

The Building Buzz is a monthly bulletin intended to highlight key happenings at the NSSC. For up-to-date information, check out the NSSC Employee Homepage at internal.nssc.nasa.gov. Submit your department milestones to NSSC-CUST-SAT-and-COMM@nasa.gov.

NSSC Attends Annual Drug and Alcohol Testing Conference

On May 22, members of NASA's drug testing team from the NASA Shared Services Center (NSSC) and the Office of Human Capital Management (OHCM) attended the 2018 Drug and Alcohol Testing Industry Association (DATIA) annual conference in New Orleans, Louisiana.

The DATIA conference featured influential speakers from the drug and alcohol testing industry as well as government representatives presenting the latest information on regulatory affairs, ethics, and safety and business practices critical to an organization's drug testing program. Some of the conference highlights were provided by the Department of Health and Human Services and the U.S. Department of Transportation, along with networking opportunities from other organizations in attendance.

Key topics discussed included the added opioid panel and the impending approval of alternative mediums of collection (i.e., oral fluid and hair); along with information regarding Federally-regulated transportation industry modalities with program managers from each mode. Other networking discussions included how to process valid prescriptions in conjunction with the Medical Review Officer-issued safety concerns and revisions to mandatory guidelines.

The NASA team gained a greater understanding of the role of the Employee Assistance Program, and the Substance Abuse Professional Program in the return-to-duty process. Although these programs are not required for Federal testing, the information presented offered an opportunity for conference participants to understand how to improve standardization of processes across the Agency. The theme of the event was "DATIA 2018 – Big Ideas in the Big Easy."



Pictured in the photo from left to right; NSSC's Drug Free Work Program (DFWP) Team - Tashundra Bryant, Subject Matter Expert, Chevis Hughes, Subject Matter Expert, Howell Carter, Drug Free Work Program Oversight, and Scott Howell DFWP Program Manager from OHCM with AI, Scott's working dog.

NSSC Signs First HBCU/MI Mentor Protégé Agreement

On May 31, Jackson State University (JSU) and Enterprise Services, LLC (ES) signed a Historically Black Colleges & Universities/Minority Institution (HBCU/MI) Mentor-Protégé Agreement.

The nine-month agreement marks the first mentor-protégé agreement to be developed with an NSSC prime contractor and HBCU/MI. ES will provide JSU mentorship and training in both technical and business areas.

From a business development perspective, the Mentor Protégé program between ES and JSU will help develop skills sets and capabilities in support of the NASA Agency Consolidated End-User Services (ACES) contract. ES and JSU will help develop both program management and technical capabilities that support the scope of work within the ACES program. This includes providing training to develop experienced technical program managers, as well as providing training and resources to develop a software testing capability in support of large-scale software development and integration efforts. Enterprise Services will provide consulting assistance to support the build-out of the JSU Automated Testing Center Lab as well.

Speakers at the event included Dr. William Bynum Jr, JSU President, Dr. Joseph a. Whittaker, Associate Provost, JSU, Matt Welsh, Account General Manager, Enterprise Services, LLC, Tabisa Taliwaku Kalisa, NASA Office of Small Business Program Manager, Troy E. Miller, NSSC Small Business Specialist.



Sitting left to right: Dr. Joseph A. Whittaker, Associate Provost JSU, Tabisa Taliwaku Kalisa, NASA OSBP Mentor Protégé Program Manager, Matt Welsh, Vice President of Space and Science, Enterprise Services, LLC, Troy E. Miller, NSSC Small Business Specialist.

NCCIPS Names New Program Director

The NASA Shared Services Center is pleased to announce that, effective June 4, 2018, Mr. Robert (Bob) Poncet will assume a new role as the NCCIPS Program Director to provide leadership and guidance for NCCIPS operations. Mr. Poncet's management experience, budget management expertise, and IT background provide a unique set of qualifications to effectively lead NCCIPS operations in support of customer requirements. This change will allow Ms. Pam Wolfe to effectively lead the new Intelligent Automation Services activity along with her other responsibilities as the Chief of Enterprise Services within the NASA Shared Services Center. Ms. Wolfe has done an outstanding job over the last few years leading NCCIPS operations. Mr. Keith Cognevich will continue as the NCCIPS Data Center Manager under the leadership of the NCCIPS Program Director.

Arrington Receives Silver Snoopy

Congratulations to Ms. Sheila Arrington, lead accountant for the NSSC FM Services Division for receiving the prestigious Space Flight Awareness (SFA) Silver Snoopy award June 26. Sheila significantly contributed to the success of the Agency by fully supporting the implementation and transition of Extended Temporary Duty Travel to the NSSC. Her citation reads:

For outstanding leadership, technical expertise, dedication and performance of Human Exploration and Operations executing process, system, and reporting changes for the Agency Extended Temporary Duty Travel implementation processing at the NSSC Travel Office Transition Lead, Financial Management Division, Service Delivery Directorate.

Congratulations, Sheila, on a job well done.



Thank you to all who took part in the NSSC's Remote Access Exercise on June 21st. The purpose of the Remote Access Exercise was to test the functionality and performance of the NSSC VPN. A high level of participation yielded an abundance of helpful information that is still being reviewed. It's good to know the NSSC can stay connected!



It's Cook Out Season!

We asked some folks at the NSSC what their favorite cook out food was... Here's what they said!

- Foie Gras - Charlie Kilgore
- Grape Salad - Ellen Clark
- Boiled Crawfish or Grilled Steak - Barbara Harriel
- Hamburgers - Renee Hellmers and Pam Wolfe
- Hot dogs - Mark Solomon
- Cold fruit, baked beans, potato salad and any grilled meat - Stacey Goodloe
- Lamb Chops - Nicole Kelsch
- Steak - Mike Vicory
- Fresh fruit salad or classic baked beans - Brittany Buckley

