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To empower people to make choices
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AbSSLC News

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Week of May 29th, 2023

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A group of hard-working employees, family members, retirees and volunteers came to serve (and sweat) during the annual cemetery cleanup day.

A special thanks to everyone that participated in the Annual AbSSLC Cemetery Clean-Up Day!
And it made the State Office Friday Photos!

Designated Driver Cards

New Designated Driver Cards will be issued in the near future. This is being done to help maintain the security of the campus for those that live & work here.

Food Truck Friday!

Urban Street Food is scheduled to be on campus on Friday, June 2nd from 1130am-130pm!

You can see their menu at <https://urbanstreetfood.us/>



Years of Service Awards

Q. Can you explain how the Service Award (Years of Service Awards) certificates work?

A. Yes – but it’s a long one. ☺

PC (Pre-Covid) the certificates for service (5 Years, 10 Years, etc. were sent to the facility and we gave them out at the Quarterly General Staff Meetings. This worked well for many years.

DC (During COVID) this changed because of concerns related to getting people together in large groups and many across HHS were teleworking. Naturally our work doesn’t lend itself well to telework but during this time HHS started mailing the Service Awards to your home address. This is one – of many reasons – its critical to keep your address in CAPPs up-to-date!

AC (After COVID) finds a hybrid approach being done. HHS is still mailing your official certificate to your home but we (as a facility) want to publicly recognize your years of service so we have been printing our own certificates and awarding them at our restarted Town Hall (General Staff) meetings. It’s likely you will receive your certificates (one or both) late but that depends on when you started and when we do the Townhall Meetings.

If you feel you have missed a facility certificate, please let us know via the feedback portal (<http://www.absslc.org/feedback/>) and we will work on getting you one. Hopefully this answered questions related to the certificates ... if not, please reach out!

Shout Outs!

Shout out to **Terry** (Maintenance)! He did a great job painting the dental hygiene office. Super nice guy, talented & efficient. Thank you!

I would like to give a shout out to **Houskeeper Maggie**. She has been filing in at 6480 Mimosa for a couple weeks. She always has a smile and does a phenomenal job with the upkeep of the home. She has truly been a blessing to the residents with how passionate she is in doing her job! Keep up the good work Maggie. You are appreciated!

Thank you to **Mark Burgess** for filling in for Chaplain Mike Wednesday evening! It was a wonderful evening of worship. We appreciate Mark and the way he fills in anywhere and everywhere he is needed!! Mark is a HUGE blessing to AbSSLC and the people who live (and work) here!

Shout Out to the **HVAC guys** who have responded to the work orders to keep the Administration building cool!

Hey y'all! I just wanted to say a special THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU to everyone who was involved with making the 1st HSU PA student visit a HUGE success! The students loved their time here at AbSSLC and left with big smiles, insight, and knowledge (and I'm sure fuller hearts and an appreciation for the work YOU do every day for the people we love to serve)! We appreciate you letting us intrude your homes and your spaces! Everything went FANFREAKINTASTIC!! Thank YOU for making that happen!

I would like to send a shout out to **Pam Carlile**. Pam was scheduled to retire on Friday, May 26, 2023 after 24 years of service but because the Records Department is so short staffed at this time with two staff being out for an undetermined period of time, one of those staff being the staff person she was training to take her position, Pam put the Individuals who live here and the department above herself; what a selfless thing to do. THANK YOU PAM!!

Shout Out to **Joe & Buddy** (Maintenance) for coming to the Culture of Quality meeting. It was most appreciated that you took the time from your schedules to let us hear about the team efforts you've been involved in, and how we can keep focused on appreciating staff and valuing our connection with different departments. Several times, you both showed us the value of thinking about the resident's first. And seeing yourselves as a part of the whole picture to support the residents. We're blessed to have you two in the Maintenance department and you make us a better campus team! Thank you both.

For several weeks during this past month, I (Chaplain Mike) have been out. I'd like to give a HUGE shout-out to **Mark Burgess, Dottie Pacheco, and Laura Fuentes**. Dottie and Laura together led two Chapel services ... and Mark led three in my absence. They did a great job! I also have to give a shout-out to **Sarah & Brenda** from Recreation - they ensured smooth transitions and handled the recording of attendance. Also - **all the home staff** that come to Chapel with our residents; they are amazing every single week. Lastly, a shout-out to **Shae Butts**! She was present during all five Chapel services to help with logistics and any other support that was needed. Shae does a lot of things "out front" on our campus, but she also loves to serve behind the scenes often (and she does it well). So, thanks again to all the above. Y'all are part of what makes this place great!

Shout out to **Sarah Cleary**, Recreation. Sarah is fabulous (at everything)! Wednesday evening, she responded to a situation promptly and did exactly what she was supposed to do while coordinating chaos in the middle of the situation. Thank you, Sarah, for all you do!! We appreciate YOU!

Shout Out to **Gidget** on the 10-6 shift at 6690 Circle Drive. I visited with her one night for my Buddy Home report. She impressed me with her knowledge of the individuals that live at the home. Gidget was very familiar with all of the ladies that live there. She knew most of the daily schedules by heart and what each lady enjoyed doing during the day even though she works 10-6. She sees the people that live there as family. It was wonderful to visit with her!

I would like to give a shout out to **Jessica, Jenny, Ashlee** in the Vocational Services Production Warehouse. Everything at the pop-up shop looked amazing. We are so grateful for the new and exciting things coming out of that area! Great job team.

HUGE SHOUTOUT to the **Abilene Regional Laundry** for helping transport shredding across all of the HHS spectrum. Thanks guys for supporting the HHS Team.

I want to give a Shout Out to **Stacy Ledesma**, our Procurement Card Coordinator. As busy as a person can be, she never fails to answer her phone or return your call as soon as possible. I really appreciate that, since our ProCard paperwork has specific procedures and deadlines. I bet she answers the same questions over and over again, but she treats you like you are her main focus at that time. Thank you, Stacy, for your hard work and dedication.

Thank you to **Huey, Brian & Carl** for ALL you do behind the scenes to keep us, the network, and the computers all up and running! We appreciate ALL of you!

Let's **Shout Out** and recognize others! Send it via the Feedback Portal or text it to 325.370.4525