

**MORAVIAN
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Facilities Management,
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Summer

NEWSLETTER



Greetings, all!

It is hard to believe, but we are already in the middle of summer. It won't be long before students are back for the upcoming Fall semester.

A lot of changes have occurred since our last newsletter went out in November of 2023.

The two biggest changes are:

The HUB project is now very much underway. We are no longer just planning and getting ready for the HUB expansion, it is full steam ahead!





The second area with big changes...

Our own FMPC team. Since December '23/January '24, we have had eight staff members leave: Regina Gower, Randy Haffling, Jacob Barwick, Billy Trexler, Amy Vauter, Rodney Myers, Chad Royer, and finally, Dean Molitoris. Dean will be leaving FMPC effective the 12th of July to become the Director, Buildings and Grounds for the Brandywine Heights Area School District. Dean has been with Moravian University for over 22 years and he will be missed but we wish him well in his new adventure.

We have also hired several new people since then: **Laura Stivala** as the FMPC Office Coordinator, **Stephanie Haring** as a Custodian, **Odalys Marrero** as a shuttle driver, **Jeff Arroyo** as a Grounds Technician, and **Emma Miller**, who joined us from the Conference and Events Management team to serve in the newly created position of Campus Services Manager.

Josh Vassallo has made the move from the Grounds team to the Operations team as a Technical Services Technician-Electrical, as well.

We have also had three staff members promoted: **Mike O'Hare** is the Assistant Director of Operations, **Walt Fries** is the Grounds and Athletics Services Manager, and **Sue Larrison** is the Foreman of the Transportation team.

I wish everyone the best in each of their new roles or current roles!





In other news,

Commencement was a huge success this year, as usual. FMPC was well represented both on and off the stage, with two of our own team crossing the stage to get their MBAs (Austin Long and Dean Molitoris).

The children of five team members got their degrees: Dean’s daughter also received her MBA, while the daughters of Danny Burke and Mike Downey received their Bachelor’s degrees, as did the sons of Laura Stivala and Yasmin Bugaighis. Congratulations to all of the graduates!



Now we are in the midst of preparing all of the buildings, systems, shuttles, and grounds on both our Bethlehem and Lancaster campuses so they are ready for the new academic year and new student body. It takes a lot of hard work and I thank everyone for making it happen!

-Yasmin





Project Management

As usual, Facilities is very busy with summer projects. Here are a few highlights:

- Rau Hassler is getting new boilers. The boilers are original to the building, so well overdue for replacement.
- Beck & DeSchweinitz are scheduled to have their windows replaced. We can no longer get replacement parts for these units, so this is a welcome project to our carpenters!
- Bernhardt Wilhelm has already received new vinyl flooring, and new furniture is arriving in late July.
- Small but welcome improvements are coming with the addition of water bottle fillers to Main Hall and the lower level of Reeves Library
- The running surface at the Timothy Breidegam Track is being replaced this summer. The old surface has already been removed, and a new asphalt base has been poured. Once the asphalt has cured, we will install the new surface with the goal of having everything completed before football returns in the fall for practice.
- The HUB renovation and expansion is moving along! Everyone was successfully relocated from the building over Winter Break, and PPHAC has been serving as the new “Hub” for campus meetings, activities, etc. The majority of the HUB was demolished in early March which the students and staff enjoyed watching. The old Student Life Suite on the lower level has also been fully demolished. There is lots of structural steel work to do in the B&G and the Star to connect the old building to the new structure. Concrete footings and foundations are being poured for the new addition in the hopes that we’ll see the new steel structure going up mid-summer. **-Amber**





Trades, Operations and Maintenance

This picture from the Environmental Health and Safety newsletter is a good reminder for everyone. Heat exhaustion and heat stroke can be very subtle, so during these hot summer months, please remember to work safely and stay hydrated. Take water breaks, cool off, and be self-aware of how you are feeling.



Summer is a busy time for the Operations team. Our goal is to get spaces ready for summer camps and the Fall semester. We are always looking for budget friendly ways to maintain and improve student, faculty and staff spaces. This helps to create a better environment for everyone.

Over the summer months, we are occupied with annual PM's, housing inspections, and other maintenance items that are best completed when spaces are empty. The City of Bethlehem also schedules rental inspections, which will add additional repairs to our list.

Please note that someone from the Operations team is always on-call 24/7 for afterhours emergencies and non-routine issues.

Many thanks to everyone who reports maintenance issues. Every issue is important. We count on everyone to help keep our buildings in good condition. If something doesn't look right, sound right, smell right, etc. report it to your supervisor or fill out an Asset Essentials work order. If it's after normal business hours, call campus safety at 610-861-1421. Report all issues, even if they seem minor. It's worth reporting something before it becomes a bigger issue.



Finally, we welcome Joshua Vassallo to the Operations Team. Josh who has been working at Moravian for a little over a year has taken a position as an Operations Technician with FMPC. We wish Josh the best as he transitions into this new role.

-Mike



Custodial Services

The FMPC Custodial Team is a team of dedicated employees that has faced the 2023-2024 academic year, with all its joys and challenges, with sleeves turned up! One of the joys was to witness the students of the Class of 2024 walk across the commencement stage to receive their diplomas. Members of the Custodial Team maintained the cleanliness in all our student housing, throughout the academic year, while taking opportunities to speak with and support all our students during their time living on campus.

Knowing that “Hard work spotlights the character of people,” I would like to recognize our Custodial Foremen, Aurora Gonzalez and Tara Santiago who are on the front lines working daily with the Custodial Team with their sleeves turned up. Aurora, in her 23rd year, and Tara, in her 7th year, continue to work alongside and support the Custodial Team in amazing ways.

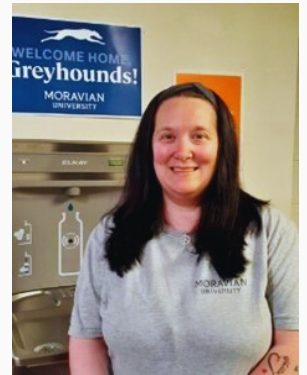


Now that the majority of our students are gone for the summer the challenges will be to have everything clean and ready for all of our summer students and visitors. The Custodial Team, which is a team of twenty unselfish, hardworking members, continues in their work preparing living spaces for our summer students as well as for many summer camp and conference visitors who will get to enjoy the beauty of Moravian University’s campus and the experience of campus life.



Custodial Services

I am pleased to announce that Stephanie Haring was offered the open custodial position and accepted the invitation to work with Moravian's FMPC Team. Stephanie began her new position with Moravian University on Monday, April 8, 2024. Welcome Stephanie!!



Another team member in the spotlight who I would like to recognize is Kanesha Harper. Kanesha is in her fourth year working with the Custodial Team since March 22, 2021. Kanesha's main areas of responsibility are at the HILL, where she maintains first, second, and most all of the third floors.

Thank you to the entire Custodial Team as we continue to support the many camps and conferences, and as we prepare for the return of the Class of 2024-25!

-Mark





Grounds and Athletics Services

After a relatively light snow removal season the grounds crew was eager to start on the spring beautification of campus. While most of this work had to wait until after commencement, enough was accomplished beforehand to give some color to the popular picture taking spots for the graduates. Once again, the cooperation between grounds, custodial and trades, along with some beautifully dry weather, enabled us to pull off a nearly flawless commencement program.



Added to the already full schedule leading up to graduation, the grounds crew assisted by trades helped the athletic department host the Landmark Conference softball tournament and the first round of the NCAA regional tournament.

Looking forward to the somewhat quieter summer months we will be trying to finish a few hardscape projects along with our normal maintenance of weeding and debris cleanup.

Here's hoping we all have a quiet, uneventful summer!

-Walt



Campus Services

The Campus Services team which comprises the Delivery & Events team and the Transportation (shuttle) team, was also very busy.

The Delivery & Events team was busy this past semester working on setups, deliveries, residential bed setups, etc. This same work continues in the summer with all the camps and project support they provide.

The Transportation team diligently ensured students got back and forth between the campuses and parking lots despite weather conditions, road conditions, and the many city events they needed to maneuver around.

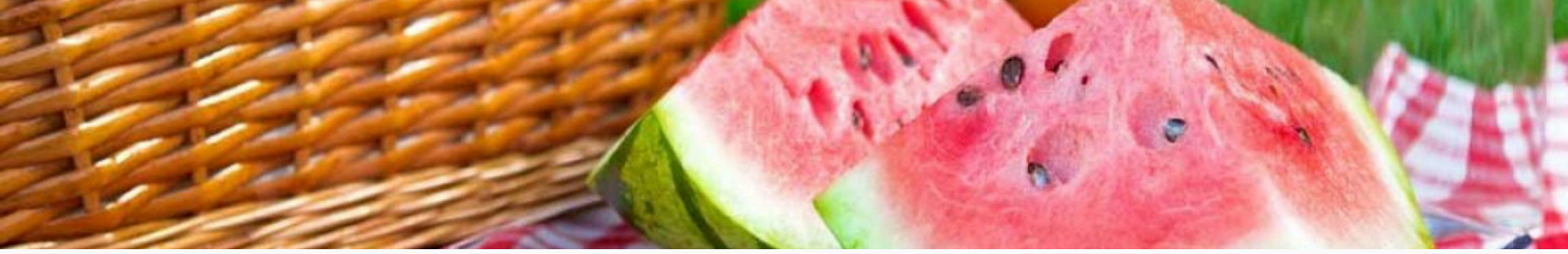
You will hear more about this team in the near future! **-Emma**





FMPC Department Picnic - May 2024





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FMPC Department 2024

ADMINISTRATIVE

Yasmin Bugaighis - Director of Facilities Management,
Planning & Construction
Amber Donato - Associate Director of Planning and Project
Management
Dean Molitoris - Associate Director of Operations
Michael O'Hare - Assistant Director of Operations
Austin Long - Business Manager
Laura Stivala - FMPC Office Coordinator
Mark Newman - Custodial Manager
Emma Miller Campus Services Manager
Walter Fries II - Grounds and Athletics Services Manager
Adam Perry - LTS Site Manager

OPERATIONS TECHNICIANS

Mike Downey
Scott Fehnel
David Girardi
Kevin Haas
Brian Luckey
David McAuliffe
Adam Ortwein
Dean Rohrbach
Rodney Strohl
Joshua Vassallo
Robert Volk, Jr. (*Foreman*)

GROUNDS

Jeffrey Arroyo
Daniel Burke
Jesse Hunsberger IV
Thomas Mory
Dale Tshudy

DELIVERY AND EVENTS

Bill Freer
Jesus Rodriguez

CUSTODIANS

Brian Althouse (*Bldg. Serv. Tech*)
Roberta Bader
Helen Curzi
Carol Eck
Julie Feliciano
Robin Foulk
Andrew Gabovitz (*Bldg. Serv. Tech*)
Aurora Gonzalez (*Foreman*)
Juan Gonzalez (*Bldg. Serv. Tech*)
Stephanie Haring
Kanesha Harper
H. Benjamin Jacoby III (*Bldg. Serv. Tech*)
Jennifer McCandless-Stout
Juana Montero
Wilnelia Pons Rivas
Jannette Rosario
June Rowe
Tara Santiago (*Foreman*)
Maria Siguencia
Rose Vega

BUS DRIVERS

Thomas Busher
Shawn Hinkel
Michael Kopach (PT)
Sue Larrison (*Foreman*)
Willis Leidich, Jr.
Odalys Marrero (PT)

LANCASTER THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

Maliyah Saldona (PT)