cultol.org



Nobody knows this better than Chris Cook, an F&S electrician who mentored Anthony “Tone” Howell from fourth grade at Booker T. Washington STEM Academy through graduation at Champaign Central High School in 2023. Now, Howell is in his second year as an apprentice with the F&S carpenters.

Chris Cook: "In the Beginning..."

I started mentoring when Anthony was in fourth grade. It was quite the learning curve for both of us. I grew up in a small town, St. Joseph, and Tone was living in the heart of Champaign. Culturally, we had a lot to learn from each other. We both liked sports and, during many of our early visits, we played basketball or threw the football. I always tried to make it a bonding experience and balance fun with learning more about each other. He wasn't much of a talker in the beginning but throughout our time he grew more comfortable sharing. We met one day a week for 30 minutes or so, usually over lunch time. We would share what we had been up to or talk a little about our families. Throughout the years we met during the school year and checked up on each other during the summer months. I would get to meet his family at the end of each year when I would pick him up for the end of year banquet.

Cook: "Learning About the Job"

I would speak to him about what I do, and where I work. I would tell him about all of the opportunities here at the university. I was invited to his junior high field trip to Parkland College for trades day. He really enjoyed learning about all of the trades, and getting to do some hands-on learning. When he got to high school he was exposed a little more to the building trades through Unit 4 and Parkland. He attended field trips to Facilities & Services and really enjoyed learning about the different shops and the operations here. By Tone's senior year he had a clear vision of what he wanted to do: He wanted to join the carpenters union. He was determined to make it in and spoke to the union before graduating. I believe it was within a few days of graduating high school that he actually started working as an apprentice in the carpenters union. I was so proud of his determination and drive to achieve his goals. I introduced Tone to Bob Weeks and, eventually, Tone was given an interview and hired. I could not be more proud of Tone and appreciative to Facilities & Services for the opportunity for Tone and I to meet and form a lifelong bond. I don't believe there is a better success story.

Tone Howell: "Goals Achieved"

Having a mentor is great. It's like they're your big brother or big sister who's there to watch you grow and help

guide your life. I've had my mentor since I was in fourth grade and Chris has been there since day one. Now, a couple years later I'm working for the U. of I. as the first apprentice carpenter in about 20 years and Chris is an electrician for Illinois: That's life goals! With both the mentor and mentee working for a great institution, I couldn't ask for a better mentor!!

“The power of the mentor-mentee connection is in the relationship you build together,” said Lauren Smith, the mentor advisor for Champaign schools. “When you meet with a person for almost nine years, you know each other pretty well and trust each other. They realize you are going to show up and be there for them, and they begin to open up and talk about future goals or issues they are facing.”

F&S has been a partner with C-U One-to-One since 2006, with more than 90 team members having previously, or currently, mentored.

“F&S folks have been wonderful mentors and seem to understand their mentees well,” Smith said. “We certainly appreciate all the support they have shown for the program.”



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