When the academic year ends, the general pace on campus slows a bit and many across the University take a collective break for the summer. Here in Facilities, however, our work gears up, as we begin summer construction activities and prepare the campus for the Fall. We work 24/7/365 – that’s just the nature of what we do to keep this great University thriving – which makes it all the more important for us all to take a well-deserved moment to reflect on some of our remarkable accomplishments in recent months.

I am particularly proud of the opening of The Campbell Sports Center (CSC). After the official dedication in October, student-athletes and coaches from all nine of Columbia’s outdoor sports teams moved into the building in late February. Named for University Trustee Chair and former Columbia football player and coach Bill Campbell, the CSC provides state-of-the-art training and learning facilities and is the first new building at the Baker Athletics Complex in more than 60 years. From the early planning and design stages to the public review process to the construction, operations and safety of the building, many Facilities employees were involved in making the CSC a reality. You can read more on page 7 about this incredible space which recently won an industry award and has already made a tangible, immediate impact on our athletics program.

Another way in which we are making a tangible and immediate impact is through initiatives to increase energy efficiency across campus (read more on page 4.) Led by our Facilities Operations team, the installation of new chillers, upgrades to the steam system, and conversion of residential buildings from oil to natural gas have reduced greenhouse gas emissions by over 13 percent and garnered nearly $6 million in grants and incentives; most recently we were awarded nearly $500,000 from Con Edison for our chilled water optimization project.

Speaking of awards, I can’t remember a time when folks throughout our organization received more honors than over the past few months (read more on page 8.) From real estate to supplier diversity to professional women in construction to trade associations, it’s clear that we have some of the best and brightest professionals in their respective industries on our team.

Some of the best and brightest were on hand during University Commencement Week in May. As always, Facilities worked around the clock transforming the campus to support over 140 celebratory events for the graduates and their guests. As I walked around campus during Commencement Week, I was filled with pride thanks to the heroic efforts of our staff.

Our employees are the heart and soul of our organization, and just as we often welcome talented individuals to our team and congratulate members of the 25 Year Club (page 10), we must also on occasion say goodbye to members of the Facilities family who are pursuing new chapters in their lives (page 12). These particular farewells are especially difficult given the amount of time, dedication and contributions these team members have made to Facilities and the University-at-large. I know you all join me in wishing Phil Silverman (12 years at the University), Geoff Wiener (29 years), Ken Finnegan (19 years) and Markus Braun (19 years) the very best.

As the warm weather settles in, I want to wish you and your loved ones a safe, enjoyable summer. Thank you for everything you do.
Dear Facilities,

I wanted to draw your attention to one of your employees, Gary, who was cleaning Uris Hall last Thursday evening.

I had lost my phone earlier in the evening in a taxi, and Gary was incredibly helpful in helping me locate it. He allowed me to use his phone, got into contact with my taxi driver, and basically is responsible for getting my phone back. I had six interviews the next day, which would have been impossible without access to my smartphone. Gary was helpful, courteous, and professional. He reflected extremely well on Columbia University.

Student, Columbia Business School

Dear Myra [Martino],

Thank you for making us feel so very welcome in your building, and for being both so professional and so very warm and kind to us. This is the best building and apartment either of us has lived in during our combined 20 years in NYC, and it’s just too bad we can’t stay forever!

Tenants, University Apartment Housing

Hi Joe [Mannino],

We just wanted to send you a quick note to recognize Anthony [Botti]’s efforts above and beyond on our project. He made this a real success and we very much appreciate all that he did.

Senior Associate Dean, School of Continuing Education

Dear [Nelson] Falcon,

Thank you very much for your fast answer. The problem was immediately taken care of by Dolores [Butler – Superintendent of 502, 506, 526, 530 and 536 West 113th Street] with perfection, professionalism and, as always, with a smile. We are very pleased, thank you so much!

Tenants, University Apartment Housing

The Columbia University Marching Band sent this hand-made card to thank Custodial and Special Events staff for their efforts during “Orgo Night”, a Columbia tradition held on the day before the Organic Chemistry (“Orgo”) exam, which is always on the first day of finals. At precisely the stroke of midnight, the Columbia University Marching Band occupies Room 209 (the main reading room) of Butler Library to “ease the tension of students cramming” for the final of one of Columbia’s most difficult classes.

Dear Mr. [Mark] Kerman, Mr. [Anthony] Nasser and Ms. [Anna] Fu,

I’m moving out of my university housing and before I go, I wanted to commend Mr. [Doug] Jermyn for being, literally, the best super I’ve ever had. The building was impeccable—clean and well-maintained Mr. Jermyn’s responses to work orders were always prompt and flawlessly executed. When I was locked out, someone was there to help within 3 minutes. Moreover, Mr. Jermyn and the maintenance team always had a friendly word on the street, and I looked forward to running into him. I’m going to miss living here.

Tenant, University Apartment Housing

Dear Department of Public Safety,

I graduated today, and I wanted to say thank you for all these years of keeping me safe on campus! I have found Columbia’s public safety staff to be among the most kind-hearted, generous, and spirited people who serve as part of the Columbia community. I can’t tell you how many times I got words of encouragement from security guards on campus, or how many times that when walking back to my room from late-night studying at Butler it was the sight of an on-duty public safety vehicle that made me feel it was safe to go home. I know your work may seem at times to go unnoticed, but know that we students do love and appreciate all you do to keep us out of harm’s way.

Student, Columbia College
Baker Makeover

Facilities welcomed local elected officials and community groups to Baker Athletics Complex for a special tour of the new construction at the Campbell Sports Center and Boathouse Marsh.

Face-Off

Facilities Real Estate and Operations employees represented the University at a ribbon cutting event at The Sheffield on Audubon Avenue, a new building built as a replacement property for a site in the Manhattanville campus project area. As part of the construction, the University incorporated materials from the façade of the original building – the former Sheffield Farms Stable originally used for milk distribution – in the façade of the new building.

Rising Up

An aerial view of Manhattanville in June 2013 featuring steel erection of the Jerome L. Greene Science Center (bottom right), foundations for the Lenfest Center for the Arts and Central Energy Plant (bottom middle) and slurry plant/phase 2 slurry wall panel installation (center).

New Beginnings

Facilities supported over 140 events during Commencement week, highlighted by University Commencement where more than 14,000 graduates from 18 of Columbia’s schools and affiliates were awarded degrees.
Making Columbia Green

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.

Efficiency Pays

As a PlaNYC Challenge Partner, Columbia pledged in 2007 to reduce its greenhouse gases emissions 30 percent by 2017, and Facilities is spearheading several initiatives to help the University meet its goals. In fact, several Facilities Operations energy savings projects have already reduced greenhouse gas emissions by 13 percent.

Increasing the efficiency of the central power plant – which supplies our campus with the electricity, heating, cooling and water it needs to support campus operations – is perhaps the strongest driver of reduced energy consumption across campus. Operations recently installed new, ultra efficient chillers; one driven by a steam turbine and the other chiller utilizes an electric motor. The flexibility to draw on either steam or electric power reduces stress on the electrical grid during the summer months and allows the University to respond to changing energy costs and demand year round. These chillers produce chilled water 25 to 30 percent more efficiently, reducing the consumption of fossil fuels, greenhouse gas emissions, and energy costs. In addition, older chillers that were previously scattered across the Morningside campus have been centralized within the University’s renovated powerhouse.

With these new chiller units in place, Operations implemented a sophisticated, real-time monitoring system that allows Facilities to see consumption and performance metrics at any given time and to make necessary changes on demand. This chiller optimization program eliminates redundancies and inefficiencies in the system to provide economical and reliable air conditioning on a 24-hour basis to the Morningside campus.

Upgrades to the steam system (since Con Edison does not supply steam to customers north of 96th Street Columbia operates its own steam supply and distribution system) include converting from #6 heating oil to cleaner #2 heating oil, enhanced controls and metering, and more effective combustion components.

With the help of Con Edison and the PlaNYC Clean Heat Initiative, Columbia is in the process of converting over 70 residential buildings from oil to natural gas. The conversion will reduce University greenhouse gas emissions by an estimated 7,000 metric tons annually. This initiative will reduce particulate matter emissions by burning natural gas, rather than fuel oil, and from eliminating the need for the delivery of fuel oil by truck, as natural gas will be supplied by underground pipe. These particulate matter reductions will have a large and immediate impact on local air quality, making air cleaner for everyone in the neighboring community.

Just some of the many other initiatives include campus-wide building energy audits, retro-commissioning, and demand side management projects that focus on large-scale energy conservation and renewable energy.

The results have been real and impressive: A 13% and growing reduction in University greenhouse gas emissions and $5.5 million in grants and incentives to fund our energy initiatives, including nearly $1 million for the Manhattanville campus central energy plant, and most recently, nearly $500,000 from Con Edison for the Chilled Water Optimization Project.

“These projects help us fulfill our commitments to the environment, energy efficiency and civic responsibility,” said Vice President of Facilities Operations Frank Martino. “Being a PlaNYC Challenge participant gives us a specific number to target as we continue to create a more sustainable campus community.”

Representatives from Con Edison present a check for nearly $500,000 to Vice President of Operations Frank Martino, Assistant Vice President for Plant Engineering and Utilities Operations George Pecovic and the Plant Engineering and Utilities Operations team for the chiller plant optimization project, which is expected to reduce the University’s electricity usage by over 3.5 million kilowatt-hours per year.
Spring into Action

On April 25, 2013, over fifty people gathered in the lobby of Wien Hall to support Columbia Community Service (CCS) at the annual Spring Get Together organized by Columbia University Facilities’ Residential Operations.

Facilities employees donated dozens of prizes including an iPad, gift baskets and Yankees tickets, which culminated in a raffle that raised over $4600 – nearly double last year’s total – for CCS, which supports small, local nonprofit organizations that assist families, schools, and businesses in Upper Manhattan.

“Facilities has always been committed to supporting our neighbors, not only through our support of CCS, but also by the many people who generously donate their time to help local organizations,” said Mark Kerman, assistant vice president of residential and commercial operations for Facilities who also serves as the President of CCS.

Scoring for our Community

Teams from eight Columbia administrative departments descended on Levien Gymnasium in the Dodge Fitness Center in January for some fun, competitive basketball games that raised money for Columbia Community Service (CCS). The Columbia University Facilities organization was well represented with teams from Facilities, Public Safety and Manhattanville. All of our teams advanced to the semi-final round, where Facilities bested Public Safety 53-43 and Manhattanville fell short to the Athletics Department 45-33.

The championship game, a thrilling contest that went into overtime, ultimately saw Facilities fall to Athletics 40-35. This is the third year in a row that Facilities and Athletics have played in the finals (Facilities bested Athletics last year).

Of course, the real winners are the people served by the soup kitchens, after-school programs, and other worthy local nonprofits supported by CCS via direct financial aid. Congratulations to all participants! To learn more about and/or support CCS, please visit communityservice.columbia.edu.
Our campus always looks gorgeous for Commencement, with lots of flower beds in Columbia’s own blue and white. What does Facilities do to make the place bloom on cue?

The Morningside campus has come a long way since the days when plastic ivy was wrapped around the statue of Alma Mater for Commencement. Beds of blue and white pansies, blue hydrangeas, white azaleas and purplish blue salvia represent the Columbia colors while blooming magnolias and budding red maples in the spring provide rosy accents to complement the red brick buildings.

Landscaping Manager Frank Molina and his crew of eight maintain the grounds, with help from Lynden B. Miller, a renowned public garden designer who is director of Central Park’s Conservatory Gardens. Miller worked on Columbia’s 1996 master plan for landscaping and remains a consultant, visiting the campus several times a year.

The glorious vistas of spring are actually the result of a year-round effort, even in winter. Activity picks up in late March, when flowerbeds are cleared and mulched. Daffodils and pansies are the first to be planted as the weather turns warmer, adding a burst of color to the still wintry campus. An underground irrigation system is turned on in early April.

Many of the plants are perennials that bloom year after year, including the purple flowered myrtle on the hill behind St. Paul’s Chapel, the pachysandra with small white flowers on College Walk, and the white roses and cascading white flowers of spirea in the centennial beds on both sides of the sundial.

Commencement, when tens of thousands of visitors are on campus, is a particular challenge. Before tents go up and chairs cover the lawns, the grass is covered to prevent trampling. More blue hydrangeas are brought in to decorate the stage.

The Professional Grounds Management Society honored Columbia as the best urban campus in 2007 and again in 2010 for exceptional grounds maintenance. “We transformed it, made it more welcoming,” says Don Schlosser, assistant vice president of campus operations. “It has been a steady process of improvement, year after year.”

Courtesy of The Record

Commencement by the Numbers

- 12,500 feet of cable (over 2 miles)
- Six 10’x17’ video walls; Four 6.5’x10.5’ video walls
- 7 professional video cameras
- 34,350 programs
- 50,000 bottles of water
- 287 volunteers
- 419 minutes (almost 7 hours) of Pomp and Circumstance played
- 8 sets of bleachers
Campbell Sports Center Opens

The New York Times has called Columbia’s new Campbell Sports Center a building that shows both its “brains and its brawn,” which makes perfect sense for a facility meant to support the University’s athletic and academic excellence.

It also makes sense that the sleek, geometric structure is named for Columbia’s trustee chair, William V. Campbell, whose career as a Columbia football player and coach, and later as a trusted mentor to leaders in the technology industry, embodies those two goals.

The new, 48,000-square-foot building, located on the corner of Broadway and 218th Street, contains a study center and a theater-style multimedia athletics classroom, as well as a state-of-the-art strength and conditioning center, giving the teams a home base alongside the fields and courts of Baker Athletics Complex. All the outdoor teams will be based there: football, baseball, men’s and women’s tennis and soccer, women’s lacrosse, softball and field hockey.

The center’s completion gives Columbia an architecturally iconic presence at Baker, where the Lions played their first home football game in 1923. Made possible through the generosity of numerous donors, the facility is named in honor of Campbell, who was the captain of Columbia’s football team in 1961. Campbell, recalling his years as a Columbia linebacker, and later the team’s coach, described the dilapidated Baker Field, when he coached there in the 1970’s, as “not a welcoming place.” Today, by contrast, “we have a stadium, now we have a welcoming gate, now we have an athletics facility that the students, the faculty, the alumni and the neighborhood will all be glad to be a part of.”

The building was designed by Steven Holl, a professor at the Graduate School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation, who has taught at Columbia since 1981.

The accolades are already pouring in: the building was recently recognized as a 2013 Outstanding Project by the Greater New York Construction User Council (GNYCUC). The award was be presented on June 11, 2013 at the GNYCUC 2013 Chairman’s Reception.
Awards & Accomplishments

Nelson Falcon Honored by New York Association of Realty Managers

The New York Association of Realty Managers (NYARM) honored Columbia University Facilities’ Director for Residential Services Nelson Falcon as their 2013 Director of Management of the Year at the annual Property Management Awards Gala on January 26, 2013. Nelson has been with Columbia since 1993 and oversees a portfolio containing most of the University’s senior faculty buildings.

“I’ve had the privilege of working with Nelson for twenty years and it is great to see that his hard work, leadership and professionalism are being recognized by peers from throughout the real estate industry,” said Mark Kerman, assistant vice president for residential operations. “In particular, his recent work to help develop and promote environmental stewardship training programs that are specifically tailored for building staff are helping not only Columbia’s residents but residents throughout the City.”

Professional Women in Construction Honors Fanny Gong

Last December, Fanny Gong (middle), Assistant Vice President of Design Management at Manhattanville Development was honored at the Professional Women in Construction annual Holiday Black Tie Dinner Dance Gala for her achievements and contributions to the design and construction industry. Congratulations Fanny!

Tanya Pope Wins Nationwide Supplier Diversity Award

On April 29, 2013, Tanya Pope—Executive Director of Construction Business Services at CUF and Institute for Supply Management (ISM) New York Director of Supplier Diversity—received the 2013 Charles J. McDonald, Jr. Supplier Diversity Advocate Award for her exemplary contributions in the development of diverse suppliers. The award was presented by ISM CEO Tom Derry (right) at ISM’s Annual International Supply Management Conference and Educational Exhibit held in Dallas, Texas. Congratulations Tanya!

Joe Ienuso Honored by Industry Trade Associations

Facilities Executive Vice President Joe Ienuso was honored as an outstanding industry leader for his “leadership, commitment and vision” by the Building Trades Employers’ Association (BTEA) at their annual Leadership Dinner on April 25, 2013. The BTEA is New York’s alliance of union contractors.

Joe was also the recipient of the Subcontractors Trade Association (STA) 2013 Silver Shovel Award for his accomplishments as an industry leader. The award was presented at the STA’s 44th Annual Construction Awards Dinner on May 4, 2013. The STA is New York’s leading association of union subcontractors.
More Facilities Employees Complete Safety Training

Twenty-five Facilities managers and supervisors recently completed the 10-hour Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) safety training on March 19th and 20th, 2013. The two-day course provided instruction on a variety of general construction safety and health standards including an introduction to OSHA, electrical safety, fall protection, ladder safety, excavation safety, scaffold safety, materials handling, forklift safety, personal protective equipment and permit-required confined space entry.

The goal of the training was for attendees to gain knowledge on worker safety standards and develop hazard recognition skills. Many found it applicable to the construction and renovation work that happens routinely on campus performed by contractors or CUF trades. Congratulations to the employees who recently completed the training.

COLUMBIA GOES FOR SUSTAINABILITY GOLD – AND GETS IT

Columbia’s most comprehensive sustainability inventory, a six-month effort involving all five campuses, has merited a gold rating from STARS, a well-known and respected Sustainability Tracking, Assessment and Rating System specifically for institutions of higher education in the United States and Canada.

Of the 236 colleges and universities that have earned a STARS rating, only 43 – or 18.2 percent – have achieved gold. Columbia submitted its 376-page report last November and received the gold rating in December.

BIGGEST WINNERS

Congratulations to Public Safety Assistant Director of Investigations and Technology Brian Tesseyman (pictured at right), winner of the 2013 Public Safety Biggest Loser Weight Lost Contest. Brian lost 21% of his body weight and has now won the contest 5 times. Congratulations also go to second place winner Lauren Staake, third place winner Jim McShane and all the participants!

Send your good news to Dan Held at dh2297@columbia.edu.
Welcome & Congratulations (March – May 2013)

New Faces at Facilities
Capital Project Management
Samantha Herbert
Space Planner

Finance and Administration
Meagan Arceo
Manager, Financial Services

Cynthia Constant
Accounts Payable Specialist

Ruth Garcia-Lee
Accounts Payable Specialist

Karyn Vazquez
Payroll Analyst

Office of the Executive Vice President
Samuel Scott
Project Coordinator

Operations
Francisco Bido
Heavy Cleaner

Peter Bub
Groundskeeper A

Patrick Burke
Specialty Mechanic

Oscar Cedre
Porter/Door Attendant A

William Dick
Mechanic

Tak Eng
Senior Engineer

Nedat Huseinovski
Custodial Supervisor

Rohan Kalapnauth
Working Superintendent

Ian McNeil
Mechanic A

Claudio Morel
Resident Manager

Colville Webb
Mechanic

Public Safety
Mumuni Baba
Security Officer, CUMC

Anthony Garcia
Security Officer, CUMC

Reginald Quarles
Sergeant, Morningside

Darren Deegan
Sergeant, Morningside

Garrett Doherty
Sergeant, Morningside

Nomathade Jenkins
Sergeant, Morningside

Branko Yurisak
Sergeant, Morningside

NEW ROLES
Capital Project Management
Elizabeth Ramsey
Project Manager

Finance And Administration
Michael Williams
Senior Systems Support Specialist

Operations
Raymond Almonte
Heavy Cleaner

John Moran
Assistant Mechanic

Francis McFarlane
Groundskeeper A

Korab Ndregjoni
Building Superintendent

Allan Williams
Head Cleaner

Real Estate
Shari Colburn
Interim Vice President

Yelena Wells
Project Manager

SILVER SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES
Congratulations to the following on their 25th anniversary at Columbia!

Finance and Administration
Angela Morris
Administrative Assistant

Operations
Mark Cabaroy
Senior Facilities Services Coordinator

Jose Dottel
Heavy Cleaner

Public Safety
Herman Rodriguez
Security Officer

Several CUF employees recently graduated from degree programs. Congratulations to these individuals who have made a commitment to their professional development while holding down demanding full-time jobs in our organization. Pictured here with Joe Ienuso are Adam Zenter (Public Administration), Dan Forlenza (Construction Administration), Shella Cadet (Sustainability Management), Nina Dharmasaroja (Negotiation and Conflict Resolution), Michael Griecchi (Construction Administration) and Leilani Reynolds (Information & Knowledge Strategy).
Susan Saar

Who She Is: Manager, Off-Campus Housing Assistance (OCHA)

Years at Columbia: 13

Saar helps members of the Columbia community—students, faculty, visiting scholars and alumni—find a place to live off-campus. Her office, which is part of the Residential and Commercial Operations Department, maintains an online registry of apartments for rent that anyone with a University Network ID (UNI) can log into. Saar also does what she calls “real estate therapy,” counseling newcomers to the city about the fine points of renting in New York, which can include paying a full year’s rent up front for people who don’t meet landlords’ financial qualifications. “I know what brokers can and can’t do,” she says. “I can help people understand the complex rules of the game.” She has negotiated discounted broker fees and often makes phone calls on behalf of a student who is having difficulty communicating with a landlord.

Road to Columbia:

Saar had a B.A. degree in sociology and photography from SUNY Purchase and was working as a production manager in television and film in the 1990s, when she and her ex-husband, a licensed real estate broker, opened a small real estate office in their East Village loft. She soon got a real estate license herself. Later, in SoHo, she helped students from NYU, the New School and the Culinary Institute find apartments. In 2000, with a new baby—and the desire to be at home in the evenings and on weekends—someone told her about an ad in The New York Times for the position at Columbia that she now holds. Saar sent in her resume, was interviewed and hired. Until then, the off-campus housing office had been run by work-study students and was not open full-time. “It was a perfect fit,” she says, “I had worked with students and I knew the Manhattan rental market.”

Best Part of the Job:

“I get to meet people from all over the world,” she says. “I like to help people succeed in tough situations that at first seem overwhelming.” Some international students have language difficulties, and many don’t fully understand how the U.S. banking system works—for example, that it can take seven to 10 business days for money wired from abroad to clear. She helps them navigate the rental process and often gets thank-you notes and follow-up calls from people she has assisted.

Most Memorable Moment:

The launch last June of the new online housing registry (http://facilities.columbia.edu/housing/) “was a great day,” Saar says. The process of replacing the previous registry, which had become obsolete and was difficult to navigate, began in 2009, she recalls, and it took many proposals and meetings to choose a new provider. The new version is easier to use and students now can create a roommate profile, link it to Facebook and see photos.

In Her Spare time:

Mother of a 13-year-old daughter and an 11-year-old son, Saar is very involved in her neighborhood school, P.S./I.S. 187 in Washington Heights. She has organized free yoga, running and nutrition education programs as well as cooking classes for young children. In 2010, she started an annual wellness fair at the school that is open to the community. In February, she was honored for her community service by Friends of 187, a nonprofit group that does fundraising for the school.

—Georgette Jasen
Question of the Month
What is your most memorable moment at Columbia over the past year?

“Commencement Week because there is much activity on campus. I have worked at the University for 38 years and Commencement Week is always special.”
-Tanveer Iqbal
Security Officer, Public Safety

“Knowing that President Obama was on campus as I watched Barnard’s commencement ceremony online. It felt surreal knowing the president was so close to my place of work.”
-Jennifer Brown, LEED BD+C
Architectural Designer, Capital Project Management

“Joining CBSC and Facilities, a team and department I am proud to work for and with.”
-Willie Bentley, Jr.
Associate Director, Construction Business Services & Communications

BEST Wishes
After nearly 12 years at Columbia, Phil Silverman has announced that he will be stepping down from his position as Vice President of Real Estate to become Senior Vice President for Facilities and Real Estate at The North Shore-LIJ Health System. We are extremely grateful for all that Phil has done to advance the University’s real estate interests during his time here and wish him the best in his new endeavor!

After a 19-year career as a key member of the Public Safety Team, Director of Investigations Ken Finnegan has announced his retirement. Ken has been an essential member of the Columbia Community for nearly 20 years and will be deeply missed. Best wishes to Ken in his retirement!

After 29 years of service to Columbia, Geoff Wiener has announced he will be stepping down from his position as Assistant Vice President of Planning and Space Information to pursue other opportunities. Geoff’s role as the University’s chief advisor on strategic campus planning issues has greatly strengthened Columbia’s long-term vitality. We thank and congratulate Geoff for his many contributions to Columbia over his three-decade tenure here and to wish him the very best in his future endeavors.

After 19½ years, Markus Braun is leaving the University to take a new job in Long Island closer to his home. Markus joined Columbia in 1994 as a CAD coordinator for Planning and Space Management and spearheaded many key technology projects as a fixture in our IT department for many years. Best wishes to Markus as he enters a new chapter in his life.

FUTURE FACES AT FACILITIES
Jocelyn Mei Doering, daughter of Lindsay Doering, director in the Office of the Executive Vice President, was born December 7, 2012.

Gabriella (left) and Marianna Restrepo, daughters of Claudia Restrepo, space information manager in Capital Project Management, were born November 19, 2012.

Ezana Abraha Dowdy, son of Timnit Abraha, associate property manager in Real Estate, was born July 31, 2012.

Upcoming Holidays
July 4 – Independence Day
September 2 – Labor Day