

# Physical Plant Newsletter



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## Message from the Executive Director

Well, summer has certainly roared in on us, giving us the warmest Spring on record and record highs in June. But I have to say that as an organization we have been up to the task, Thanks for a Job Well done.

Even though we have not quite closed out the fiscal year, we are actively preparing goals and objectives and major themes for the coming fiscal year. I am sharing the major themes as part of my shop visits but wanted to mention them again here.

-Sustainability is here to stay and is not just the “flavor of the month.” We will continue look to improve VCU’s sustainability posture which will mean some changed practices within PPD.  
-Upgrade the “feel and look” of the

university. As a mature university we are going to actively look to upgrade our grounds, create gateways, and make “places” around campus.

-Replace Facility Focus with AIM. We have gotten good mileage from FF in my time here but we all know it is clunky, harder to use then we would like it to be, and it does not integrate as well as we would like across all of FMD.

Of course we will continue to emphasize budget execution, workload management and business process improvement, which are hopefully beginning to become part of our DNA as an organization.



Ed Bennett

I am writing this the day after the party and have to say, thanks for coming...it was great to see everyone! Ed

## 2010 F & A Customer Service Awards

### Mission Statement

The Physical Plant Department is dedicated to providing timely, quality workmanship and service delivered in a cost effective manner to support the University’s mission



Chief Venuti & Brian Ohlinger serving ice cream

This year’s Finance and Administration Division Customer Service Awards ceremony was all about customer service. Four individual recipients who demonstrate exemplary customer service were honored at the ceremony. Congratulations to three of our PPD Employees who were nominated; Benita Price, Roxanne Razo and Jordan Starbuck.

We enjoyed some fun this year with a variety of other recognitions awarded This portion of the program was designed to recognize employees in a more fun way. We had a great turn out by Physical Plant and especially enjoyed being served ice cream by Mr. Ohlinger and the other F & A Senior Administration.

## Important PPD News

- A combined effort between the Control Shop and Zone 300 to retro-commission the Alumni House on the MCV Campus has achieved a 20% reduction in combined energy use for the period of January 1 to April 30th
- Climate Action Plan was completed in May
- The VCU Medical Center becomes Smoke Free June 30 when a policy goes into effect that prohibits smoking anywhere inside or outside of the VCU Medical Center downtown and Stony Point campuses
- The new graffiti reporting procedure has begun. We are working with VCUPD to facilitate a consistent method for graffiti reporting and to expedite removal of graffiti. When we see or are notified of a new graffiti tag, we need to take a picture of it, note the location and call Customer Service to document each incident with a work request.
- We wish Steve Davidson & Carolyn Guss both a speedy recovery

## VCU's Perkinson Building Receives Top Award for Going Green

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W.. Baxter Perkinson, Jr.  
Building



The [VCU School of Dentistry's](#) W. Baxter Perkinson, Jr. Building has been awarded the U.S. Green Building Council's LEED Silver certification for its levels of energy efficiency and sustainability.

[Leadership in Energy Environment Design](#) (LEED) certification is the nationally accepted benchmark for the design, construction and operation of high performance green buildings. New construction and major renovations being considered for certification are evaluated and allotted points based on seven key areas, including sustainable sites, water efficiency, energy and atmosphere, materials and resources, indoor environmental quality, innovation in design and regional priority.

The 55,000 square-foot Perkinson Building was completed last August by Commonwealth Architects, expanding the clinical, teaching and research facilities of Virginia's only dental school.

The building features light-colored roofing for 30 percent energy savings, low flow plumbing fixtures and low VOC—or volatile organic compounds to improve indoor air quality. During construction of the \$20 million addition, more than 75 percent of waste was recycled and 180 tons of masonry from the demolition used as fill.

The Perkinson Building is the second structure at VCU to receive LEED certification. VCU's Walter L. Rice Education Building at the VCU Rice Center earned LEED Platinum certification last April.

The LEED Green Building Rating System is designed to promote design and construction practices that increase profitability while reducing the negative environmental impacts of buildings and improving occupant health and well-being.

For more information on VCU's efforts to become a green university, visit [www.vcugoesgreen.vcu.edu](http://www.vcugoesgreen.vcu.edu).

## Recycling News

- Cabell Library Book Recycling Project– We recycled a total of 44,351 pounds of books
- We donated over 3,000 pounds of clothes to AM-VETS, 2000 pounds of items to CARITAS , who assist the homeless with moving to independent living (We donated 15 microwaves, 5 refrigerators, 12 television sets, 15 bags full of blankets and sheets, 6 wooden shelves, 15 throw rugs, suitcases and 3 boxes .
- Way to Go Green!



VCU Environmental Conservation

## PPD Employee Recognition



I attended a reception in honor of all Staff Senate members on 6-16-10.. Beverly Beaver, Zone 300 is a member of the Staff Senate and represents our Department. Bev keeps us updated with items from her meetings. She was in charge of a fund raiser to provide Christmas gifts for a person in the local area. She also headed a fund raiser for a scholarship fund for students who need funding support. Our department was able to come in 2nd place overall. It is due to her efforts as a member of the staff senate and our team members who are willing to support these fund raisers that we have all made VCU a better place to work.. -Dave Cooper



*A Special THANK YOU to all of the PPD Staff who participated in making the 2010 VCU Commencement such a Success!!!*

*Congratulations to Chris Reed for completing Level 1 in the Professional Development Certificate Program*

March 2010

**Recognition Awards given out the last three months:**

**Joseph Gibson, 03/10/10**

**Roxanne Razo, 04/10/10**

**Jordan Starbuck, 05/10/10**

**Daniel Grenoble, 06/10/10**

**Jerry Ware, 06/10/10**

Harry Daniels , Bev Beaver & All VCU FM Employees who assisted with the School of Pharmacy 4th Floor Suite Renovation-A short note to thank you for all the great work you and your team contributed to the renovation of the Smith Bldg 4th floor office suite. It was nice to get to know several of you personally. Special thanks to Mark, James, David and James Bell. The renovated space looks fantastic! Come on by for a cup of coffee whenever you'd like.

Sincerely, Laura Georgiadis and the Department of Pharmaceutics



# PPD Staff Appreciation & Retirement Celebration



Ed Bennett presenting Elton (Rainwater) Adkins with a Service Appreciation Certificate

The Celebration held on Thursday, June 24th was a lot of fun! It was the biggest turnout PPD has ever had and we are glad everyone came out for the food, drinks and door prizes.

We want to recognize the following retirees and thank them for their Service @ VCU:

Jerry Snowa- 8 years

Daniel Diacont- 9 years

Linda Adomos- 21 years

Samuel Pederick- 21 years

Roland Taylor- 21 years

Evalene Maxwell - 22 years

Elton R. (Rainwater) Adkins - 27 years

Steven Jones- 37 years

## Upcoming Dates & Events

August 13 - end of summer session

August 20-22 - Student Move In

August 23-25 - Orientation and Registration

August 26 - fall semester classes begin

October 12 - Service Awards Reception - MCV Campus (Larrick)

October 14 - Service Awards Reception - MP Campus (Student Commons)

October 16 - Open House

October 21-22 - reading days - no classes on MPC

November 6 - Open House

December 11 - Commencement, last day of classes

December 13-21 - final exams



VCU Steam Plant

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