

SPARK Committee

The **Spark Committee** was formed in 2015 to more closely connect the UGA and F&A missions, to identify our strengths and explore the service culture of our organization. Currently, the Spark Committee is comprised of nine members.

Members of the Spark Committee consist of volunteering representatives from the Finance Division with the mission to set in motion a long-term culture and communications strategy that will allow for continued growth and ongoing enhancements in our organization.

The Committee also helps organize seasonal events. One crowd-favorite is the Homecoming Tailgate cookout. Last year, the tailgate brought together employees from the Finance Division to make a difference in our community by donating to the UGA Student Food Pantry. Spark has also previously participated in fundraising to benefit Relay for Life. This year for St. Patrick's Day, Spark worked with leadership to give Finance employees the opportunity to go

casual by wearing their favorite green attire with the option to wear jeans on a Tuesday!

Aside from morale-enhancing events and this newsletter, the Spark Committee also makes recommendations and proposals to Finance leadership to continuously cultivate a service-oriented culture within the Finance Division. The cultivating of this culture began with an orientation process for all new Finance Division employees.

The Spark committee is devoted to the betterment of the Finance Division and its employees and hopes to continue to earn your support and enthusiasm of its' mission to create a culture of growth and enhancement. If you have suggestions for future newsletters or events, please email spark-comm@uga.edu. We need more committee members to make a greater difference and take on additional initiatives. If you are interested in making a difference in the Finance Division by being a member of the Spark Committee, please email us for an application!

HELP WANTED

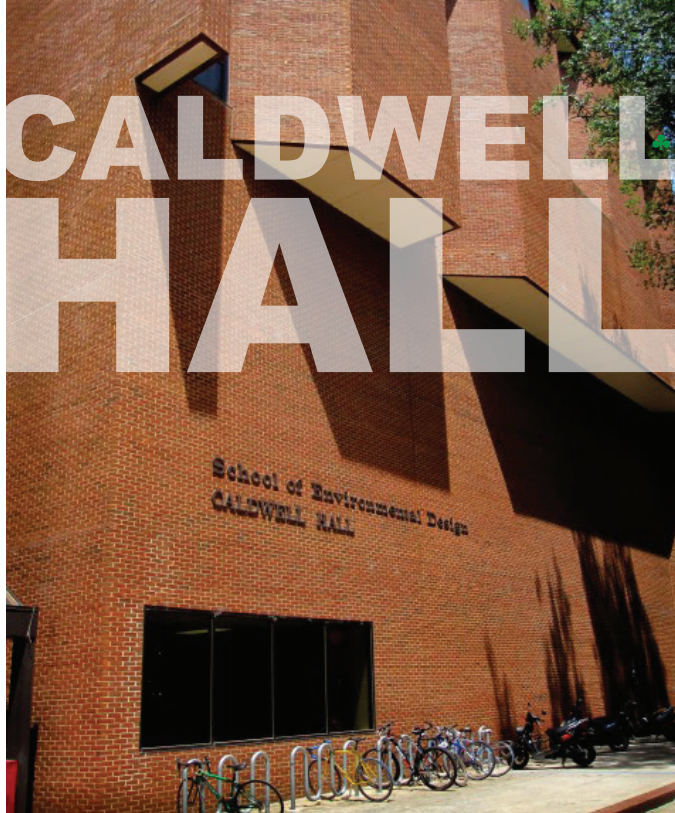
Join the Spark Committee and Elevate the G through Service!

- Plan events
- Support events
- Newsletter creation
- Newsletter proofreading
- Serve as newsletter editor
- Make proposals to leadership
- Implement approved proposals

Want to contribute but can't commit to the committee?

We can always use extra hands, even if you just want to help once a year or once every 6 months

Reach out to spark-comm@uga.edu



Since 2016, many members of the Finance family have been lucky enough to live together in **Caldwell Hall**, with the peak leading up to and around the OneSource go lives in 2019. Currently, members of the Finance Programs team (Communications and Training), the OneSource team (Business Analysts), Payroll and the Service Desk still live full time in this building, occupying space on the 1st, 3rd and 4th floors.

Interesting fact: Built in 1981, Caldwell is named for **Harmon White Caldwell**, President of UGA 1935 until 1948 and Chancellor of USG from 1948 to 1964. Caldwell is a very active building to be in, housing offices for HR, Finance, UGA Communications Studies and the Center for Community Design and Preservation. There are also over a dozen active classrooms in the building.

Benefits to Caldwell Hall: Caldwell has HUGE awnings in the front as well as the back. This is great when it rains! There are a few picnic tables off the back entrance that are shaded in the summer, making it a perfect place to eat lunch. Depending on where you park, you can walk in past the beauty of the fountain by the President's Office or through the UGA Founders Garden. The founders garden is also a great place to escape for a quick stroll during lunch. It's beautiful year round, thanks in part to the variety of winter-blooming camellias. The Jittery Joes kiosk in the Law School is also luckily very handy to get to when you really need a caffeine fix in the morning or afternoon.

Quirks of the Building: For efficient use of space, restrooms for each gender are only on every other floor; ladies are on odd floors and gents are on even. This does encourage getting extra steps during the workday!

February oops...

We made a few mistakes in last month's issue. We sincerely apologize for our errors.

Roger Kyle Ellard works for F&A IT, not Bulldog Print + Design.

When listing the locations for the map in last month's issue, we neglected to mention a few departments:

Caldwell Hall: Support Services

Business Services: Payroll, Accounting, Bursar's Office & Treasury Services, Student Account Services, Budget Office, Accounts Receivable, F&A IT, and Commitment Management

Do you like to support local business?

Do you like to nourish yourself with new and exciting restaurants and foods?

Well, look no further because we have got the newest places in town just for you!

Beginning with Baxter street, the famous Champy's Famous Fried Chicken is now **Classic City Eats**. The menu will stay similar to the Athens favorite, but has added quite a few new menu items such as nachos, subs and mac & cheese. Don't worry, they still have their famous fried chicken, just with a lot more options!

Cravings, located in the historic Franklin House in downtown Athens, has a new restaurant where you can get both bubble tea and a refreshing salad! The restaurant will be a delight to downtowners this summer who are in need of a refreshing bite or a cool refreshment.

If you have a sweet tooth, you will be excited to hear that the food truck favorite, **Nezda's** is coming to Five Points! What began as a food truck at the Athens Farmers Market will now have a storefront location that will specialize in sweet treats, including their famous puffle waffle.

In need of some comfort food but also feeling international? Grab some Jamaican inspired takeout from **Rashe's Cuisine**! The physical location is on Vine street and will only serve their meals as takeout. Support this local business of three family generations and nourish yourself with some delectable eats!

Fun National Holidays coming up in April!

April has several holidays, including April Fool's Day (1st), Passover (9th-16th), Easter (12th), and Earth Day (22nd), but here are a few National Holidays you may not be aware of:

- April 2** Burrito Day
- April 4** Vitamin C Day
- April 5** Caramel Day
- April 6** Caramel Popcorn Day
- April 7** Beer Day
- April 8** Zoo Lovers Day
- April 10** Siblings Day, Good Friday
- April 11** Pet Day
- April 13** Scrabble Day
- April 16** Orchid Day
- April 18** Animal Crackers Day
- April 20** Look Alike Day
- April 23** Picnic Day
- April 25** Telephone Day
- April 27** Tell a Story Day
- April 30** Adopt a Shelter Pet Day

FINANCE *Family*

The following people are celebrating years of service milestones from February of 2020:

Callie Adams – SPA – 5 Years

Jay McGarity – SPA – 15 Years

Celisa Elder – Commitment Mgmt – 15 Years

Donna Dorsey – Procurement – 20 Years

Ken McCollum – Budgets – 25 years

Please note that for newsletter purposes, we are counting from the employee's actual hire date and Finance and Administration uses a different date for their recognition.

Accomplishments: We love to see our people thrive!



We are excited to announce that Amanda Ganger was featured in Columns' Campus Closeup. To view the article, please visit issuu.com/ugacolumns and click on the February 17, 2020 issue.



In January, Brad Langford from SPA ran what is called the Dopey Challenge at the Walt Disney World Marathon. To complete the Dopey Challenge, Brad ran, over the course of a weekend, a 5k, 10k, half marathon, and full marathon. This equates to 48.6 miles in 4 consecutive days!



2LT Alec Aguilar, son of Kim Seabolt Bursar & Treasury Services, graduated and was commissioned on December 16th from the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs with a Bachelor of Science in Foreign Area Studies. Alec will now report to Columbus, Mississippi for two years of pilot training.

New Employees to Finance Division:

Celeste Danks – Accounts Payable

Claudia Morris – Accounts Payable

Esteban Lee - F&A IT

Steven Grotch – Asset Management

Matthew Lester – SPA

Let's bring out our favorite green attire and jeans to celebrate St. Patrick's Day on March 17th!



Bear Hollow Zoo

Located within Memorial Park, **Bear Hollow Zoo** offers a multitude of options for those interested in volunteering.

Serving as a home to animals unable to be released into their natural habitat, this haven serves to raise awareness to our surrounding wildlife and introduce community members to new animal friends.

The Zoo boasts not only bears (as the name would imply), but also reptiles, birds, and small mammals of all types; all fully loved by an amazing staff keen on providing fulfilling lives for the animals, as well as enriching the community.

Bear Hollow Zoo has volunteering options for all types of people, but mainly they look for those with a penchant for working with animals. Interested in working with some directly? Inquire about their animal care options, which include basic husbandry routines, like habitat maintenance, animal health, wellness checks, and feeding diets. These volunteer positions come with informational classes for those interested to ensure a perfect person-to-position fit.

The Zoo also offers teaching positions for those who have an already impressive understanding of the natural world, and their place in it. Termed 'Docent,' these volunteers seek to share their knowledge with others in an exciting and informative way.

There are also Tour Guide opportunities available. If you have a morning available and enjoy working with kids, you may want to inquire about positions open within this program.

There are more opportunities at Bear Hollow Zoo; if you have been looking for community service with potential for both outdoor/wildlife fun, and engaging with curious people ready to learn more about the natural world around them, please feel free to reach out to them!

For additional information on these wonderful opportunities, please visit their website at accgov.com/5030/Bear-Hollow-Zoo, and find out if a need strikes a chord with you.

Treasure Hunt!

Get your sleuthing skills ready to play this month's Treasure Hunt! To play, just find all the hidden **shamrocks** in the newsletter, then submit the correct answer via email to spark-comm@uga.edu by March 25. Up to 3 winners will be chosen to receive a prize.

Congratulations to **Dianna Hall** in Mail and Receiving, **Betty Sandford** in Accounts Payable for winning last month's treasure hunt!

Enjoy your Jittery Joe's gift cards!



Dianna Hall
Mail and Receiving



Betty Sandford
Accounts Payable

**Would you like to see
your name here?**

**Contact the Spark Committee at
spark-comm@uga.edu to apply!**

YOUR SPARK COMMITTEE

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