Two custodians receive Make a Difference award

Welcome, Tim Thimmesisch, Interim AVP
MAKE A DIFFERENCE AWARD

Congratulations to Denise Champion and Simeon Jaiyeoba, both from Custodial Services, for being recipients of the Fall 2022 Semiannual Make a Difference Award. It is clear you have a positive impact on both the cleanliness of Ellsworth Hall and the lives of its occupants. Your continued hard work and positive attitudes are greatly appreciated!

WELCOME, TIM THIMMESCH!

I want to thank EVERYONE for the warm welcome I have received since joining the Facilities team at WMU. It has been a pleasure learning about and seeing a lot of good work that is taking place throughout our entire unit. Well done!

I have shared with many of you that I spent a good deal of time visiting WMU when I started my position at Grand Valley State University in 1995. Great ideas were shared with me at that time and I was able to incorporate into the operations at GV. I retired then in April 2021 and really enjoyed the several months in that regard.

An opportunity then came knocking on my door in November to join WMU in an interim role and I (obviously) accepted the offer. It has truly been a pleasure to return to a college campus and be part of the team that is vital to the success of the overall university community.

Thanks again to each of you for all that you do to provide a successful experience for the students at WMU. Wishing everyone a Happy Holidays, Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year. Enjoy the upcoming break!
RECYCLING & SUSTAINABILITY TIPS FOR THE HOLIDAYS!

1. Consider wrapping gifts in fabric or reusing old tissue paper and gift bags instead of wrapping paper. You can even make your own wrapping paper with the brown paper that comes in many packages and some markers/crayons for a creative design.

2. Decorate with natural elements like pinecones, pine branches or even holly berries.

3. Plan your holiday meals beforehand to avoid excess food waste. Use online tools like the guestimator to help you calculate how much food you should make. bit.ly/3FcVt6X

4. If you are gifting this holiday season, go secondhand. Shop at local secondhand stores or other online marketplaces where you can purchase gently used items.

5. Remember to recycle as much as you can, but don’t wishcycle. Make sure to check your local guidelines before placing an item in the recycling bin and wishing it could be recyclable.

NEW EMPLOYEES - FALL 2022

Marijo Loper - FM Service Center
Cameron Weld - Power Plant
Tim Thimmesch - AVP

Christian Winters - Power Plant
Hayden Rayburn - Power Plant
CONGRATULATIONS, DEVON MILLER, VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR FOR USGBCWM!

DeVon Miller received the Volunteer of the Year award from the U.S. Green Building Council of West Michigan (USGBCWM) during its 2022 Leadership Awards on December 8. Miller, a building commissioning specialist in the Engineering Department, has served on the USGBCWM board for eight years now and dedicates much of his time to the organization on a volunteer basis. Thank you, DeVon, for continuing to work towards sustainable goals and pushing for energy conservation and efficiency in all our buildings.

EMPLOYEE THANK YOU’S

Jim N., Maintenance Services - Thank you for going the speed limit, using appropriate turn signals, and generally being a courteous driver. (Caller to FMSC)

Ned C. & Pete D., Maintenance - I imagine I speak for many parents when I say...Thank you Ned and Pete, for all you do for our children! We’re thankful for your expertise in diagnosing and fixing the many service issues you receive. (Bonnie, WMU Parent)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec 23 - Holiday recess begins
Jan 4 - Campus offices reopen
Jan 9 - Spring semester begins
Jan 27 - OIT Security Training Due

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