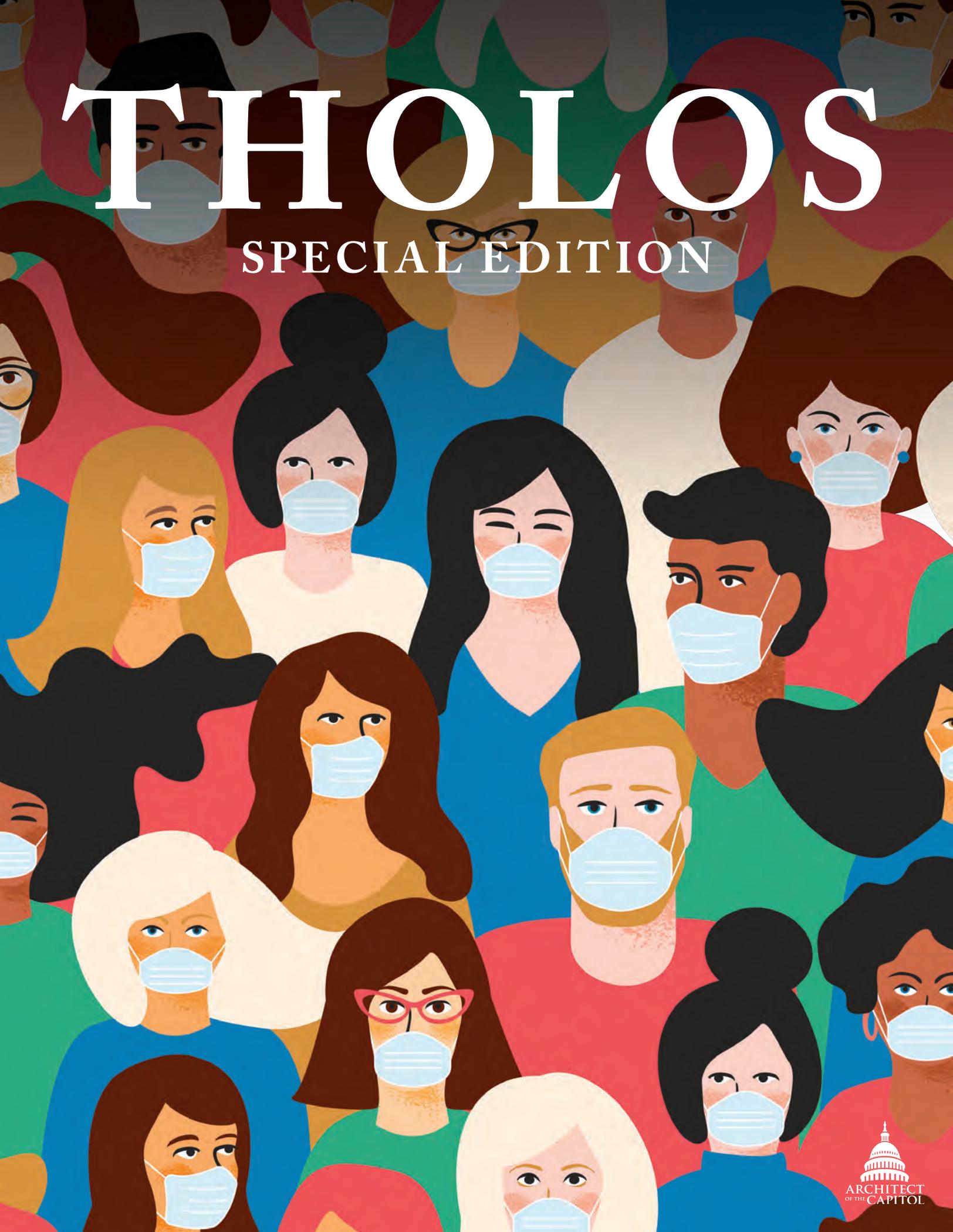


# THOLOS

SPECIAL EDITION





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# A LETTER FROM THE ARCHITECT



It is an honor to produce this special edition of Tholos to recognize and celebrate the Architect of the Capitol's (AOC) most important asset – YOU, our devoted employees, who stepped up during a time of unprecedented crisis and uncertainty during the coronavirus pandemic.

Whether it was adapting quickly to challenging new schedules and work environments, working longer or harder to abide by new protocols, or taking on extra duties to allow the more vulnerable among us to stay at home, I commend the entire AOC family for your outstanding performance.

Under the most trying circumstances, you took ownership and showed leadership in fulfilling our mission to serve, preserve and inspire even as Washington, D.C., and the entire country, began to shut down. Your performance under pressure has not gone unnoticed. You helped elevate the AOC's image and reputation among our customers in Congress and the Supreme Court.

I sincerely thank you for your extra effort and dedication.

I hope you enjoy reading about some of our colleagues who went the extra mile during the worst of the pandemic. May their stories inspire all of us to continue to do our best, and help each other carry on and stay healthy throughout these challenging times.

With warmest appreciation,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "J. Brett Blanton". The signature is stylized and cursive.

J. Brett Blanton  
Architect of the Capitol



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# CELEBRATING OUR HEROES

A popular catchphrase during the COVID-19 pandemic — not all heroes wear capes — has been used to recognize the many men and women working on the front lines. It certainly holds true for the Architect of the Capitol workforce. When we asked leaders to submit names of their unsung heroes that have risen above and beyond during these challenging COVID times, the names began pouring in. That's a testament to your dedication and the tremendous talent you have used to adapt and work in unprecedented circumstances.

Thank you for the many ways you have continued to serve, preserve and inspire at all hours, every day of the week, keeping your colleagues, members and staff safe. **We couldn't do it without you.**



## EMILY BOISVERT

**JOB:** Visitor Guide **HOMETOWN:** Dighton, MA

### SERVE, PRESERVE, INSPIRE

Emily brought the inspiration of the art and history of the U.S. Capitol to thousands of people who could not visit in person during the closure. She narrated an engaging Capitol video targeted to a general audience. She also took part in an interactive virtual teacher workshop, sponsored by the White House Visitor Center, which focused on women's suffrage and the 19th Amendment.

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## STEVE BOOZER

**JOB:** Mechanic Supervisor **HOMETOWN:** Chicago, IL

### SERVE, PRESERVE, INSPIRE

Steve is a role model for the mechanics and maintenance team. Throughout the pandemic, he has listened to employees and ensured they were safe and cared for. Steve instills a sense of pride in his co-workers and ensures that all mission needs are met, regardless of any challenges.

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## FRANKLIN BRADLEY

**JOB:** Internal Communications Manager **HOMETOWN:** Palo Alto, CA

### SERVE, PRESERVE, INSPIRE

Every workday since the early stages of the pandemic, Franklin has researched and developed the Daily Coronavirus Update, which employees have relied upon for important COVID-19 news; Franklin also sends employees frequent, time-sensitive updates and reminders via email and text messages.



## LAURA CONDELUCI

**JOB:** Communications Officer

**HOMETOWN:** Pearl River, LA

### SERVE, PRESERVE, INSPIRE

Laura has supported the Coronavirus Tiger Team, which has helped guide the agency's response to the pandemic. She's played an integral role in the development of the employee-focused COVID-19 Toolkit.



## DALE CROWL

**JOB:** Painter/Decorator General Supervisor

**HOMETOWN:** White Plains, MD

### SERVE, PRESERVE, INSPIRE

Before COVID-19, telework had not been an option for employees in the Paint Shop. As general supervisor, Dale has fully embraced teleworking to safeguard the health of other employees. He has regularly reached out to his team to check in and update them on the status of agency operations, COVID-19 impacts and other important information. He has continued to coordinate the schedule, prioritizing the most critical work while limiting staff on-site. Dale's efforts during COVID-19 have resulted in the shop's ability to continue critical services and support for Congress.



## LAURENCE (L.J.) DALLAIRE

**JOB:** Fire Marshal **HOMETOWN:** East Moriches, NY

### SERVE, PRESERVE, INSPIRE

L.J. has been instrumental in executing the Pandemic Operations Plan. He has helped with updating the plan as COVID-19 has unfolded, developing processes to obtain and track requests for specialized cleaning, and serving as a co-instructor to educate AOC staff about contact tracing.



## KEITH DEGAY

**JOB:** High Voltage Shop Supervisor

**HOMETOWN:** Baltimore, MD

### SERVE, PRESERVE, INSPIRE

Keith led the effort to coordinate and replace 18 electrical network protectors in the Capitol Visitor Center (CVC) and U.S. Capitol. Each replacement took a full day to complete, test and commission. These replacements were completed without disrupting congressional business or causing large-scale building outages while adhering to all agency COVID-19 protocols.

## ANDREW DENTAMARO

**JOB:** Management and Program Analyst

**HOMETOWN:** East Hartford, CT

### SERVE, PRESERVE, INSPIRE

Andrew has provided critical information and updates to congressional oversight related to COVID-19 personal protective equipment (PPE) management. He also regularly coordinates with appropriators on resource needs.



## WAYNE DORSEY

**JOB:** Laborer Recycler Leader

**HOMETOWN:** Washington, DC

### SERVE, PRESERVE, INSPIRE

Throughout the pandemic, Wayne has continuously adjusted his regular schedule to accomplish the mission and accommodate changes in employee availability. He performs and oversees enhanced cleaning procedures to keep staff safe and fills in for others who are not able to be on-site physically. He is always available and willing to help.



## SCOTT DRUMMOND

**JOB:** Facilities Management Assistant Director **HOMETOWN:** Wichita, KS

### SERVE, PRESERVE, INSPIRE

During COVID-19, Scott has led his team in acquiring cleaning supplies, face coverings, hand sanitizer, gloves and wipes to protect personnel and providing contract support to ensure enhanced and specialized cleaning across the Capitol campus. The specialized cleaning contract rapidly responded to more than 100 requests and ensured spaces impacted by COVID-19 were safe for use.

# SENATE NIGHT CUSTODIAL UNIT

## SERVE, PRESERVE, INSPIRE

The Senate Night Custodial Unit, in collaboration with the Senate Recycling Unit and the Senate Floor Care Unit, has maintained regular cleaning services in the Senate buildings throughout the pandemic. Working a rotational schedule with reduced staff, the Senate Night Custodial Unit has also provided enhanced cleaning services in the Senate buildings to ensure offices, hearing rooms and other key spaces are continually ready for senators and staff.



**HENDERSON  
BROWN**

**JOB:** Custodial Worker  
**HOMETOWN:** Washington, DC



**CARL FOWLER**

**JOB:** Custodial Worker  
**HOMETOWN:** Washington, DC



**GWENDOLYN  
NATHAN**

**JOB:** Custodial Worker  
**HOMETOWN:** Washington, DC



**CALLIE  
ROBERTS**

**JOB:** Custodial Worker  
**HOMETOWN:** Rock Hill, SC



**STEPHANIE  
SHORT**

**JOB:** Custodial Worker Leader  
**HOMETOWN:** Portsmouth, VA



**GENELYN  
WILSON**

**JOB:** Custodial Worker Leader  
**HOME COUNTRY:** Philippines



## NANCY DUVAL

**JOB:** Program Specialist **HOMETOWN:** Washington, DC

### SERVE, PRESERVE, INSPIRE

During COVID-19, Nancy has taken on additional tasks such as reworking the Project Management Division’s training plan in light of the conversion of in-person to online training classes so that staff can maintain their credentials and professional development. She communicates regularly with colleagues to ensure no tasks are overlooked.



## DOREEN FERRINGTON

**JOB:** Administrative Officer  
**HOMETOWN:** Baltimore, MD

### SERVE, PRESERVE, INSPIRE

Doreen not only successfully managed the transition of her staff to 100 percent telework, she also set up a contract for enhanced cleaning, ensured the cleaning staff properly sanitized the Capitol Power Plant facilities, and was critical in providing accommodations for the Power Plant’s Sequester Teams.

## GAVIN FISHER

**JOB:** Gardener  
**HOMETOWN:** Reston, VA

### SERVE, PRESERVE, INSPIRE

Gavin has remained flexible throughout the pandemic, changing his work hours to better accommodate COVID-19 restrictions. He has taken on more responsibilities due to staffing shortfalls caused by the pandemic.



## MARCEY FRUTCHEY

**JOB:** Videographer/Photographer  
**HOMETOWN:** An Army brat who calls Hawaii home

### SERVE, PRESERVE, INSPIRE

Marcey helped expand public engagement in creative ways to reach visitors due to the closure of the CVC. Happiest behind the camera, Marcey created two video tours of the U.S. Capitol. She also provided the technical expertise behind the 10-episode “Shaping History: Women in Capitol Art.”



## SHARON GARAVITO-LYONS

**JOB:** Facility Operations Specialist **HOMETOWN:** Woodbridge, VA

### SERVE, PRESERVE, INSPIRE

Sharon provided oversight of all operations and maintenance performed by the property management contractor while being on-site during the pandemic. She has helped coordinate the receipt of over 2 million face coverings for the entire judicial branch. She also coordinated the delivery of other PPE to AOC employees, Supreme Court employees and the property management team. Sharon's efforts ensured essential employees felt and remained safe while working on-site during the pandemic.

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## MICHELLE GARNER

**JOB:** Program Support Specialist **HOMETOWN:** California, MD

### SERVE, PRESERVE, INSPIRE

Michelle has played an integral role in streamlining processes and supporting the program divisions for the U.S. Botanic Garden. Michelle is the quintessential "go-to" person for handling critical issues, and she always provides stellar customer service.

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## ROBERT GIMPEL

**JOB:** Lead Gardener **HOMETOWN:** Bowie, MD

### SERVE, PRESERVE, INSPIRE

Robert has redesigned flowerbeds and landscapes to be more manageable with a reduced crew. He has acted as the on-site supervisor and frequently adjusted work days and hours for personnel to keep his shop running throughout the pandemic.



## ANDREW GLENDENING

**JOB:** Management and Program Analyst

**HOMETOWN:** Lawrence, KS

### SERVE, PRESERVE, INSPIRE

Andrew created the Pandemic SharePoint site that serves as an agency resource for implementing the Pandemic Operations Plan. He also created a system to track COVID-19 cases and contact tracing data to help document, respond to and stop the potential COVID-19 transmission across the AOC.

## AUBREY GLYNN

**JOB:** Environmental Engineer

**HOMETOWN:** Sacramento, CA

### SERVE, PRESERVE, INSPIRE

While teleworking throughout the pandemic, Aubrey has led the effort to develop stormwater retention credits for the O'Neill House Office Building green roof. These credits will help the agency meet D.C. stormwater requirements in the years to come. Her effectiveness at attaining and maintaining multiple environmental permits with the D.C. government under the constraints of remote working and virtual meetings has been fantastic.



## MORGAN GREEN

**JOB:** Administrative Support Assistant **HOMETOWN:** Owings Mills, MD

### SERVE, PRESERVE, INSPIRE

Morgan has adapted professionally to a continually changing work environment since her arrival in the Office of the Architect earlier this year. Morgan has ensured a smooth transition into the current COVID-19 operating environment by adeptly shifting the agency's correspondence management to an almost purely electronic process, maintaining both efficiency and timeliness.



## ERIC GOODMAN

**JOB:** Supervisory Mechanical Engineer

**HOMETOWN:** Arlington, VA

### SERVE, PRESERVE, INSPIRE

Eric has been leading the effort to coordinate and address HVAC changes during the pandemic. Eric has also led the effort to evaluate and potentially implement ultraviolet germicidal irradiation within our HVAC systems to further decrease our level of risk.



## ERIC GRIMES

**JOB:** Electrical/Elevator Shop Supervisor

**HOMETOWN:** Manassas, VA

### SERVE, PRESERVE, INSPIRE

Eric has been supporting critical electrical infrastructure projects as part of a multiphased electrical resiliency program. Despite COVID-19, Eric has continued to support his shop's oversight requirements, managed the annual electrical outage testing, and provided input as required for all projects associated with the resiliency program. This has enabled his jurisdiction to continue progressing to improve critical systems for its operation.



## JAVONNE HALL

**JOB:** Computer-Aided Facilities Management Coordinator

**HOMETOWN:** Newport News, VA

### SERVE, PRESERVE, INSPIRE

JaVonne revised the weekly work process reviews, significantly reducing the necessity for direct personnel interactions in coordinating and completing daily tasks. This reduction in direct interaction has helped reduce the possibility of spreading COVID-19 among team members while keeping the Capitol Power Plant's maintenance tasks tracked and up-to-date.



## JASON HENDRICKS

**JOB:** Management Program Analyst **HOMETOWN:** Jacksonville, FL

### SERVE, PRESERVE, INSPIRE

Jason has jumped in to help throughout the pandemic. He designed and developed clear mask prototypes; he procured cones, signs and seat straps to inform and encourage mask wearing and social distancing. Jason also brought his expertise to the CVC's online gift shop (launching soon), approaching challenges in his trademark calm, logical way.

# SENATE GENERAL MAINTENANCE EVENING SECTION

## SERVE, PRESERVE, INSPIRE

The Senate General Maintenance Evening Section takes over the care of the Senate buildings from more than 20 Senate trade shops that work throughout the day. The General Maintenance Evening Section, even with a rotational schedule and reduced staffing, has continued to perform critical service calls, complete maintenance upgrades and assist with various client services. The General Maintenance Evening Section has also installed COVID-19 signage in the Senate buildings, received and stocked PPE and other supplies so they're quickly accessible to the Senate community, and coordinated with contractors performing specialized cleanings. When the Russell Senate Office Building experienced a partial power outage one evening, the maintenance team reset the large electrical breaker through a virtual collaboration with the high voltage supervisor. When a fire hydrant waterline broke on Constitution Avenue, the team also took the lead in stopping the river of water flowing into the Russell Building rotunda, preventing damage to the Senate subway system.



**MARIO CESARIO**

**JOB:** Maintenance Mechanic Supervisor

**HOMETOWN:** Harrison, NY



**TERANCE COTTRELL**

**JOB:** Maintenance Mechanic

**HOMETOWN:** Silver Spring, MD



**CHRIS FRY**

**JOB:** Maintenance Mechanic

**HOMETOWN:** Harrisburg, PA



**NATHANIEL JACKSON**

**JOB:** Maintenance Mechanic

**HOMETOWN:** Washington, DC



**SHERITA HOLT**

**JOB:** Special Events Manager **HOMETOWN:** Washington, DC

## SERVE, PRESERVE, INSPIRE

Sherita has spent countless hours during the pandemic closure working with partners across the U.S. Capitol, including leadership and member offices, to help reconfigure the Congressional Auditorium and CVC meeting rooms following current health and social distancing protocols. Thanks to her dedication and leadership, the AOC continues to support the business of Congress with congressional hearings, briefings and meetings taking place in CVC meeting spaces.



## DAVID HOOPER

**JOB:** Elevator Mechanic **HOMETOWN:** Annapolis, MD

### SERVE, PRESERVE, INSPIRE

David solely covered all elevator duties and proactively completed preventive maintenance on the elevators during slower facility operations because of the pandemic. David is one of only two elevator mechanics for his jurisdiction and was on-site frequently to ensure all elevators were properly operating. He also developed a comprehensive schedule for the upcoming annual elevator maintenance and cyclical pit restoration efforts. David's contributions during this time have ensured we provide continuity of operations for our elevator systems.

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## JAMES HORSEY

**JOB:** Facility Operations Specialist **HOMETOWN:** Mitchellville, MD

### SERVE, PRESERVE, INSPIRE

During the pandemic, Jay has continued to support the Balustrade Restoration Project to ensure the project progressed. Jay also supported the pre-bid and site visits for the Electrical Resiliency Phase 2 in collaboration with a consultant and project management personnel. Jay assisted with the coordination of room-call requests in the absence of personnel on-site.

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## ROBIN HUNT

**JOB:** Night Labor Assistant Supervisor **HOMETOWN:** Washington, DC

### SERVE, PRESERVE, INSPIRE

During these difficult and challenging times, Robin has volunteered to work several weeks in a row when the shop was without sufficient staff, to support the AOC's mission. He has done this on more than one occasion and without hesitation. Thanks to his dedication, the AOC has been able to continue to provide great support and service to Congress.

## OFFICE OF THE CHIEF SECURITY OFFICER

### SERVE, PRESERVE, INSPIRE

The Resilience and Security COVID-19 Supply Team quickly ramped up to provide delivery services across the Capitol campus. They created a central email inbox to receive requests and established a socially distanced team approach to packaging and delivering supplies. To date, the team has delivered more than 6,000 items to offices on campus. When the Office of Attending Physician needed assistance packaging thermometers for distribution across campus, the team ramped up to receive, package and track requests enabling the distribution of more than 11,500 thermometers.



**STEPHEN  
BUCKLEY**

**HOMETOWN:** Rye, NY



**TERI  
CARTLEDGE**

**HOMETOWN:** Fairfax, VA



**DOUG CHILES**

**HOMETOWN:** Fayetteville, NC



**MICHAEL  
LANDEFELD**

**HOMETOWN:** Lancaster, OH



**SHEMIKA  
MCCRAE**

**HOMETOWN:** Georgetown, SC



**JOE OKES**

**HOMETOWN:** Lothian, MD



## ROBIN INGRAM

**JOB:** Architect

**HOMETOWN:** Norton, VA

### SERVE, PRESERVE, INSPIRE

Robin has continued to provide timely and professional responses to quick-turnaround requests for diagrams and maps illustrating social distance requirements for locations at the U.S. Capitol. His work allowed a number of high-profile events to proceed safely during the pandemic.

## DAVE JAGODA

**JOB:** Plant Operations General Supervisor

**HOMETOWN:** Washington, DC

### SERVE, PRESERVE, INSPIRE

Dave's contributions during the pandemic include providing clear leadership, supporting staff and lending his expertise to guide the Capitol Power Plant's response at the outbreak of the pandemic. He identified a solution for housing members of the Sequester Teams and fostered a supportive environment that focused on meeting employees' needs during their extended time at the Capitol Power Plant.



## PAUL (MIKE) JOHNSTON

**JOB:** Architect

**HOMETOWN:** Raleigh, NC

### SERVE, PRESERVE, INSPIRE

Mike has taken on significant renovation projects and is currently supporting a large-scale exterior stone and window restoration design project. Mike has successfully juggled work and life, working early mornings, late evenings and some weekends to keep up with his demanding projects.



## STEVE JONES

**JOB:** Gardener (Advanced) **HOMETOWN:** Oneida, NY

### SERVE, PRESERVE, INSPIRE

Steve has been a tremendous asset during COVID-19, coming in whenever needed to assist the operations division. His work has helped ensure the U.S. Botanic Garden's collection receives the best possible care.



## CHRIS KING

**JOB:** Electric Shop Supervisor **HOMETOWN:** Stafford, VA

### SERVE, PRESERVE, INSPIRE

From his start as an AOC temporary project electrician to his current role as Electric Division supervisor, Chris has not forgotten his roots. He has been an uncompromising advocate for his employees' safety and well-being. While working to coordinate staffing across three shifts to support Congress during the pandemic, he has picked up his tools and stepped up when repairs are required. Chris exemplifies our One Team, One Mission strategic goal.

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## CHRIS LEAR

**JOB:** General Engineer **HOMETOWN:** New Haven, CT

### SERVE, PRESERVE, INSPIRE

Chris personifies the AOC's mission of serving Congress, preserving our heritage assets and inspiring memorable experiences for visitors. He has carefully collaborated with stakeholders to resolve complex issues on highly visible projects. Chris has tirelessly addressed emerging COVID-related issues to provide on-site support and coverage for not only his projects but also others, stepping in to help whenever and wherever the need arises.

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## ROWLAND MARTIN

**JOB:** Night Custodial Worker **HOMETOWN:** Accokeek, MD

### SERVE, PRESERVE, INSPIRE

Rowland has continued to provide exceptional service throughout the pandemic by keeping the House office buildings clean. He has repeatedly adjusted his schedule to provide coverage to help keep everyone safe. His availability and willingness to serve has been exceptional.



## JILL MCCLURE

**JOB:** Project Manager **HOMETOWN:** Kingsport, TN

### SERVE, PRESERVE, INSPIRE

Jill has stepped in to help with priority projects that encountered construction issues due to COVID-19, despite her own large workload. She has made herself readily available to those she supports, working to complete assigned tasks and ensuring deadlines are met. She has communicated regularly and diligently with her team members and her peers across the jurisdiction.

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## JOYCE MOSES

**JOB:** Night Custodial Supervisor **HOMETOWN:** Washington, DC

### SERVE, PRESERVE, INSPIRE

Joyce has led the night custodial staff responsible for cleaning and maintaining the interior and exterior of the Senate office buildings. Joyce has ensured that the walls, floors, trim work, furniture and architectural hardware are preserved during enhanced building cleanings. Over the past several months, Joyce has come to work early and on weekends to oversee special cleaning projects. She has also taken on additional responsibilities in the absence of her colleagues. Joyce inspires others with her positive attitude, can-do mentality and professionalism, and she often works side by side with the employees she leads.

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## ERIN NELSON

**JOB:** Brand Manager **HOMETOWN:** Fries, VA

### SERVE, PRESERVE, INSPIRE

Throughout the pandemic, Erin has researched, written and edited numerous documents and other vital resources to prepare and educate employees including tips on coping mechanisms and staying safe.

# INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DIVISION

## SERVE, PRESERVE, INSPIRE

During the COVID-19 pandemic, the Information Technology Division team connected more staff remotely than at any other time in our history.





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## HUMAN CAPITAL MANAGEMENT DIVISION

### SERVE, PRESERVE, INSPIRE

Since the onset of the pandemic, the Human Capital Management Division (HCMD) has continued to demonstrate a strong commitment to the agency's mission to Serve, Preserve and Inspire. Vital human capital programs and services have continued throughout the pandemic, including recruiting and onboarding new talent, benefits administration, payroll processing, training and employee development programs, employee and labor relations activities, and employee assistance support. HCMD has also had a central role in the agency's response to the pandemic and has provided valuable input, guidance and support involving human capital issues important to the AOC workforce.



# COVID-19 RESOURCES

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Teams across the Architect of the Capitol joined together to support the agency as it began to navigate a new normal in the wake of COVID-19. The pandemic has changed almost everything — but not our mission. These resources have helped us all continue to serve, preserve and inspire, in ways that keep everyone healthy and safe. Thank you for your contributions and your flexibility as we've all adapted to the new realities of living through a pandemic.



**DAILY CORONAVIRUS UPDATES**



**PANDEMIC OPERATIONS PLAN**



**UPDATED CLEANING PROTOCOLS**



**EMPLOYEE & SUPERVISOR TOOLKITS**



**VIRTUAL OFFICE HOURS SESSIONS**



**COVID-19 PANDEMIC OPERATIONS VIDEO**



**STUDENT & FAMILY RESOURCES**

available on [AOC.gov](https://www.aoc.gov), [visitthecapitol.gov](https://www.visitthecapitol.gov) and [usbg.gov](https://www.usbg.gov)



## COURTNEY (TERRY) NICHOLLS

**JOB:** Safety Manager

**HOMETOWN:** Germantown, MD

### SERVE, PRESERVE, INSPIRE

Terry's excellent service has ensured that USBG employees have had uninterrupted access to important safety and cleaning supplies and have been regularly informed of new safety protocols.



## CRISTIN O'BRIEN

**JOB:** Communications Specialist

**HOMETOWN:** Glenburn, ME

### SERVE, PRESERVE, INSPIRE

Cristin has been the primary developer of the weekly COVID-19 briefings. She has helped update the Pandemic Operations Plan and review the COVID-19 fact sheets.



## MARY OEHRLEIN

**JOB:** Historic Preservation Officer

**HOMETOWN:** DeWitt, IA

### SERVE, PRESERVE, INSPIRE

Mary has continued to be a presence on the scaffolding of all the major stone and other significant projects across the Capitol campus during COVID-19. Her constant guidance has helped these projects continue to progress during this extremely challenging time.

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## KEVIN PAGE

**JOB:** Facility Operations Specialist

**HOMETOWN:** Lynchburg, VA

### SERVE, PRESERVE, INSPIRE

Kevin provided oversight of all operations and maintenance performed by the property management contractor while being on-site during the pandemic. He has also carefully managed the tenant renovation projects, ensuring continuity of service and quality of work. He helped coordinate the receipt of face covers for the judicial branch. He also coordinated the delivery of other PPE for AOC employees, Supreme Court employees and the property management team. Kevin ensured essential employees felt and remained safe while working on-site during the pandemic.

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## TIM PAZ

**JOB:** Industrial Hygienist **HOMETOWN:** Granite City, IL

### SERVE, PRESERVE, INSPIRE

Tim is the consummate professional. He is always ready to respond to employee and client concerns. Throughout the pandemic, Tim has provided expert advice on respiratory protection, hazardous duty pay and cleaning chemicals; he has also reviewed the new cleaning procedures.



## RONNIE PFEIFFER

**JOB:** Pipefitter **HOMETOWN:** Baltimore, MD

### SERVE, PRESERVE, INSPIRE

One challenge during the pandemic has been excessive heat and drought. Our pipefitters have had to face this challenge to ensure our historic landscape has proper irrigation. Ronnie took the time to teach other employees aspects of irrigation system maintenance. This has helped with meeting mission goals while allowing employees to learn new skills. Ronnie has also ensured consistent communication is maintained between teams.

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## MARK PHILLIPS

**JOB:** Gardener **HOMETOWN:** Washington, DC

### SERVE, PRESERVE, INSPIRE

Mark changed his work hours to better accommodate the COVID-19 restrictions. He has moved interior plants from closed offices to public areas to maintain them until the Library of Congress reopens.

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## ALAN PIERCY

**JOB:** Facility Manager **HOMETOWN:** Fairfax, VA

### SERVE, PRESERVE, INSPIRE

In addition to his duties as a facility manager, Alan managed the specialized cleaning contract in support of the AOC's COVID-19 response. Under Alan's leadership, the contractors responded to more than 100 requests within hours of notification. Cleaning services were provided in accordance with the CDC guidelines while protecting historic furnishings and artwork.



## TIM REED

**JOB:** Executive Architect

**HOMETOWN:** Joplin, MO

### SERVE, PRESERVE, INSPIRE

Tim has continued to provide timely and professional responses to quick turnaround requests for diagrams and maps illustrating social distance requirements for locations at the U.S. Capitol. His work has allowed a number of high-profile events to proceed safely during the pandemic.

## MATT REESER

**JOB:** Gift Shop Operations Manager

**HOMETOWN:** Baltimore, MD

### SERVE, PRESERVE, INSPIRE

Matt has worked tirelessly to keep his team connected to each other, and to the U.S. Capitol, during the COVID-19 closure. He has researched, purchased and personally designed materials for games and fun lessons that have kept his team interacting and engaged. Almost daily he has texted, called or emailed to share the most recent updates, and also to just say "good morning," share his day and laugh with his staff.



## LIBBY RHOADS

**JOB:** Public Programs Supervisor

**HOMETOWN:** Rockville, MD

### SERVE, PRESERVE, INSPIRE

When the U.S. Botanic Garden closed to the public in March, Libby embraced the necessary shift away from on-site public programs. She led the charge in pivoting from engaging our visitors in learning about plant science at the USBG to reaching existing and new audiences online with high-quality programming.



## BRIAN ROBERSON

**JOB:** Senior Construction Manager **HOMETOWN:** Cullman, AL

### SERVE, PRESERVE, INSPIRE

Brian has tirelessly led the management of COVID-19-related matters for the Cannon Renewal Project. Due to the large number of contractors working on this project, Brian's innovative approach and proactive leadership has mitigated risk to workers. His work has helped prevent disruptions to the workforce that could significantly impact project costs and schedule. His dedication in a very difficult and challenging time inspires us all.

# BY THE NUMBERS

Teams across the Architect of the Capitol have coordinated the distribution of unprecedented levels of supplies to keep those working on the Capitol campus safe during the COVID-19 pandemic.



**2,714,000+**  
MASKS/FACE COVERINGS  
DISBURSED



**172,000+**  
HAND SANITIZER  
BOTTLES DISBURSED



**29,000+**  
WIPES DISBURSED



**26,900+**  
BOXES OF GLOVES  
DISBURSED

## SENATE SERVICE CENTER BRANCH

### SERVE, PRESERVE, INSPIRE

The Senate Service Center Branch has maintained around-the-clock support for the Senate community throughout the pandemic. The Service Center has posted over 5,000 signs focused on COVID-19 safety initiatives, deployed and maintained 50 hand sanitizer stations throughout the Senate buildings, and helped to coordinate specialized cleaning of various Senate spaces. The Senate Service Center Branch has also delivered masks, hand sanitizer and disinfectant wipes to Senate member, committee and support offices and filled over 425 additional requests for these supplies.



#### CHRIS MURPHY

**JOB:** Assistant Supervisor

**HOMETOWN:** Washington, DC



#### TANYA PICKETT

**JOB:** Building Services Coordinator

**HOMETOWN:** Washington, DC



#### OMAR RIVERA

**JOB:** Building Inspector

**HOMETOWN:** Bronx, NY



#### BRITNEE SCOTT

**JOB:** Building Services Coordinator

**HOMETOWN:** Washington, DC



## LAUREN WINDHAM ROSZAK

**JOB:** Educational Program Manager **HOMETOWN:** The Plains, VA

### SERVE, PRESERVE, INSPIRE

Lauren has transformed existing educational programming onto digital platforms during the CVC's closure. Her leadership and can-do attitude played a key part in creating two U.S. Capitol tour videos (one for general audiences and the other for middle schoolers), educational resources, and presentations for a White House Visitor Center-sponsored online teacher workshop commemorating the centennial of the 19th Amendment.

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## DANIEL SEGER

**JOB:** Maintenance Mechanic **HOMETOWN:** Upper Marlboro, MD

### SERVE, PRESERVE, INSPIRE

Daniel is always willing to test out suggestions, explore creative solutions and help others understand the operational capabilities of the U.S. Botanic Garden's facilities. He has played a key role while leading the planning and implementation of the USBG's reopening plan.

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## HAJIRA SHARIFF

**JOB:** Management and Program Analyst **HOMETOWN:** Chicago, IL

### SERVE, PRESERVE, INSPIRE

Hajira has been instrumental in creating a robust contact tracing program. She completed contact tracing for the agency and provided training for designated jurisdiction contact tracers. She has also performed analysis on the data to monitor and quickly identify the potential for transmission of COVID-19 between employees.



## JONATHAN SHRINER

**JOB:** Assistant Superintendent

**HOMETOWN:** Annapolis, MD

### SERVE, PRESERVE, INSPIRE

Jonathan has continued to successfully advance his many challenging projects despite the circumstances associated with COVID-19. He has served as the jurisdiction lead for almost all matters associated with the pandemic. Jonathan has set a stellar example of work-life balance under extremely demanding conditions.

## KATHY STISTED

**JOB:** Project Engineer/Energy Manager

**HOMETOWN:** Davidsonville, MD

### SERVE, PRESERVE, INSPIRE

Kathy has coordinated energy savings performance contract work and HVAC system changes to maximize outside air intakes and building air turnover as a protective measure against COVID-19. She has also ensured that contractor and AOC teams are fully informed and following COVID-19 protocols and safety measures.



## NATE STORMONT

**JOB:** Industrial Control System Specialist

**HOMETOWN:** Odenton, MD

### SERVE, PRESERVE, INSPIRE

Nate was tasked with setting up a second operations control room in a new location that did not have supporting infrastructure. He fully embraced the challenging task with a can-do attitude. His contributions during the pandemic have allowed the Capitol Power Plant to quickly adapt to the evolving situation and continue to provide reliable operations while keeping on-site operations staff as safe as possible.



## JOSEPH (JOE) SUPERAK

**JOB:** Architect **HOMETOWN:** Warren, OH

### SERVE, PRESERVE, INSPIRE

Joe has transitioned many of his recurring meetings and stakeholder engagements from in-person to virtual to accommodate those who are teleworking and to maintain social distancing. Although synchronizing efforts remotely has presented some challenges, Joe has kept the ball moving through increased communication, detailed meeting minutes and frequent follow-ups.



## SHASHUNA THOMPSON

**JOB:** Management and Program Analyst **HOMETOWN:** Knoxville, TN

### SERVE, PRESERVE, INSPIRE

ShaShuna seamlessly transitioned to telework and continued to provide an exceptional level of service. She coordinated with the Offices of the Chief Security Officer and Chief Financial Officer as well as the Acquisition and Material Management Division to execute more than \$12 million in contract awards and modifications. ShaShuna's efforts ensured essential supplies and enhanced and specialized cleaning contracts were in place to support the AOC's response to COVID-19.

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## JASON VANDERVLIT

**JOB:** Assistant Facility Manager **HOMETOWN:** Westerly, RI

### SERVE, PRESERVE, INSPIRE

Jason was instrumental in identifying and acquiring essential supplies to support the AOC, the legislative branch, Library of Congress and the Supreme Court. As the contracting officer's representative, Jason ensured the supplies sourced by the contractors met all guidelines. His tireless efforts resulted in the successful acquisition of face coverings, bottles of hand sanitizer, boxes of gloves and cleaning supplies.

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## BERNARD WARNOWICZ

**JOB:** Maintenance Mechanic General Supervisor **HOMETOWN:** Church Hill, MD

### SERVE, PRESERVE, INSPIRE

As a leader for the maintenance shops, Bernie carefully monitored staff work schedules. When work called for multiple shops to carry out service on equipment, he quickly made adjustments to phase the work while ensuring it was completed as efficiently as possible. These adjustments reduced the possible spread of COVID-19 by limiting interactions between personnel. Bernie also served as a Sequester Team leader helping to ensure the Capitol Power Plant kept running in the early days of the pandemic.



## JARED WILBOURN

**JOB:** Facility Operations Specialist **HOMETOWN:** Snellville, GA

### SERVE, PRESERVE, INSPIRE

In response to the pandemic, Jared quickly stepped up and established a receiving and delivery system to distribute cleaning supplies and other safety materials across the Capitol campus. In coordination with the Construction Division Warehousing Team, Jared oversaw the delivery of face coverings, bottles of hand sanitizer, boxes of gloves and wipes.



## CYNDI YOCUBIK

**JOB:** Contract Safety Specialist **HOMETOWN:** Huntingtown, MD

### SERVE, PRESERVE, INSPIRE

In the spring, Cyndi led quick-response efforts to implement Office of Attending Physician and CDC guidance for protective measures on construction sites. As early guidance was updated, she ensured that the new requirements such as staff rotation, contact tracing, enhanced cleaning, social distancing and face coverings were communicated clearly to all Office of the Chief Engineer construction sites.

## GENERAL COUNSEL

### SERVE, PRESERVE, INSPIRE

Lawyers from General Counsel made significant contributions in providing legal guidance on various pandemic matters.



## LEE CARSON

**HOME STATE:** NC



## KARLA DE STEUBEN

**HOME STATE:** MA



## RICHARD MILLER

**HOME STATE:** PA



## AISHA MURRAY

**HOME COUNTRY:** Trinidad

## SENATE SPECIAL FUNCTIONS UNIT

### SERVE, PRESERVE, INSPIRE

The Senate Special Functions Unit, in partnership with the Senate Audio Visual Electronics Branch, has coordinated the setup of socially distanced hearing rooms, arranged for PPE and other supplies needed for these events, and cleaned and rearranged rooms between morning and afternoon hearings and other key events.



**THOMAS  
JORDAN**

**JOB:** Materials Handler

**HOMETOWN:** Washington, DC



**SEAN PARRISH**

**JOB:** Audio Visual Electronics  
Supervisor

**HOMETOWN:** Philadelphia, PA



**ERIC SAVOY**

**JOB:** Materials Handler

**HOMETOWN:** Brandywine, MD



**MIKE TOLSON**

**JOB:** Materials Handler

**HOMETOWN:** Brentwood, MD



**KENNETH  
WALKER**

**JOB:** Materials Handler

**HOMETOWN:** Washington, DC

# OFFICE OF THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

## SERVE, PRESERVE, INSPIRE

During the COVID-19 pandemic, Office of the Chief Financial Officer (OCFO) staff have ensured the AOC's financial engine continues to run smoothly. In March 2020, the staff made a quick and seamless transition to maximum telework without any interruption to performance. Additionally, tied to the CARES Act funding the AOC received, the agency was also required to submit execution reports to appropriate congressional committees and offices, in addition to numerous ad-hoc information requests that required rapid and accurate responses. Continuously working in a collaborative effort with the different offices across the AOC, OCFO staff met all of the required reporting deadlines, supported COVID-19 mitigation efforts related to PPE and cleaning/sanitizing activities, and tracked all expended supplemental funds related to the response by developing reports to capture metrics accurately. These additional efforts were carried out in conjunction with the standard day-to-day OCFO operations related to budget, finance, accounting, financial systems and risk, while also supporting the annual financial audit in a remote environment.







## CAPITOL POWER PLANT EMPLOYEES POWER THROUGH THE PANDEMIC

WRITTEN BY KATE HOLDER  
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Although COVID-19 has significantly limited the on-site presence of many Architect of the Capitol employees, someone still has to keep the utilities running.

That's where Capitol Power Plant employees come in. They have powered their way through the worst of the pandemic thanks to their extraordinary efforts and endless reliability.

"By late March, we were very concerned about the spread of COVID-19 in D.C. and the surrounding areas," said Capitol Power Plant Director Chris Potter. "We were very worried that if some of our workers got sick and everyone had to quarantine then we wouldn't be able to continue the operation of the Capitol campus, which would've been devastating."

The gravity of the situation prompted the creation of a plan that made the 2010 "Snowmageddon" snow event — when some workers spent two to three days straight at the Power Plant — look like a jaunt. Once all of the new pandemic-specific policies and

**Sequester Team Leader Ladislaus "Dave" Jagoda in front of the cogeneration system at the Capitol Power Plant**



**Power Plant Operator Dwayne Burrell in the new secondary control room**

procedures were approved and in place, two sequestered teams of workers were established. These Sequester Teams, as the only CPP workers on-site, rotated their time at the Power Plant, staying there day and night and sleeping in three trailers parked in the back of the plant.

From the middle of April through the end of May, these two teams — around 10 employees each — stayed on-site initially for two weeks straight before reducing the length of time to one week at a time before switching off with the other Sequester Team. They worked in shifts to perform regular maintenance, refrigeration plant operations and steam plant operations.

However, the teams had much more to do than their normal tasks, according to Ladislaus “Dave” Jagoda, who led the first Sequester Team. “The plant normally has at

least 40 to 50 people here at any given time,” Jagoda said. “So we had to do a lot of additional things like dealing with deliveries. Every shift also required a lot of extra communication to get everything done safely while maintaining social distancing,” said Jagoda.

The sequester system was a best practice followed by other utility providers as well as hospitals, as a way to keep essential workers safe and essential operations going. “We really appreciated the dedication shown by the Sequester Teams. They kept things running, protected themselves and their families, and allowed the rest of the Capitol Power Plant workforce to stay safe at home,” Potter said.

Power Plant perseverance wasn’t confined to the sequestered employees. Following the Sequester Teams, shift operators and electricians resumed their normal work

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schedules. “Everyone is doing an amazing job under the most difficult circumstances,” said Potter, “but we are especially grateful to the power plant operators and shift electricians. They can’t telework and need to keep up their 12-hour shifts, really pulling their weight to keep the entire campus running.” To help safeguard worker health, Power Plant engineers helped design and set up a second control room to allow the shift workers to keep their social distance and operate the equipment from two different areas.

Creating two physically separated work groups helps prevent having to quarantine all of the workers if one of them gets sick.

“These are the unsung heroes who are at the plant 24/7,” said Potter. “A few have been approved for administrative leave for age or underlying medical conditions but, otherwise, they’re always here. We couldn’t continue to keep things running without them.”



Jagoda at one of the cogeneration system control panels





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