After four years of fundraising and planning, construction for the new BYU Engineering Building (EB) started with the groundbreaking ceremony on May 9, 2016. King Husein, a member of the President’s Leadership Council and chair of the building’s volunteer fundraising committee, spoke of the many miracles that took place for the approval and fundraising for the engineering building, a dream come true for so many. Dean Alan Parkinson said the EB would enable students to compete globally as they enter to learn and go forth to serve.

In his groundbreaking speech, President Kevin J. Worthen also spoke of the importance of the new engineering building and its impact on the lives of the students who would study there. He said the building would help the Ira A. Fulton College of Engineering and Technology fulfill its mission to:

1. Develop men and women of faith, character, and technical ability who will become outstanding leaders in the world.
2. Conduct creative work of consequence that contributes to solving the world’s problems and advances engineering and technology disciplines.
3. Be an influence for good in the world.

President Worthen went on to say, “Students will know the joy and glories of creation as they make discoveries while they help solve the world’s problems. As they become outstanding leaders throughout the world, they will be developing celestial skill sets that will enable them to realize their full potential as beloved spirit sons and daughters of heavenly parents.”

As Construction Project Manager, I have witnessed the construction of many incredible buildings in my 27 years at BYU. But the greatest moment of each project is to see the building full of students in classrooms, labs, and every study area - the real purpose of the buildings we build and of everything we do on campus.

VCBO design team, Jacobsen/Span Construction and all of their sub-contractors, along with all of Physical Facilities shops worked together, overcoming several obstacles, to complete the EB in time for the 2018 Fall Semester.
Concerns about the environment have everyone’s attention, and winterizing vehicles can help keep your vehicle environmentally friendly. To keep a vehicle safe, dependable, and eco-friendly, it needs some T.L.C. all year round. This is especially important during the change of seasons. Here are some tips to winterize your vehicles and equipment:

1. Normally, tires lose about one pound of pressure per month. With cold weather, the pressure drops even more, leaving at least one tire that is under-inflated. With seasonal changes, be sure to check your vehicles for proper tire inflation. Proper tire pressure is the easiest way to get better miles per gallon.

2. Most of the gasoline purchased contains 10% ethanol. The gas/ethanol blend has a tendency to separate if not used for extended periods of time (over 30 days). Ethanol can plug carburetors and tends to attract water. Lawn mowers, tillers, and other summer use equipment should have a fuel stabilizer.
Bob Ross was born in Columbia, South Carolina, and raised in Sumter, South Carolina. He has an older brother and a younger sister. He attended BYU and graduated in Recreation Management. He has worked for BYU in Space Management for 20 years. Bob likes the people he gets to meet and work with here. In addition to this accomplishment, Bob also successfully served in the U.S. Army. He and his wife, Valerie, have 10 grown children and 28 grandchildren. One of his grandchildren once said what they liked most about grandma is she lets them play with grandpa. He is friendly, helpful, a good neighbor, and enjoys golf and playing basketball.

Eddie Clark was born and raised in American Fork, Utah, and is the youngest of five children. While growing up, his nickname was Edgar, which quickly became “Gar” or “Gir” for short, because most of the kids in his high school didn’t know his real name. He has worked for BYU for 28 years in Auxiliary Services, now Building Care and Specialty Services. He loves the challenge of tackling something new every day. He and his wife, Wendy, have five children: Brad, Lisa, Kira, Thomas, and Sierra. Eddie is proud of his family and of the home that he built by himself as a general contractor. He is kind, smart, knowledgeable, and always willing to help. Eddie enjoys hunting, fishing, gardening, and traveling.

Brye Williamson was born and raised here in Provo. He is the oldest child with one sister and one brother. He has worked for BYU for 13 years in the Custodial shop, where he likes working with the students. Before working for BYU, he was one of the top salesmen for Schwan’s Ice Cream for five years. He is proud to be married to his wife Wendy for 29 years and having two wonderful children, Alexia (25) and Erik (22). Brye is loud, funny, laid back, and a social butterfly. Brye enjoys Brazilian Jujitsu (a martial art that focuses on grappling and ground fighting), weightlifting, and is an avid reader of military history.

Danny Poulson was born and raised in Ely, Nevada. He is the second oldest of six siblings. Danny will graduate from the Construction Management program in 2019 and already has a job waiting for him in Las Vegas. He has worked for the University in the Electric Shop for four years and likes the challenges and opportunities his job gives him to broaden his understanding about construction. Danny and his wife, Nicolette, have two dogs: Remi, a Blue Heeler, and Mylo, a Shih-Tzu, both a year old. He enjoys the outdoors, hiking, and fishing, but most especially hunting. Danny worked in a copper mine for two years before serving an LDS mission in Mexico City. All around, he is an interesting person and a great asset to Physical Facilities.
NEW EMPLOYEES
We extend a warm welcome to the following new full-time employees who recently joined our Physical Facilities Team.
- Ryan Davis  Building Care
- Kurt Edwards  Grounds
- David Heywood  Building Care
- Rhett Longman  Grounds
- Alex Loyborg  Carpenter Shop
- Brigg Olsen  Grounds
- Britton Rice  Electric Shop
- Jaime Rivera  Gardening
- Lola Taylor  AAVP
- Dustin Workman  Warehouse

INTERNAL PROMOTIONS
- Nellie Ashlund  Building Care Area Manager
- Gregory Bahr  Building Care Area Manager
- Dean Belnap  Building Care Area Manager
- Carolyn Crawford  Interior Design Manager
- Chris Dever  Specialty Services Manager
- Alecia Garzand  Executive Assistant to VP
- Raymond Gifford  Lead Carpenter
- Craig Williamson  Building Care Area Manager

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR RECENT RETIREEES
- Marc Barrus  Building Care
- Lynn Christensen  Building Care
- Lilon Dray  Building Care
- Becky Fox  AAVP
- David Hansen  Air Conditioning
- Randy Jasperson  Warehouse
- Edwin Meono  Gardening
- Dell Peterson  Building Care
- Evan Quilter  Grounds
- Richard Piccolo  Building Care
- David Saxey  Site Development
- Dennis Stott  Paint Shop
- Catherine Strange  Planning

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SAERA RECIPIENTS
- Talia Aulelei K Abbott  Exceeding Customer Expectations
- Dennis A Bollschweiler  Exceeding Customer Expectations
- Kedrick Hunt Hamblin  Teamwork
- Michael Andrew Hickman  Teamwork
- Julie D Jensen  Respect for Sacred Resources
- Kevin Duane Kovacs  Exceeding Customer Expectations
- Brian E Scott  Innovation

Why Not?
In my current calling as Young Men president I have seen some interesting dynamics occur. Some of the young men need to be told everything that is expected of them, including what to do (or not do), when to start, and how long to keep working (usually they hope it isn’t too long). Others blaze ahead doing whatever comes their way, but they forget to coordinate with others and often do things that either don’t need to be done or are less productive….. but at least they’re out there working. Then there are those who carefully listen to instructions, dive into the work, ask a few clarifying questions along the way to make sure they are on target, and inspire and motivate those with them to do a great job.
I’ve often wondered how many youth in the first two categories eventually trend toward the last one, or, if once a habit is established, they stay where they are indefinitely, never wanting to change. It’s a positive character trait to regularly analyze our habits in life and ask ourselves where we fall on the spectrum. Are there areas that could be better if we just took note and decided to make a change? If there are, irrespective of the time of year, why not make the changes now!

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