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OUR MISSION:
To empower people to make choices
that result in a life of dignity and
increased independence.

AbSSLC News

Abilene SSLC

Week of January 22nd, 2024

2024 HSCS Awards

Scan the QR Code (or click this [Link](#)) to submit your nomination for this year's awards!



AbSSLC Construction Update

Cottages

Cottages 6750 and 6750 are getting close to completion. Our hope is to have them completed by mid-February and get started on the last two (6690 and 6700). It also looks like we will be able to replace the very old sprinkler systems in each cottage as part of this renovation.

HVAC at the North/South Quads

This project is done with all 8 buildings now having heating that is independent of the Power House.

Laundry Boiler

This project is done – the laundry steam system is now independent of the Power House.

HVAC at various buildings

Work continues to replace the outside chiller units at several buildings with several more coming in the next 3-4 months. In addition, 3 buildings (648, 650, 651) will have their inside air-handlers replaced as well.

Campus Fencing

The campus fence project is moving along quickly and is ahead of schedule. 10 feet of chain link has been completed on the North/East/South sides with the final 2 feet of “no climb” fencing will be added in the next couple of weeks. The ornamental fence on Maple is about 35% done.

Upcoming Projects

There are other projects in the works – more to come on those!

Survey of Employee Engagement

The 2024 Survey of Employee Engagement (SEE) is currently out. Be watching your email or for an email from your supervisor.

It's very important that you take time to do the survey!

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In the event of a campus phone system failure, dial **325-692-0606** to reach the Switchboard

We want to hear from you - Scan the Code!



Shout Outs!

I would like to give **Jessica Garcia** a huge Shout Out. She has helped me so much throughout this year learning the QA data and truly taking the time to help me understand a process I never had training to do. She has set time aside, met with me during lunch, analyzed data on the weekend and so much more. No matter how many questions I ask or emails I send, she always has a positive attitude. She even encourages me to stay positive when I doubt my abilities.

We are SO thankful for **Carlos Hinojosa**, Housekeeper, at Community Relations/Volunteer Services. He is always willing, ready and goes above and beyond to do whatever needs to be done, no matter the situation. Thank YOU, Carlos for ALL you do for us! We appreciate YOU!

I wanted to give **Jessica Rodriguez** in Recreation a huge shout out! She worked very hard on a banner for the new admission for the young men's home. She customized it with his favorite colors and sports! With Jessica's help, we are hopeful to make the new admission feel welcomed in joining the AbSSLC family!!

I just wanted to express my gratitude for the **6/2 staff at 6480 Mimosa**. They really go above and beyond to make sure our residents are well taken care of as well as treated with respect and kindness. They blow me away everytime I'm over there with the compassion they show to every individual.

I want to give a shoutout to my amazing coworkers at **Recreation**. You are awesome people have become my family and I'm thankful for all the hard work we get to do together and all of the adventures we have had and will have. Good job on 6500 guys!! Love y'all.

Shout Out to **Julie Gould**. Dr. Trickett complimented your style. She felt you were clearly engaged and helpful at engaging others. She specifically liked that you asked others for their opinions – she brought this up several times. It might not get you a pay raise but it is very nice when someone recognizes you are awesome.

Shout Out to **Rose Morris** at the 5th Street Diner for the complete turnaround of the quality and consistency of the Diner and for the wonderful selection of Tuesday Specials! Keep up the awesome job!

Shout Out to **Mike Horton**. He has done many great things for our campus since he has been Chaplain! The 2023 Memoriam Video was so very special and meaningful. Mike's podcasts are very interesting and informative. His positive outlook shows in the way he interacts not only with the folks we serve but the employees. Abilene SSLC is blessed to have such a caring, thoughtful Chaplain!

Shout out to the staff at **6690 Circle Drive**. First, I would like to thank them for their hard work and dedication. Their eagerness to learn and implement SAPs is inimitable. The knowledge they show is rewarding in so many ways. Keep up the good work ladies and continue to equip yourselves with the tools and information you need to succeed.

Big Shout Out for **Leslie Riggins, SLPA, Ed Liaison/QA and Darlene Foster, Habilitation Therapies Administrative Assistant II**, for being so accommodating and helpful ALL the time. They are my go-to people for so many, many issues related to computers, processes, procedures, and information about individuals. They both are long-term AbSSLC employees who offer a wealth of information, stories, and humor about the workplace. Thank you both for being so supportive!!

This humble Audiologist would like to give a grateful Shout Out to two ladies in NEPT at FCT& D for being so helpful with logistics during the Deaf Awareness class: **Breanni Powell** and **Robyn Price**. Both ladies offered help, Breanni with PowerPoint/computer issues, and Robyn with helping me keep track of some equipment. It is so refreshing to see such eager, friendly, accommodating people coming here to work. Thank you so much ladies!

The following note was received from one of the teachers at Abilene ISD. She wanted to brag on **Leslie Riggins** and her work with the young men attending school:

We have sent a lot of emails today—I just wanted to take a second and say thank you for everything you do, and that you are doing a good job. When Misty called to talk to us about the situation with one of the guys, I just kept thinking "bless Leslie's heart". Things are crazy, but you really are making sure these boys are taken care of and advocated for, and you work to support us teachers from here. I just wanted to tell you that I see it and noticed.

Send in your Shout Outs!