



Most of our jobs are done without being seen: buffing the gym floor, preparing a classroom lecture, responding to emails, returning calls to parents, inventorying supplies, repairing a broken pipe, and much, much more. Today, on Employee Appreciation Day, we honor your hard work and your dedication to our institution.

The Department of Facilities Services completes more than 28,000 work orders in a year. That's 28,000 opportunities to make a difference in our community. No matter your role, each day, you seize moments to positively influence someone's life — making this community that much better. We truly are parts of a whole at Pepperdine, with each of you delivering a unique impact.

Individually, whether you are a Specialist, a Professor, an Assistant, or a Director, you carry out day-to-day responsibilities with sincerity and professionalism. Together, we are

realizing God's greater purpose for us by engaging in meaningful work through our service at Pepperdine. That is truly worth appreciating!

LeBron James recently achieved a record in the National Basketball Association (NBA) with the most points scored by any player in history. However, he also ranks fourth highest in assists in the NBA, meaning he passes the ball to a team member that leads directly to a basket. That statistic didn't make the headlines but it is equally powerful. Those assist points are not added to *his* total but his collaborative effort makes a huge impact nonetheless.

In the words of author Ryunosuke Satoro, "Individually, we are one drop. Together, we are an ocean." I might embellish slightly and say, "Together, we are Waves!"

It's not possible to acknowledge every employee for every task in this brief message but, today and every day, remember that you are contributing to something truly great alongside all of your fellow colleagues. Our work furthers Pepperdine's mission of strengthening students for lives of purpose, service, and leadership while committing to the highest standards of academic excellence and Christian values.

I appreciate all of you for accomplishing every unseen task — big or small — together.

**Marilyn Koziatek**

Director of Facilities Service