

## DGS's May 2017 Employee of the Month!



Congratulations to Kimberly Steele, the May 2017 Employee of the Month. Kim Steele Office is a Support Specialist II at Fleet. She has been with the City of Baltimore for more than 37 years. She has worked with Fleet Management during her entire tenure with the City.

Kim comes to work each day to enjoy the social interaction, the laughter, and the joy of accomplishment. Chichi Nyagah-Nash and Bob Gibson give her a sense of belonging and keeps her busy. She also gets a lot of support from other supervisors and employees.

Kim is the type of person who does a lot for others because that's how her parents raised her - to help others. Her current job allows her to do more than her previous roles with the City. Kim loves what she's doing. She is excited about her work and though it's tiresome sometimes, she hunkers down and does what she must.

## DGS's June 2017 Employee of the Month!



Kudos to Krystal Saunders, Office Support Specialist III, in the Office of Fiscal and Strategic Management. She is the June 2017 DGS Employee of the Month. Krystal Saunders is a 20 year City employee. Her first job was with the Department of Human Resources, working on employee benefits.

Krystal takes great pride in the work she performs as a part of her daily duties. She strategizes how to organize, put various elements together, and complete a job as quickly and efficiently as possible. Krystal notes that she works with a wonderful team of people. Her colleagues are who inspire her to come to work each day.

Outside of the workplace, Krystal loves to shop! She likes to touch and feel the items that she is planning to purchase.

When asked if there was anything else she would like to share, she said with a laugh, "Hmmm...I'm a damn hard worker!"

Krystal is married and has one son, Reggie.

### A note from Director Sharkey about training

I want DGS to be the most talented and best skilled staff working for the City of Baltimore. To accomplish this, each employee may attend any one Department of Human Resources training classes per year to gain additional skills and knowledge. If DHR doesn't have the type of training you need, talk to your supervisor and our HR office to find a course that is the right fit with your job responsibilities. Our commitment is to the citizens of Baltimore and to you, our workforce.

## NOMINATE THE NEXT EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

There are 2 ways you can nominate your staff/team member!

1. Handy ballots located throughout General Services
2. E-mail [DGS\\_HR@baltimorecity.gov](mailto:DGS_HR@baltimorecity.gov)

Employee nominated must exemplify the mission of the Department of General Services which is to provide effective and efficient government services to the people of Baltimore and to the City agencies we serve. All nominated employees must exhibit performance in at least one of the following characteristics: Customer Service, Behavior, Performance, External Recognition, Work Related Accomplishments, and Improved Efficiency/Cost Savings in the Work Place.

Questions regarding the Employee of the Month process please call Catherine Burns or Nick Fontanez at the Human Resources Office (410) 396-3627.

## Fleet Supervisor wins 5th Place at The World Masters Games

DGS's own William Johns placed 5th in his age group at the World Masters Games in Auckland, New Zealand. Meaning he is the 5th fastest person in the world in his age group! The World Masters Games hosts 25,000 athletes from 100 countries, representing 28 sports and 45 disciplines! Johns had the honor of carrying the Maryland flag during the opening ceremonies. On Monday, June 5th the Baltimore City Council congratulated Mr. Johns on his victory and classy representation of Baltimore City on the world stage!

William Johns is a veteran automotive supervisor at DGS fleet. He began running track and field back in the 70's as a high school student. After years of hard work and dedication, his training led him to a state championship win and a No. 1 ranking.

In 1978, Johns' athleticism and work ethic took him all the way to a silver medal in the Junior Olympics which made him a contender for the 1984 Olympics in California. After reading about the Senior Olympics shortly after Johns' 51st birthday, he decided to compete. It was apparent he still had the magic, as he won Silver in the 100 and 200-meter hurdles and Gold in the 400 in 2011.

After qualifying in the Senior Olympics in Maryland, he went to Nationals in 2013 and began winning medals and meeting new friends, who along the way, he shared the beauty of his city Baltimore with them. Johns helped diffuse negative stereotypes about Baltimore during times of controversy by highlighting the positives and acting as an ambassador for the city. Johns also won a silver medal in the Delaware Senior Olympics and participated in the USA Nationals in Minnesota where he qualified for the World Masters Games. (Check out the photo of Williams Johns in New Zealand, on the back of this newsletter!)

**Data Drives**  
**Kagesta “K” Campbell**



Kagesta “K” Campbell won the Golden Circle award for leading the charge in becoming a truly data driven agency. Through her motivational and leadership skills, K was able to lead her team to not only a nomination, but a win.

She was a key factor in implementation and execution of data tools. Although extremely challenging at times, K feels proud of her work.

“I would say overall I’ve made our director and my manager, Gary Holland, who selected me, very proud. I feel like we’re making history with the company. I feel another level of motivation along with incorporating my team. We want to take our investment to the next level and I want to ensure that DGS will always remain at the top.”

K’s team has seen significant growth over the past few years and subsequently has renamed and identified themselves as the Information Systems Management Team. This change resulted from managing and assisting with other systems such as Pictometry, GIS, and FMS along with integrating other systems that are connected to the main facilities database.



**Thank you, Earl Williams**

After 35 years of service to the City of Baltimore, Earl holds the same positive attitude and good spirited demeanor as when he began as a painter in the Maintenance shop at Back River in 1981. He worked here under Department of Public Works until his transfer to the Bureau of General Services in 1987 in which has been with DGS ever since.

Earl will focus on a business venture and mentoring youth in the trades during his retirement. Earl and his wife Thomasa also enjoy traveling and seeing new places. They plan to do some traveling during this time.

Earl’s cheerful positivity will be sorely missed here at DGS. Thank you for your service Earl!

**Congratulations Bob Gibson**



Robert “Bob” Gibson was an Honorable Mention for the Baltimore City 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Richard A. Lidinsky, Sr. Award for Excellence in Public Service! A well-deserved honor.

This award is given for excellence in public service. Of the 11 nominees, Mr. Gibson was one of two honorable mentions in which he gave remarks alongside City Council President Young, Comptroller Pratt, and Chief of Operations for the Mayor’s office, Peter Hammen.

**DID YOU KNOW...**



DGS owns the first purpose built museum in the western hemisphere? The Peale Museum is across the street from the Abel Wolman building and was built in 1814 by the Peale family of artists. It was the first city hall and the first public school in Maryland open to African American students. It was an active museum up until 1997. Now, DGS has partnered with a private non-profit called “The Peale Center” to restore and reopen the building for the public.

Phase 1 of the restoration is underway and includes the roof replacement, chimney repair, masonry restoration, gutters, and downspouts. The next priority will be to repair and preserve the windows and exterior woodwork. This is to be followed by the interior renovations including the addition of an elevator, new restrooms, new mechanical, electrical, and plumbing systems, a small kitchen, plaster and paint repair. All proposed work complies with historic preservation standards. A big thank-you goes to everyone in the Capital Projects and Facilities Maintenance Divisions who have helped with this project.

Once open, the building will host a series of engaging programs to re-invent the concept of the museum for the 21st century. Throughout the year there will be rotating exhibits featuring local artists, storytellers, musicians, and performers. Check out: <http://www.thepealecenter.org/>.



William Johns competing at the World Masters Games in Auckland, New Zealand

**DGS Honored at Outcome Budgeting Ceremony**



**DGS New Hires and Retirees**

Employee	Title
<b>New Hires</b>	
Armahn Harris	Automotive Mechanic
Stefan Walker	Special Assistant to COS
Tanika Poke	Office Support Specialist II
<b>Retirees</b>	
Connie Wilkerson	
Earl Williams	
Robert Redhead	

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**REMINDER: Changed address? New number?**

Have you changed your address, obtained a new phone number, recently added a new member to the family? If so, please see your Human Resources Office about documents to update your new status.