The BYU Division of Continuing Education has continued to grow since 1921 because of the need to expand educational opportunities and programs to students throughout the world. The new Harman Building addition is a welcome resource to help with this growth. The new addition is almost 110,000 square feet compared to the existing Harman Building of only 32,000 square feet. The addition allows the Division of Continuing Education to be located together under one roof instead of being scattered across campus in many different buildings. Continuing Education Departments include Evening Classes, Independent Study, Travel Study, CES youth and family programs, CES religion programs, Bachelor of General Studies (BGS), and Conferences and Workshops.

The building features a grand staircase coming up from the west entrance. The finishes combine with natural light to make the entire new building bright and airy. The main floor also includes a large area that can be divided into three separate event spaces making it adaptable and flexible for many uses.

The new addition provides offices and work spaces for full-time and student employees. It also includes testing and tutoring centers for independent study students. In the basement, a new broadcast media center will allow faculty from all over campus to film their classes that are used for independent study.

In designing the addition, the goal was to reduce the number of individual offices and include more work spaces without full walls to enable more collaboration and create space for additional conference rooms. All together the addition includes less than 25 traditional offices, more than 40 collaboration/conference rooms, and more than 500 cubical/work spaces.

Another wonderful design feature is the use of natural light in over 90 percent of the building. The majority of the west and north elevations are glass. This allows natural light to come in to most of the work spaces and offices. The views looking out the windows are also spectacular as you look west across the valley and north to Mt. Timpanogos.

The full project was divided into three phases. Phase I included the mass excavation, shoring, concrete foundations, and structural steel work. Phase II finished up the addition with framing, finishes, glazing, and work space furniture. Phase III just began and includes a seismic upgrade and remodeling of the existing Harman building. All construction and site work are scheduled to finish this fall.
Preparing for Spring Graduation
Gardening Maintenance
By Will Terris

The Gardening Maintenance crews in Grounds went from mow to move when Mother Nature flipped the script on everyone this year. There were spring days in January and winter days in February and March. In January our Grounds crews were preparing for spring graduation by mowing, edging, composting shrub beds, and even edging tree rings. Now in February and March they have been juggling seasons... from gardening to snow removal and back to gardening again. Here’s hoping that spring doesn’t turn into fall and we end up raking leaves for graduation! As you can see, preparing for spring is not as easy as sometimes seems. Fortunately, the Grounds crews have capable gardeners that can make changes on the fly depending on the crazy weather.

If the weather wasn’t enough, there have also been major changes happening up by the MTC. With the addition of new landscaping areas, we have needed to add a new gardening specialist to work with our Gardening Supervisor at the MTC. We are excited to take on this added responsibility and are pleased to have talented and dedicated employees on the gardening team to help keep campus neat, clean and beautiful.

Glenl Wear
Director - Grounds

What is success to you and have you achieved it? Is it financial, familial, or career related? Are there obstacles that lie between you and success? There is a Zen proverb that says, “The obstacle is the path.” So, the obstacle isn’t something standing in our way, but rather it’s staring on the path. What is our path and how does it impact our success, as an individual or as an organization? I recently heard from a nationally recognized speaker that success comes down to three things:

UNITE -
Unity leads the way with defined roles between organizations and teams. It requires common goals and defined missions. In short, we can’t get where we need to if we don’t have a common direction. Unity comes by performing the responsibilities we have accepted and uniting ourselves to the organization where we work and serve.

EVALUATE -
Evaluation keeps us focused on the mission and helps us know whether we need to adjust or make adjustments. We need to provide feedback, input, comments and review our processes. It is during this time that we learn from one another and celebrate the successes we achieve.

ADJUST -
Adjustment is always required in any successful endeavor. Through adjustments, correction can be made to help us achieve our end goal in an efficient manner and exceed expectations in the process. Adjustments help us to refine our approach to achieving our goals. Along the path they provide an atmosphere of learning and inspiration for ourselves and those we serve.

If we can do those things just a little bit better every day, we will be successful. These principles help us to stay on course until we have completed, to the best of our ability, our role in the mission of BYU. There we find peace and success.

Physical Facilities
Student Appreciation Luncheon

Thursday, April 19
LaVell Edwards Stadium
12:00 - 1:00 p.m.
Ticket Required

AWARDS
Congratulations to Norman Sperry of the Paint Shop on receiving a President’s Appreciation Award, which recognizes staff and administrative personnel for outstanding performance and exceptional commitment to the university.

Daniel Wells was born in Payson, Utah. He is the eldest child, with one brother and three sisters, and grew up in Tacoma, Washington. Daniel now calls Charleston, South Carolina, home and is majoring in Civil and Environmental Engineering, with a minor in Mathematics. By age nine, he knew he wanted to study at BYU. At twelve, he watched the construction of the new Tacoma Narrows Bridge and knew he wanted to pursue civil engineering. He worked for a year in Residence Life and then two years in the Physical Facilities’ Planning Department as a Civil Engineering Intern and really enjoys the people he works with. When not doing homework, he enjoys singing and playing the piano, organs, and carnivals. Learning how to play the Centennial Bell “Tower Bells” was a fulfillment of another childhood dream and one of his greatest accomplishments at BYU. Daniel also enjoys Ultimate Frisbee, hiking and swimming. He is friendly, respectful, diligent, detail oriented and is a valuable member of the Physical Facilities team.
The winter of 2017-2018 has pretty much been a no-show. The water we need to take care of our homes, yards and the BYU campus has been slow in coming, and when it did come, it only came in nominal amounts. For example, our BYU crews have only had to mobilize three times this entire winter season to take care of snow on campus. To make things even more challenging, some areas of our mountains have received less snow than the cities and valleys have. As an example, our family owns a cabin east of Heber City that sits at an elevation of 7,500 feet and usually receives a good amount of mountain snow. This year, however, the total snow depth at any point in time has never exceeded 12 inches and I have only had to plow the driveway three times all winter. What does this mean for our 155 acres of landscaping at BYU? There is good news and bad news. The good news is that over many years BYU has slowly acquired water shares from local farmers and orchard owners who no longer need them. These water shares come straight from the Provo River and are untreated water. In other words, the campus generally does not have to purchase treated water from the city’s water lines; we own the rights to a limited amount of water coming straight from the river (and reservoirs). On the other hand, as a campus, we still need to be water conscious and look for ways to conserve in every possible way. So, if this summer you happen to see areas of campus that appear a bit drier than you would normally experience, please know that we are doing our best to keep campus looking good but we’re also trying to be good stewards of limited resources in what will likely be a very difficult upcoming spring/summer/fall season.