



Christmas Day Kudos



Seven members of the Grounds Crew received a shout out from President Kim Brooks in her January 2025 Upbeat newsletter.

“Winter can be a tough season as the temperatures dip, the skies skew ashen grey on what can feel like too many days, and the sidewalks get slick and icy. No one knows this better than our amazing Facilities Management teams who clock many hours during the season ensuring our campuses remain safe and accessible during the ice and snow. Even on December 25th, when many of us were spending time with family and friends, [grounds crew team members were on-site](#) to clear snow for students staying in residence, essential staff, and anyone else who needed to be on campus over the break. We are so grateful for their efforts.”

Although there has been a bit of snow on Christmas Day in the recent past, this is the first time in 17 years that Environmental Services Manager Mike Wilkinson remembers having to call in a full crew to leave their families and come to work. Shoutout to **Derek Pearson, Dave Akerley, Basil Wile, Patrick Abels, Tim Mason, Kelsey Connick and Frederick Vogels!**

