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2024 Service Awards Honorees

The F&S Service Awards recognize the dedication and service of the unit's team members. Congratulations to those who reached a service milestone. This year, we celebrate people who have helped move F&S forward for five years, 35 years, and in five-year increments in between. **Thank you for your excellent ongoing efforts on behalf of F&S!**

5 Years

Billam, Dale
Bituin, Eva
Blazek, Kenneth
Breeze, Andrew
Brooks, Justin
Brummer, Jedidiah
Brunner, William
Busby, Clifford
Campbell, Johnnie
Carlson, Michael
Clark, Albert
Clark, Clayton
Clayborn, Christopher
Cooper, Kevin
Dalton, Raymond
Daniel, Zachary
Davis, Erik
Davis, Khadija
Dietz, Christopher
English, Shane
Fancher, Matthew
Flesner, Christopher
Gadbury, Michael
Goff, James
Gones, Lucas
Goulding, Ryan
Green, Darren
Harris, Montez
Harrison, Christopher
Hasselbring, Jonathan
Hauserman, Michael
Haymon, Leslie
Head, James*
Helfrich, Bryan
Hembrey, Bryan
Hemphill, Prentiss
Howard, Jennifer
Ingold, Jeffrey
Jackson, Duane
Kaeding, Carey
King, James
Larkin, Rodney
Lewis, Troy
Lovett, Brandon
Lyles, Jim
Martin, Jacob
Matthews, Christopher
McCartney, Markius

Mendoza Bautista, Jose
Milburn, Daniel
Miller, Kayla
Mitchell, Troy
Murray, Travis
Nguyen, Vinh
O'Mahoney, Julie
Paris, Michael
Paris, Terry
Peacock, Lisa
Penny, Ron
Peplinski, Dylan
Pereznegron, Rob
Piatt, Denver
Poke, Demeka
Pottorf, Solomon
Pourchot, Bret
Reynolds, Jason
Roberts, Miakel
Russell, Christopher
Saliski, Mike
Scott, Marty
Shilts, Brett
Smith, Myra
Spitz, Patrick
Splittorff, Thomas
Springfield, Tucker
Steele, Matthew
Summers, Mallory
Tanner, Rodney
Tate, Travis
Taylor, Jeremy
Terven, Jacob
Thorne, Ethan
Tiouririne, Ali
Toler, Trevor
Walker, Doniquiandria
Walsh, Matthew
Warren, Matthew
Wong, Sibley

10 Years

Albert, Marcus
Blixen, William
Boonyang, Thongpath
Brewster, Kathryn
Bui, Phuong
Caparoon, Deborah
Davis, Tamika

Duitsman, Christian
Dunn, Chad
Friedman, Michael
George, Joseph
Hammerschmidt, Dustin
Heinz, William
Hoffmann, Kelly
Holstein, Daniel
Jones, Ryan
Lansford, David
Le, Trong
Logsdon, Matthew
Lucas, Justin
Lustfeldt, Larry
Meyer, Benjamin
Miller, Justin
Mills, Robert
Mininger, Timothy
Molitor, Travis
Nash, Kenneth
Nelson, Michael
Park, Justin
Presson, Gregory
Reinhart, Douglas
Reisner, Casey
Rippon, Troy
Ritter, Ryan
Scherer, James
Smithenry, David
Tempel, Eric
Wang, Tina
Watkins, Jennifer
Whalen, Nathan
York, Christopher

15 Years

Dinnin, Jeromey
Garrett, Chad
Haskins, David
Miller, John
Navas, William
Pavlick, David
Rice, Joey
Speckman, Barton
Wilsey, Derek

20 Years

Adamson, Nathan
Alsip, Michael
Battaglia, Anthony
Brown, Derick
Brown, Lynn*
Dunaway, Roy
Eichelberger, Austin
Elliott, Bryan
Faulkner, Matthew
Gonzalez, Alberto
Grayson, Eric
Hall, Kenneth
Harshbarger, Randall
Hubbard, Anthony
Jakobsson, Jonathan
Jensen, Paul
Jones, Eddie
Jones, Jason
King, Robert*
Lancaster, David
Lopez, Faustino
Murray, Ebony
Pankau, Randy
Richardson, Betsy
Rojas Davila, Luis
Stanev, Nick
To, Liem
Torres, Agustin
Turner, John*
Uppinghouse, Adam
Wahls, Chad
Wynn, Gilbert

25 Years

Acevedo, Lauro
Alagna-McDade, Melissa
Beyers, Shawn
Blacketer, Brian
Boes, Rick*
Brady, Michael
Brewer, Michael
Burns, Michael
Buzzard, Andrew
Collom, Tracy
Curry, Sean
Dalton, Matthew
Davis, Alaina*

Donahue, Joe
Dowler, David
Ferpotto, Timothy
Fiedler, Jeffrey
Frerichs, James
Gehrt, Brian
Gorman, Kyler
Hasselbring, Eric
Hildreth, David
Hudson, James
Hughes, Brandon
Ilf, Travis
Isaacs, Jeffrey
Jarvis, David
Jeffers, Mike
Kucera, Steve
Kupferschmid, Chadwick
Larson, Michael
McCurry, Frank
Moen, Gregory
Morris, John
Nichols, Cody
Price, Derek
Specht, Roy
Street, Shane
Valentine, Kirk*
Warfield, Joseph
Weeks, Robert
White, Morgan
Wingler, Tyson
Wood, Rodney

30 Years

Bachert, Randall
Bishop, Michael*
Davis, Stacey*
Ebeling, Bob
Fortado, Justus
Miller, Byron
Nelligan, Steven
Paris, Dusty
Ramert, Dale
Stevenson, Brad

35 Years

Nava, Elizabeth



2024 Team Member of the Year

Congratulations to Macie Sinn, assistant director, Transportation & Building Services (TBS), for her well-deserved win as the 2024 F&S Team Member of the Year. She received the recognition at the recent F&S Service Awards. To be eligible for the award, she first won Team Member of the Month after being nominated by TBS' director, Pete Varney.

In his nomination, Varney explained that he and another senior leader at TBS were out of town at conferences during a large, prominent student demonstration. Needing an on-campus representative, Varney "unhesitatingly identified Macie Sinn." He added, "Not only did Macie meet this challenge, but [she] nailed it in every possible way . . . Her actions during this period are clear examples of Innovation and Operational Excellence within our organization." In presenting her the award, Doni Walker, associate director of Inclusion and Organizational Development, noted Sinn's "ability to lead with integrity, problem-solve in real time, and represent the department with professionalism and grace earned praise from campus partners across the Division of Public Safety, campus leadership, and beyond."

Sinn was promoted in October to her current position. Her duties include revising custodial service level agreements and policies and implementing innovative programs for the ongoing Building Services Transformation Initiative. She helps manage operations at TBS and focuses on enhancing customer service, including finding ways for F&S to better align with industry and green cleaning standards. Her work continues to reflect the people and organizational skills that warranted her nomination for the Team Member of the Year award.

Well done, *Macie!*

2024 Team Member of the Month Winners

Anthony Battaglia
Maranna Binder
Steve Breitwieser
Tamarra Chandler
Kody Egolf
RJ Hettinger
Jennifer Howard
Molly Mitsdarfer
Julie O'Mahoney
Joey Rice
Macie Sinn
Rodney Tanner

2024 Team of the Month Winners

January

BSW Team

Brad Benner, Yhara Boxley, Clifford Busby, Scott Croft, Russ Kern, Johnna Krutsinger, Dave Odenweller, Jim Osterbur, Demeka Poke, Solomon Pottorf, Josh Potts, Troy Rippon, Dana Ross, Le Thach, Danielle Walden, Robert Williams, Deontae Winfrey, and Wade Wronke

February

Shop 50 Iron Workers

March

Retrocommissioning Team

April

Electrical Construction Team

Marcus Albert, Chris Doxtator, Jake Hughes, Kyle Kamradt, Mark Klein, Jason Maxwell, Dustin Seaman, Mike Siems, and Keith Wolfe

May, June & July

No Entries

August

Shop 50 Ironworkers

Rene Algiene, Brett Balsamello, Brendan Burton, Erik "Cable" Davis, Todd Hawkins, Jason Koontz, Mike Paris, Thomas "Damon" Roy, and Eric Ryerson

September

Recommissioning Team

Justin Brooks (temperature control), Harold Gross (sheetmetal), Dylan Peplinskie (management engineer), Bill Shafer (electrician), and John Summers (management engineer)

October

Window Washing Crew

Joe Perkins and the window washing crew

November

Asset Collection Team

Aron Cochran (sheetmetal), Derek Dubson (sign shop), Brian Knight (pipefitting), Leland Morrissey (sheetmetal), Rick Turner (pipefitting), and Gayle Vincent (sign shop)

December

Chilled Water Production Team

Anthony Bonds, Chris Bromley, Roger Childers, Todd Grimm, Mike Jeffers, Mike Larson, Randy Pankau, Ryan Reyling, Cory Roseman, and Jeff Zellers



Nominate a team member at <https://go.fs.illinois.edu/TeamMemberRecognition>.

**Service Award and Team Member and Team of the Month winner names were provided by Human Resources, Diversity & Strategy.

Noontime Knowledge Recap

Minidoka: An American Concentration Camp

People are often surprised to learn that there were concentration camps on American soil during World War II. In honor of Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month, the Diversity and Inclusion (D&I) Committee took a look at this dark period of American History. At a recent Noontime Knowledge, D&I showed the official park film for Minidoka National Historic Site in Jerome, Idaho. More than 13,000 Japanese Americans were imprisoned there during the war. Their only crime was having Japanese ancestry.

How did this happen? Actor George Takei, who himself had been sent to a different camp as a small boy, narrated the film that begins with voices of those who were sent to Minidoka. Kay Sakai Nakao explained, “We were afraid. We looked like the enemy, but we were American citizens.” She added, “What did I have to do with Japan? Nothing. My family wasn’t doing anything wrong, but we were paying for it.”

Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, was attacked by Japan on December 7, 1941, drawing the United States into a world war that had been raging for more than two years. In the following days, people were increasingly suspicious of anyone who even looked like they might be Japanese. Harassment and discrimination amplified, especially toward those of Japanese descent living on the West Coast. Many Japanese American community and religious leaders were arrested as potential spies, and the families they were taken from often didn’t know what had happened to them.

Fears of espionage and sabotage continued to grow, as did unrest. Bank accounts of Japanese Americans were frozen, and a curfew was put in place. Racist voices were clamoring for even more restrictions: Idaho Attorney General Bert Miller said, “All Japanese should be put in concentration camps for the remainder of the war. We want to keep this a white man’s country.”

Acquiescing to the growing rumblings, President Franklin Roosevelt signed Executive Order 9066 on February 19, 1942. The order gave military commanders the power to exclude people from military areas. This was quickly used to declare the West Coast an exclusion zone, and then both Issei (the generation born in Japan who came to the United States) and Nisei (the first generation born as US citizens) were ordered to be rounded up and removed from their homes and communities without due process or habeas corpus. Ultimately, more than 120,000 people, about two-thirds of them US citizens by birthright, were forced to leave their homes.

They were relocated to 10 hastily constructed concentration camps further inland, including Minidoka. The US government called them “relocation centers,” except as survivors note, they couldn’t leave, and although the government claimed the camps were to protect the Japanese Americans, the guns were aimed inward.

There they stayed, the video explains, until later in 1943, when people were finally allowed to get day passes so they could help with the local harvest or to join the 442 Regimental Combat Team, a segregated unit of the US Army that enlisted young Japanese American men to fight in Europe. Still suspicious, the US government created a loyalty questionnaire that those in the camp had to answer in order to leave. One of the questions (number 28) asked if the person would “forswear any form of

allegiance or obedience to the Japanese emperor, or any other foreign government, power, or organization.” For Nisei, the question seemed odd. They were born here. They’d never had allegiance to any government other than the United States. There was nothing to forswear, but the US government didn’t see it that way.

Even as people were slowly allowed to apply to leave, the camps continued to house thousands—almost 8,000 remained incarcerated in Minidoka in December 1944. The exclusion order that had allowed Japanese Americans to be removed from the West Coast was finally lifted in January 1945. People were given \$25 and a ticket back to their home cities. Many had nothing to return to. These events were swept under the rug for nearly 40 years.

The Sansei (the second generation born in the United States) began speaking up when their parents and grandparents wouldn’t or couldn’t. President Jimmy Carter started a bipartisan commission to look into it during his last year in office, and President Ronald Reagan finally apologized on behalf of the US government in 1988.

The voices of the people telling the story of their lived experience and this injustice in our shared history are compelling. If you’d like to hear this story in their own words, you can view this 30-minute film at <https://www.nps.gov/media/video/view.htm?id=3df90709-64e9-4cb9-b1d1-afbc5a7532f>.



F&S Shines During Summer construction

When you ask someone what summer means, they might mention picnics and cookouts, or trips to the beach, or heat waves. But people at the university will also tell you summer means construction. This is by design: not only is the weather more predictable, but there are fewer students on campus to be potentially inconvenienced. This year is no exception; **F&S is working on more than 50 active construction projects this summer.** Here are a few highlights. Visit <https://fs.illinois.edu/summer-construction-2025> to see a complete list and a map of summer 2025 projects.

Some of the work begins from the top down. Roof replacements (full or partial) are underway at Beckman Institute for Advanced Science and Technology, Newmark Civil Engineering Building, the Illini Union, Morrill Hall, Gregory Hall, the Law Building, the National Soybean Research Center, and other sites across campus. Other work is happening from the ground up: new buildings are slated to replace Illini Hall, add a new annex (Ogura-Sato) at Japan House, create a new Oncology Center that will connect to the Veterinary Teaching Hospital, and begin the new Doris Kelley Christopher Extension Center, which will be integrated into the Arboretum.

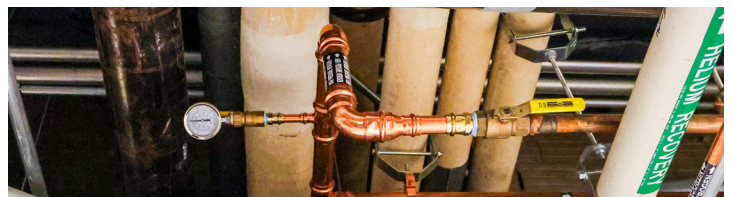
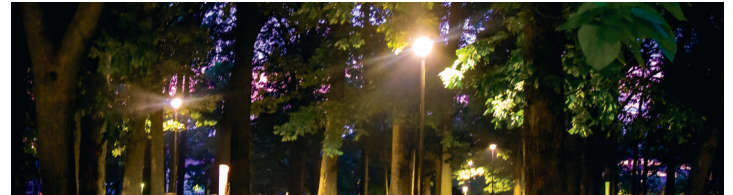
Other major categories of work include the following:

- **Addressing Life-Safety Issues:** This includes upgrades to meet Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards at various buildings, including a new accessible ramp at Krannert Art Museum; a new, automatic fire suppression system at Talbot Laboratory; new sprinklers in Altgeld Hall; a self-harm prevention barrier for the top level of the North Campus Parking Deck; and better cooling for animal research spaces at Burrill Hall.
- **Modernizing Elevators:** Upgraded and modernized elevator systems will be installed in several buildings, including Levis Faculty Center, Smith Memorial Hall, and Loomis Laboratory.
- **Renovating Restrooms:** Improvements include new toilet partitions, fixtures, doors, improved lighting, and other equipment enhancements, including new finishes to match current standards. Restroom upgrades will be made at (among other buildings) Burrill Hall, the Education Building, the Natural Resources Building, the Veterinary Teaching Hospital, and the Children's Research Center.

In addition to building improvements, several projects take on infrastructure needs. New metal poles and LED fixtures will be installed at First Street. A mid-block crosswalk will be added to Oak Street near Lot E14 to improve safety for those crossing from parking to the Garage & Car Pool area. There will also be surface improvements to several parking lots.

As in previous years, the summer construction list is lengthy, but these new, or improved, areas will benefit everyone living, working, or studying on campus. The annual campus glow-up helps existing buildings stay in top operating form, and the new spaces will add to the university's ability to serve a wide range of needs and voices. Next time you're walking around—whether on the highly visible quad or in a tucked away location at the edge of

campus—you'll see things are buzzing. F&S' work on campus is important all year-round, but summer construction season is truly its time to shine.



Upcoming Calendar Dates

August 17-24

University Housing Move-in

August 20

Noontime Knowledge

August 25

First day of Classes

September 1

Labor Day



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