Mugs of the Quarter
2019 - Q2

Kenneth Graves - Custodial

Kenneth has worked at ISU as a Custodian for nearly three years. He appreciates the tuition reduction and being able to juggle going to school while working full time. He is majoring in Statistics. In his spare time, he enjoys playing video games, watching sports and going to the movies. His favorite movie is Avatar, and his favorite television show is Numb3rs. He likes to read action-adventure books, especially the Ranger’s Apprentice Series by John Flanagan. His favorite vacation was spent in Orlando, FL, visiting Universal Studios and Sea World. When Kenneth is hungry, he goes for pizza or pulled pork sandwiches. Captain America is his favorite superhero. He likes all cats, big and little.

Favorite Color: Green

Henry Gonzalez - Grounds

Henry has worked in Grounds for two years, where he has enjoyed watching how the landscape changes each year. He has also enjoyed getting to know the people on campus.

In his free time, Henry enjoys playing sports, including football, baseball, and soccer. He also enjoys playing the guitar and singing. Henry enjoys watching a variety of movies/tv shows, some of his favorites being: Warrior, starring Tom Hardy, Game of Thrones, the Incredible Hulk from the Avenger Series, and Rescue Me.

When it comes to reading, Henry enjoys thrillers, biographies, and motivational books.

One of his favorite trips was to Nashville, Tennessee. He enjoyed the history, music, and swing dancing bars. It was a fun, cultural experience.

Henry is a snacker. He is rarely seen without a snack in hand, which I’m sure his dog, Kovu, is very grateful for. One of his favorite snacks is pizza and wings.

Stetson Tolman - M&O

Stetson has been working full time for Facilities Services for approximately two years. Before working full time Stetson was a part-time/student worker for over five years.

When Stetson is not at work, he likes to spend as much time as he can outside. He enjoys hiking, camping, and snowboarding. His favorite place to go on vacation is to a family cabin in Island Park. When in Island Park, his family loves to take the four wheelers out on adventures and spend time hiking the area. When the weather is not great, he enjoys playing board games.

Stetson’s favorite food is homemade enchiladas. A couple of Stetson’s favorite restaurants are Buffalo Wild Wings & Texas Roadhouse.

Stetson is currently working on his Bachelor’s degree in Sociology. His area of study is criminology. He is looking forward to graduation, and is excited for what the future may hold. His dream job is working for the FBI.

Stetson enjoys serving people and appreciates that aspect of his job. Facilities Services is grateful for Stetson’s dedication to his job, and his ability to provide exceptional customer service.
Tom O’Berry - Meridian

Lindsey has worked at ISU for three years, most recently as a Management Assistant. She loves working with everyone in different departments and meeting new people.

One of Lindsey’s hobbies is sports; both playing and watching. Her favorite sports include volleyball, badminton, and basketball. Her favorite basketball team is the Utah Jazz. Another hobby of Lindsey’s is reading. Her favorite genres are fiction and fantasy.

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Veronica has worked at ISU for three years in the Transportation Services department. In this time, she has enjoyed setting up and organizing the office. She enjoys working with the students and getting to know the regulars.

Veronica loves cooking and baking, which makes owning her two side-businesses, PoDogs and Grammy’s Pie Pan, a very enjoyable experience. Whether it is selling gourmet hot dogs or baking pies, Veronica is busy year round cooking up a storm. After retirement, she plans on pursuing her love of preparing food even more by opening a bakery.

Veronica’s favorite vacation was to Memphis, Tennessee. She had a great time visiting Beale Street, which has a great atmosphere with the bars, jazz music, and street vendors.

Veronica’s hero is her dad, who was retired police officer. He instilled confidence and integrity in her and in others.

Her favorite movie is PS. I Love You, and she is excited for the sequel. Veronica also enjoys watching Sunday Morning.

Corey has worked for Facilities Services as a Custodian for five years at the Meridian campus. At this past Employee Recognition Luncheon, Corey was recognized for his years of service. His favorite thing about his job is the consistency; he loves the set hours.

In Corey’s spare time, he enjoys playing the guitar. He also considers himself to be a huge film buff. He likes movies that are both old and new. His enjoys Stanley Kubrick movies, such as A Space Odyssey. Along with films, he also enjoys reading classic novels. His favorite classic novel is Moby Dick.

Corey is a big fan of road trips. He enjoys his time just cruising the highways. His favorite road trip was to Portland, Oregon. While in Oregon, he stopped in Newport and visited the beach. Corey loves a good steak, and his favorite place to eat is at a hibachi grill in Meridian.

Corey is a valuable member of our Facilities Services team, and we appreciate all of the things he does to make our department successful.

Favorite Color: Emerald Green

Favorite Authors: J. R. R. Tolkien, C. S. Lewis, and J. K. Rowling

Joseph has been working at Idaho State University for nearly five years. He is currently studying Public Administration, and really enjoys interacting with the people at ISU. Joseph’s hobbies are reading, writing, and camping in Stanley, Idaho. His favorite animal is the falcon. A trip to Ireland for sight-seeing and eating is at the top of his list of vacations. He likes all movies directed by Christopher Nolan-for instance Lord of the Rings. Joseph’s superhero is Batman. His personal hero is Viktor Frankl, who was an Austrian neurologist and psychiatrist as well as a Holocaust survivor.

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Corey Shadduck - Meridian

Joseph Simonson - Custodial

Veronica Miller
Transportation
Cailee Cunningham - Custodial

Cailee loves working as a Custodian in the Facilities Services Department because her coworkers are great! She has been at ISU for about five years. When she is not at work, she likes traveling and visiting art museums. Her favorite artist and piece is Edward Hopper – The Diner. She recently visited the beautiful Seattle, Washington area. There was so much amazing Japanese food there to enjoy. It was fantastic.

Mikhail has been working for the Custodial Department for one and a half years. He appreciates the tuition reduction benefit that ISU offers. He likes video games and reading. His favorite book is The Road by Cormac McCarthy, and his favorite movie is Pan’s Labyrinth.

Mikhail has a couple of cool heros. The first is Matthew Mercer who does voice acting in cartoons, video games and radio commercials. The second hero is Sir Arthur Rostron, KBE, RD, RNR, who was a member of the Royal Naval Reserve and captain of the passenger liner, Carpathia, who responded to the distress call of the Titanic and was able to save about 700 people. Great heros!

On Mikhail’s favorite vacation, he visited Seattle and attended Comic Con. He likes “Pina coladas and getting caught in the rain.”

Jason Belcher - Asbestos Services

Jason has worked in the Facilities Services department for approximately three years. Jason has taken on the Utility Craftsman Sr. position on the Asbestos Services team, and has contributed significantly to the success of this team. Jason enjoys the atmosphere at Idaho State University, and appreciates all the happy and friendly people he gets to associate with.

In his spare time, Jason enjoys spending time on his boat at Twin Lakes and Bear Lake. Whether he is taking his family out for a fun day on the water, or spending a relaxing day fishing, he always appreciates the opportunity to enjoy his boat.

Jason also enjoys traveling. He had the opportunity to visit Chicago, and had a blast trying the food, visiting the sites, and learning new things. He went to multiple museums, went on a river tour, and went to a Chicago Cubs game.

Jason’s positive and upbeat attitude makes Facilities Services a fun place to work. Facilities Services is very grateful for the skills, attitude, and experience that Jason brings.

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