This year’s Commencement Week was an enormous success, due to the outstanding effort and professionalism of many of our employees. Our hard work was visually apparent – the campus looked great and we seamlessly handled over 150 separate events, including an unforgettable Commencement Day that included over 20,000 participants and guests and 11,647 degree candidates. Read more on page 8.

**CUF MECHANIC SAVES LIFE**

CUF Assistant Mechanic and NYC subway hero Veeramuthu “Kali” Kalimuthu was honored at City Hall for his brave and heroic actions. Read more on page 11.
Dear [Matt] Early,

I have had the pleasure of working for Columbia University for 16 years and during my time here, I have worked alongside many individuals, whom represent many departments. But in all the years of working directly with your department, I have never seen its leader practice, in true form, a model of collective collaboration, until you came along. Your willingness and ability to engage others has demonstrated how you value and deem necessary the partnering relationship between all who interrelate at Columbia.

Also, since last year, Lewisohn Hall has undergone different levels of cosmetic improvements, and I want to personally thank you for your efforts. I want you to know that all of your ongoing efforts for improving the services, aesthetics, and communication from your department to the CU community have been noticed and appreciated. Thank you again for all that you have done.

Adele Latoni
Dean’s Office
School of General Studies

Dear [Richard] Bussett,

Every time I’ve walked up the steps behind Earl Hall, I say I’ve just got to look up whom I should commend for the especially beautiful landscaping this spring on the campus! That hillside of periwinkle that greets your eyes as you make your way up the steps is a wonderful delight to behold!

In short, that and many other spots on the campus are really lovely, and I appreciate how good the campus looks – all year, of course, too. Thanks for helping make our work place such an urban oasis!

Joy Glazener
Program Coordinator
Columbia Business School

Dear [Anthony] Nasser,

Today one of our students was in crisis and demonstrated some rather worrying behavior while at Lenfest (she does not live in the building). The attendant on duty this evening, Orlando, was incredibly helpful. He not only contacted Public Safety, which was of course the appropriate thing to do, but he generally acted in a way that was sensitive and just what was needed. He helped me to keep apprised of the situation, and his help was key in facilitating communication between me and the folks at Public Safety.

I called Orlando later in the evening, when the student was in the hospital, to thank him for all his help. He kept saying it’s just part of his job, and he was only doing what anyone would have done. I have to say, I think he did more than that; he went above and beyond, and that’s not something you see every day.

Elizabeth Grainger
Assistant Director of Student Services
Columbia Law School

Dear Matthew [Early] and Don [Schlosser]:

Thank you for the fast response to my plea. Eric Burkett escorted me to the lab this morning and it’s shining! Adrian and I appreciate your direction in making sure this work was done so quickly and thoroughly. He’ll be proud to show prospective students and families around the Carleton lab facilities.

Audrey Bauer
Associate Director, Human Resources/Facilities Services
Fu Foundation School of Engineering & Applied Science
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OTHER SUMMER HAS BEGUN, ushering in not only longer days and warmer weather, but also the end of another successful academic year. The spring season was highlighted by numerous achievements and amazing collaborations.

No where else has this been better reflected than in the recent wave of staff members who have lent their eyes and ears to help keep our campus safe. As detailed on page 9, Public Safety Security Officer Patrick Oakley, Facilities Mechanic Derek Powell and University Shuttle Bus Driver Ruben Rojas have each stepped up to the plate and assisted Public Safety in apprehending criminal suspects. Through their efforts, we are able to keep our campus safer.

In addition to our excellence in Public Safety, we have received accolade from the American Council of Engineering Companies of New York for the renovation of the Studebaker Building (for more information, go to page 5). The award recognizes engineering achievements that demonstrate a high degree of ingenuity. Congratulations to our project management team, which include Fran Fitzgerald, Ruth Shragowitz, Jo Donna Lamb, Irwin Lefkowitz and Doug McKean.

These successes were topped off by an unforgettable Commencement Week (read more about this on page 8). Thanks in part to an extraordinary round-the-clock effort by Columbia University Facilities (and a little help from Mother Nature), Columbia’s 254th Commencement was an enormous success. University Commencement, which conferred over 11,000 degrees upon the graduates of 18 schools, utilized 38,000 folding chairs, 8 sets of bleachers, 12,000 feet of cable, 553 signs, 4 10-foot-by-14-foot video walls and 60,000 bottles of water to accommodate over 40,000 people on campus. During Commencement week, Facilities seamlessly managed some 150 ceremonies and receptions on campus. Congratulations and thank you to all on a remarkable job.

Looking towards the months ahead, we will continue to uphold our level of excellence as the focus shifts to summer construction (profiled on page 4). With the reduction in the campus population, we will now be logistically able to complete more than $26 million in construction projects. This includes our work on the new Interdisciplinary Science Building, renovation of Faculty House, conversion of Knox Hall, and beginning of infrastructure work in Manhattanville.

Naturally, as we further these construction projects, we will continue our efforts to build “greener,” and pursue Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification whenever possible (details on page 6/7). LEED has emerged as the construction industry’s de facto sustainable property rating system and become nearly synonymous with the term “green building.” These standards are perfectly aligned with our commitment to environmental sustainability, as Columbia has four projects currently pursuing LEED certification: the Gary C. Comer Geochemistry Building at Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory, McVickar Hall, Interdisciplinary Science Building, and Faculty House.

As we continue to accomplish remarkable things as stewards of the University’s physical assets, I am thrilled that two new executive team members will be joining our team. Kerri Jew will be joining our team as Chief of Staff. Kerri comes to us most recently from the New York City Department of Small Business Services where she was Deputy Commissioner of Economic and Financial Opportunity. Her strong background in policy, business development and law will help us enormously as she works to ensure the successful implementation of our key organizational initiatives and objectives.

La-Verna Fountain will be joining our team as Associate Vice President, Construction Business Services. La-Verna comes to us from the University’s Office of Communications and Public Affairs where she was Associate Vice President for Public Affairs. Her experience at Communications and Public Affairs will benefit us a great deal as we work to expand our outreach and communications about construction business services to our colleagues and neighbors. Please join me in welcoming both of our new team members into the Columbia University Facilities family.

While we continue to support the University’s mission and work towards greater achievements, I would like to thank you for all that we’ve accomplished this year.

Enjoy your summer!

Joe Ienuso

From the Executive Vice President
2008 Summer Construction Activity

As part of our mission to maintain a safe, beautiful and functional campus environment, Columbia University Facilities manages a wide array of renovation and improvement projects both on and off campus.

While construction activity is a year round process, a significant portion of our capital construction program takes place during the summer months, when the reduced campus population makes it logistically possible to complete more work. This summer we plan to complete over $26 million in construction projects. Highlights include:

New Interdisciplinary Science Building

Construction continues on the new Interdisciplinary Science Building, which will help fulfill Columbia’s great need for science instruction and academic research space. Scheduled to open in the fall of 2010, the 14-story building will house faculty offices, classrooms, a science library, a café and interdisciplinary research facilities for the departments of chemistry, biology, engineering and physics. Summer construction activities include structural steel erection and placement of metal and concrete decks, Chandler fume hood exhaust installation and campus utility connection work.

Renovation of Faculty House

Since 1923, this red brick and limestone building – designed by McKim, Mead & White in the original campus plan – has served as a gathering place for social and intellectual interaction among University faculty, administrators, alumni, graduate students and members of the community. Faculty House will undergo a complete rehabilitation, which will include new systems upgrades, complete internal modernization and a new addition to the building’s fourth floor. A new entryway system will replace the current gateway entrance adjacent to Faculty House on Morningside Drive. This project is expected to be completed by the fall of 2009. Summer construction activities include interior demolition work, replacement of windows and doors, façade restoration work, roof replacement work, and elevator bulkhead construction.

Knox Hall Conversion

Knox Hall at Union Theological Seminary will be converted into 50,000 square feet of new academic space for the Sociology and MEALAC departments, Middle East, Southern Asian and African Studies institutes and registrar classrooms, which will provide new spaces for interdisciplinary thinking.

Manhattanville

As we begin to think about the long-term opportunities for Columbia in Manhattanville, we must also consider the physical infrastructure that will support our new campus. Phase I of the expansion will require the relocation of existing utilities within the construction perimeter. Summer construction activities include beginning the relocation of a large, 19th century storm and sanitary waste line that exists under 130th Street between Broadway and 12th Avenue.
Columbia Receives Engineering Excellence Award for Studebaker Building’s Engineering Features Energy-Efficient Design

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY was the recipient of an Engineering Excellence Award from the American Council of Engineering Companies of New York (ACECNY) for the renovation of 615 West 131st Street, also known as the Studebaker Building. The award, which recognizes engineering achievements that demonstrate a high degree of ingenuity, was presented during ACECNY’s 2008 awards reception on March 29th at the Waldorf Astoria.

Congratulations to Fran Fitzgerald, Ruth Shragowitz, Jo Donna Lamb, Irwin Lefkowitz and Doug McKean, the Columbia University Facilities project management team members. The consulting engineering firm for the Studebaker project was Joseph R. Loring & Associates and the architect was The Switzer Group.

Each year ACECNY’s distinguished panel of judges selects the finest engineering designs, plans and studies by New York State consulting engineering firms, based on criteria such as uniqueness and originality; technical value to the engineering profession; social and economic considerations; complexity, and success in meeting client goals.

Columbia’s award was received in the category of building/technology systems. The building’s engineering design features new electric service and distribution, new gas and water services, low-flow restroom fixtures, energy-efficient heating and cooling systems, new fire detection and fire prevention systems, new vertical transportation infrastructure and enhanced use of natural light. In addition, single pane windows were replaced with double pane, high performance units.

The Studebaker Building was originally constructed in 1923 to house a showroom and factory for the famed Studebaker car company. The building consists of primarily concrete construction with roughly 15-foot floor-to-floor heights, as was typical to warehouse buildings of that period. The building required extensive renovations to convert the former warehouse building into a “Class A” office space to accommodate essential Columbia University administrative departments including Information Technology, Human Resources and Finance.

Engineering Department Renovation Receives Outstanding Design Award

The design for Columbia University’s Department of Industrial Engineering and Operations Research has received an Award for Outstanding Design from American School and University Magazine. An energetic hi-tech environment was created for this academic department that studies and develops operations research solutions for industry and government. The centerpiece of the department is a vibrant 74-person lecture hall with superb acoustics and state-of-the-art audio-visual technology.
How We LEED Facilities Leads the Way in Green Building

Over the past few years, LEED (short for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) has emerged as the construction industry’s de facto sustainable property rating system and become nearly synonymous with the term “green building.” With four current projects pursuing LEED certification and three LEED Accredited Professionals on staff, Columbia University Facilities has embraced green building as an environmentally enhancing approach to building and an integral part of meeting the Mayor’s 2017 challenge to reduce our carbon footprint by 30%.

What is LEED Certification?

LEED certification indicates a building’s overall sustainability by awarding points for just about any sustainable feature imaginable, from bike racks and rainwater collection and reuse systems, to energy-efficient lighting and low-flow plumbing fixtures. Twenty-six points out of 69 gets a building Certified; more points earn Silver, Gold or Platinum (the highest) plaques.

There are both environmental and financial benefits to earning LEED certification, including:

- Lower operating costs and increased asset value
- Less waste sent to landfills
- Energy and water conservation
- Healthier and safer for occupants
- Less harmful greenhouse gas emissions
- Tax rebates, zoning allowances and other incentives

The first step toward earning LEED certification is registering the project by submitting the online registration form to the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC), a non-profit organization committed to expanding sustainable building practices. USGBC offers instructions and tools to guide project teams through the LEED certification process. Among the plethora of information needed for certification review is a project narrative, the LEED Project Checklist, including project prerequisites and credits and total projected score, and drawings and photos illustrative of the project.

“There is a lot of online paperwork associated with the certification process, which translates into time and money,” said CPM Program Director Doug McKean. “The key is looking beyond ‘first’ costs and integrating sustainability into the planning, design, construction, and operational stages of a project. The payoff is not only the environmental benefits but lower operating costs.”

Utilizing a LEED Accredited Professional (LEED-AP) is important to ensure that certification points sought are properly identified, implemented, and documented. In addition, using a LEED-AP qualifies for one point towards certification. LEED-APs are building industry professionals who have demonstrated a thorough understanding of green building and the LEED Green Building Rating System. CUF boasts three LEED-APs: CPM Program Director Doug McKean, University Architect Associate Director Diana Allegretti and Director of Project Engineering Dave Carlson.

Columbia has four projects currently pursuing LEED certification:

**Gary C. Comer Geochemistry Building at Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory**

New construction
Pursuing LEED Silver certification
Significant sustainable features:
- Heat recovery system
- High performance laboratories

**McVickar Hall**

Renovation
Pursuing LEED Gold certification
Significant sustainable features:
- New energy-efficient building systems and natural lighting sensors which adjust based on outside light
- Heat Recovery System

**Interdisciplinary Science Building**

New construction
Pursuing LEED Silver certification
Significant sustainable features:
- High performance, low energy labs

**Faculty House**

Renovation
Pursuing LEED Silver certification
Significant sustainable features:
- New energy-efficient building systems
Columbia University Facilities is spearheading efforts to make Columbia a model environmental citizen. Below are some recent efforts to reduce energy consumption, limit our greenhouse gas emissions and incorporate environmental and energy enhancements in new construction projects.

Sustainable Enthusiasm at Columbia

Building occupants share Facilities’ enthusiasm for building green. For example, University Development and Alumni Relations, the client for the McVickar Hall renovation, has created a “Green Sustainability Task Force” to determine ways to be environmentally friendly at their new Columbia Alumni Center in McVickar.

“We are starting to see more and more interest and activism around sustainability from our clients,” said Doug McKean. “This gives us a true partner to think creatively about lessening the environmental impact of new construction and renovation.”

Or a new campus. Last year, Columbia’s Manhattanville expansion plan was selected for the USGBC’s environmentally sustainable neighborhood design pilot program (LEED-ND). The plan—developed by the University, with architectural designer Renzo Piano Building Workshop and urban planner Skidmore, Owings & Merrill—was selected by USGBC because it commits to incorporating smart growth, new urbanism, and green building design principles.

“I have been involved in development projects for more than 25 years,” Vice President for Manhattanville Development Philip Pitruzzello said. “What excites me so much about this project is our ability to put into practice the environmentally sustainable planning principles that will benefit all of us for years to come. Manhattanville will serve as a model for urban development in a changing world,” he added.

Columbia has also committed to using sustainable design principles and meeting the LEED Silver standards regarding materials, energy alternatives, and water recycling on all of the new buildings at the Manhattanville campus.

Spreading the Knowledge

To capitalize on all this enthusiasm for sustainable design, CUF recently hosted LEED 101 training for project managers and operations staff. The full day session, which took place on June 12th at the newly completed Gary C. Comer Geochemistry Building at the Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory campus, provided an overview of the various LEED measurement tools and sustainable design elements. The training was led by Bill Bobenhausen, FAIA and LEED consultant, who has concentrated the majority of his professional career on environmentally-responsible building design.

“We had an intensive training session bringing together professionals from throughout Facilities to explore this new paradigm,” said McKean.

“Green” Buildings Don’t Have To Be New

While much of the green building buzz surrounds new construction, existing buildings present the biggest opportunity to cut down on energy consumption and carbon emissions.

In fact, the USGBC has guidelines that address older buildings. Called LEED for Existing Buildings, or LEED-EB, the three-year-old program provides a laundry list of steps that building owners and managers can take to operate and manage their properties more efficiently.

“The new development in Manhattanville will provide building re-use opportunities on the Morningside campus,” said McKean. “Repurposing buildings like McVickar, Uris, International Affairs and others will provide us with the chance to create healthier, cleaner educational and work environments at lower operating costs.”

Although most new buildings and major renovations will seek LEED certification, it does not make sense to pursue LEED on every project. However, McKean stressed that even on projects where we do not pursue LEED certification, all projects – large and small – integrate sustainable principles.

“LEED principles should be a part of every project,” said McKean. “We at Columbia should have great design, and great design includes being sustainable.”
Commencement 2008
Weeklong Events Highlight Facilities at Its Best

Wednesday, May 21st had finally arrived, and it was an amazing sight. Every square foot of Columbia's Morningside campus was packed with celebrants. A sea of light blue caps and gowns flooded Low Plaza. Thousands of family and friends filled College Walk, the South Lawns, and beyond to cheer them on. University Commencement was an unforgettable, grand-scale celebration that appropriately marked the academic achievements of the University community.

But another remarkable achievement that day—and perhaps the most overlooked—was the extraordinary effort of Columbia University Facilities staff who worked around the clock to help ensure that Commencement was safe, functional and beautiful for the University community.

Commence Planning

CUF began planning for Commencement in January, when the “core team members” first met. This team, which consists of Facilities Operations, Public Safety, University Event Management and Student and Administrative Services, debriefed the past year’s Commencement and made refinements based on events planned for the upcoming year.

“The core team meetings are relaxed in January but come April things get intense,” said John Murolo, director of special operations and events for Public Safety.

Perhaps that’s because Commencement is really “Commencement Week”—chock-full of ceremonies, receptions and other events for graduates, guests and members of the Columbia community. In addition to the main University Commencement, which is attended by degree candidates from all schools and colleges, Commencement Week includes ceremonies and events for all undergraduate schools, graduate schools, medical center schools and affiliated schools.

The Morningside campus hosted many of this year’s events, including ceremonies for University Commencement, all undergraduate class days, and the Law School’s ceremonies. The University also welcomed back to campus the Business School’s graduation ceremony (from Madison Square Garden) as well as the Barnard College Commencement (the campus was unavailable due to construction).

Implementing the Plan

A good blueprint is indeed required for the logistically intense week and was instrumental in this year’s celebrations. On Monday, May 19th, there were nine major events, including three on the South Lawns alone: Columbia College Class Day at 9:30 am, SEAS Class Day at 1:30 pm, and General Studies Class Day at 5:00 pm.

“Watching Facilities Operations manage the transition between these three events was truly amazing,” said Murolo, noting that each event was configured differently.

Tuesday May 20th brought a whopping 14 major events, including Barnard College Commencement. “We set up tents and chairs for Barnard on Tuesday, then immediately removed the tents and reconfigured the chairs for University Commencement on Wednesday,” said Don Schlosser, Assistant Vice President for Campus Operations. “We then put the tents back up for the Law School Graduation on Thursday. It’s hectic but our staff goes above and beyond to get it done.”

Wednesday, May 21st was highlighted by University Commencement.

“The biggest concern was squeezing 40,000 people onto campus,” said Murolo. “Don’s team did a fabulous job of setting up the campus early, so there was virtually no line to get in.”

Safety is another concern. Public Safety took extra precautions during Commencement Week to help ensure the safety of everyone in the University Community. “Some of the measures you can see, such as controlled entry onto campus and the many security officers we station around campus,” said Murolo. Others may not be obvious to the untrained eye, he says. Murolo also noted that the head of Public Safety, Jim McShane, implemented more structure to University Commencement security, including the establishment of a “frozen zone” in front of Low Library.

After the ceremony was over the biggest challenge was managing the 40,000 people on campus. “Everyone wants to reunite with family and take a picture in front of Alma Mater,” said Murolo. To ease the crunch, Public Safety opened every gate on campus.

Some of the challenges going forward, said Schlosser, will be meeting the increased demand for seats and managing the turnaround time as commencement-related events keep on growing.

Working Hard and Having Fun

All of these events take not only months of planning but also unparalleled dedication and teamwork. From Saturday, May 17 through Thursday, May 22 many CUF Operations employees worked from 5:30 am to 9:30 pm setting up events and cleaning up after them. During University Commencement, Public Safety had every manager and every uniformed officer working the event. It’s “all hands on deck,” says Murolo. Public Safety, Operations and other groups worked so closely together that many stayed at the same hotel throughout the week.

“We try to make it fun for our employees—we have dinner together and joke around with each other,” said Schlosser. “You can really feel the camaraderie. It’s a special week for Facilities because we are all working together for the same purpose.”

“The best part about it is how much it reveals about our staff,” added Schlosser. “They do so much and have great attitudes. From the shops, custodial, and grounds supervisors and staff to everyone in Public Safety—they are the ones that make it look easy and deserve the real credit.”

COMMENCEMENT BY THE NUMBERS

38,000 folding chairs
8 sets of bleachers
12,000 feet of cable
553 signs
11,647 degrees conferred upon graduates of 18 schools
150 ceremonies and receptions
Community Members Lend Eyes and Ears to Keep Campus Safe

M ONDAY, MAY 5, 2008 BEGAN AS A typical day for Columbia University Shuttle Bus Driver Ruben Rojas. He was driving along his usual route when, suddenly, he received radio transmissions about Public Safety’s urgent pursuit of a male wanted for numerous burglaries and larcenies within the confines of the University. Without a moment’s thought, Ruben fled to the scene and helped capture the criminal, joining the list of community members who have been teaming with Columbia University Public Safety to help “take a bite out of crime.”

For Ruben, his adventure began once he realized that he was in close proximity to the officers’ pursuit. He began to canvass the area for signs of the fleeing suspect, with the intent of communicating information to Public Safety. Instead, while on Amsterdam Avenue, Ruben observed the suspect’s struggle with two security officers. Without any regard for his own personal safety, Ruben joined the officers in an attempt to help apprehend the man.

In addition to being wanted for numerous burglaries and larcenies, the suspect was a recidivist offender with a history of violence in eluding apprehension and, had in fact, been pursued and was involved in two altercations with Public Safety personnel within the past week. If not for Ruben’s timely and selfless intervention, the suspect may have inflicted injuries, escaped apprehension, and been able to victimize once again. Instead, he was taken into custody without injury to anyone and subsequently arrested and charged with several counts of burglary.

As a former medical technician, Ruben is used to having to step up to the plate. For those thinking of doing the same if given the opportunity, Ruben cautions, “Never endanger yourself. I wouldn’t recommend doing what I did, but if you see something, say something.”

Like Ruben, Columbia University Public Safety Security Officer Patrick Oakley and Facilities mechanic Derek Powell teamed up to apprehend a thief who was targeting unattended property on campus. Both were instrumental in identifying him from a Security Alert that was sent out by CU Public Safety on April 4th, 2008.

That’s when he and Patrick caught view of each other. The two signaled through eye contact what they would do next. Patrick continued his communication with Public Safety, while Derek kept an eye on the man so he wouldn’t get away. Public Safety officers soon arrived on scene and took the wanted man into custody. Without Derek and Patrick’s help, the thief would have gone unnoticed and been able to continue perpetrating his crimes.

As Derek said, “Columbia University has a great environment, and it is very important for us to maintain a safe campus. We need to get involved.” As community members, we are the “eyes and ears” that help keep our campus safe. Ruben, Patrick, and Derek have been instrumental in this work, and Columbia University and the University community would like to congratulate and thank them for a job well done!

Get Involved in Crime Prevention

You can actively participate in campus safety by reducing or eliminating opportunities that make you a target. To ensure your safety:

1. Safeguard your personal belongings. Do not leave your items unattended and unsecured.
2. Remain alert, even in places you’re most comfortable. Be aware of your surroundings while traveling throughout campus.
3. Take advantage of the Shuttle Bus and escort services when traveling at later hours.

For additional crime prevention tips and information, go to www.columbia.edu/cu/publicsafety/CrimeTips.htm

To report criminal or suspicious activities, contact Public Safety by calling (212) 854-5555 or 99 (on the Morningside Campus)
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CUF Mechanic Saves Life … is a “Super Hero”

WHAT STARTED AS AN ORDINARY Friday took an amazing turn when Veeramuthu “Kali” Kalimuthu, assistant mechanic for CUF Undergraduate Residential Operations, performed a heroic act of bravery by rescuing an unidentifiable man from the subway tracks at the #1 train’s 116th street station.

The incident began at approximately 5:00 p.m. on March 14, 2008. Instead of getting his usual ride home from a coworker, Kali decided to ride mass transit en route to Queens. At the same time, a man across the subway station, on the uptown platform, tumbled off the platform and landed on the uptown track, where he laid motionless and unresponsive.

Upon seeing this, subway patrons waiting on the uncrowded uptown platform began yelling for help and running in different directions, with one person running upstairs to inform the MTA employees who work inside the ground level’s subway booth.

That’s when Kali dropped his bag and ran in the direction of the commotion. “No one was doing anything. They looked confused, and I saw him laying there,” says Kali, describing the scene. He proceeded to jump down from his crowded platform into the tracks and courageously traversed across the station, taking care to avoid the third rail—used to supply direct current to power railways—and oncoming trains.

He grabbed the man, who in addition to being much bigger in size than Kali, was also wearing a backpack, and wrapped his arms around his body. After an unsuccessful initial attempt, Kali hoisted him into the hands of two other men on the platform, one of whom was fellow Facilities mechanic Marcus Santos.

Working together, the three men lifted the unidentified man onto the platform. With the man’s return to safety, Kali then re-crossed the tracks and returned to the downtown platform to recover his work tools. Stunned and amazed, the bystanders burst into applause. With a quick advice to Marcus that they move the man towards the less crowded stairway, Kali caught his train ride home. The whole incident took place in less than 6 minutes.

When asked why he decided to help the man and then subsequently re-cross the dangerous train tracks, Kali says, “I didn't stop and think; I just reacted. The same way I came was the same way I decided I should go back. I just thought to get my bag and head home.”

At the time, Kali didn’t even get a chance to see the rescued man’s face. He was later notified by the man’s family of their deep appreciation for Kali’s help and of their loved one’s steady recovery. Kali would have also left the scene unidentified had he not been wearing his Facilities jacket, which got muddied following the incident.

Despite his soiled jacket, Kali’s wife and kids didn’t initially believe his remarkable story. Still, his actions come as no surprise to his fellow coworkers in Residential Operations, who each mark the incident as telling of his character.

Since his heroic deed took place, Kali has received numerous media coverage by all the major news outlets. He has even been honored by the City Council at City Hall. At the May 28, 2008 Senior Staff Meeting, Facilities honored Kali with a plaque, letter of commendation, and gift certificate. “The recognition is nice. I accept it,” Kali says humbly of his newfound notoriety. He advises others to take the time to help when someone is in need.

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I HAVE DISCOVERED some of my favorite books while wandering around my local bookstore. Sometimes, it’s an interesting graphic that catches my eye or a title that I find intriguing. And while I like many genres, I am particularly drawn to memoirs. This is how I stumbled upon She’s Not There: A Life in Two Genders by Jennifer Finney Boylan. What captured my attention at first was the title. The Zombies’ song “She’s Not There” popped into my head and as I picked up the book, I found myself humming the lyrics. After I read the book cover, I knew this was a memoir I wanted to read.

Jennifer Finney Boylan started life as a boy named James. He grew up in a loving family, excelled in his studies and later became a popular professor at Colby College, an accomplished author, husband and a father to two sons. By most people’s standards James was living a successful and fulfilling life. But, James knew from a very early age that he was really a female in a male’s body. This book is about James’s transformation at the age of 42 from a male to a female.

She’s Not There is written with humor and tenderness. Boylan shares her transgender journey with much care and understanding. The subject matter is one that is greatly misunderstood and often considered taboo in our culture. Jennifer Finney Boylan succeeds in shedding some light on a difficult subject with intelligence, humor and heart. She writes about the pain and upheaval this revelation causes in a transgendered person’s life in a moving, thoughtful way. She reveals the details of her own experience in a very relatable and surprisingly entertaining way and as I rooted for her, I felt her plight illustrated a common human desire to find our true selves and live authentically. As I read this book, I laughed and cried and was sad to see it end.

Pete Macaluso
“I’m going to the beach—the Jersey Shore—to relax.”
Client Service Supervisor
Campus Operations

Ruben Vega
“I’m taking a nice vacation. Commencement took a lot of work, but we did it and it came out well.”
Mechanic
Capentry Shop

Cleo Campbell
“I’m going to Mexico! It’s my first time there, and I’m turning the big 3-0.”
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