

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 Celebrates 12th Anniversary

On Thursday, March 1, 2018, the NSSC celebrated its 12th Anniversary. The celebration included a free meal for employees, remarks by Acting Executive Director, Anita Harrell, group photo, photo booth and door prizes. Photo collages were placed around the lobby during the event highlighting employees, events and memories of the last 12 years at the NSSC. The photos below highlight our NSSC Charter Members (right,) those working here since inception, as well as a group photo from the event (left.)



NSSC P-Card Transition Complete

The NSSC Purchase Card (P-Card) Transition Team recently celebrated a major milestone when ARC transitioned their P-Card Program to the NSSC on February 1st. This was the final Center to transition, resulting in the completion of Center Purchase Card Programs to the NSSC. A "We Nailed It" themed party was hosted where the team shared pizzas and cake, and reflected upon some of the highlights and major events they encountered over the last year and a half. The transition team completed detailed project tasks for each Center to ensure smooth transitions were made.

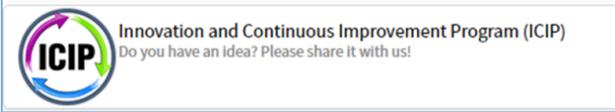
Now that all Centers have transitioned, the NSSC P-Card Team is focused on stabilization in an effort to standardize as many processes as possible, streamline procedures, and establish a plan to ensure that all reports, audits and internal reviews are completed timely. Reaching a solid stabilization period will require the team to identify all customer requirements across the P-Card community and to coordinate with Center subject matter experts for areas such as property, finance, flight hardware, and quality assurance, to name a few. Stabilization will also enable the P-Card Team to continue providing excellent customer service to the nearly 1,900 purchase cardholders and 892 approving officials across the Agency.

The Purchase Card Transition began in August 2016 and was achieved, Center by Center, in five phases.

Congratulations on a job well done!



From Left to Right: Star Mitchell, Ashley Guy, Sherry Thomas, Terri Harrison, Cathy Dore, Jim Caldwell, Wendy Herty, Suzanne Honeycutt, Ken Newton, Helen "Dodie" Bullock, Bobbie Young, Rhonda Newell, Chris Canary, Maria Etheridge, and Diane Fulton.



Innovation and Continuous Improvement (ICIP) Tool

Don't Let Your Ingenuity Go to Waste-Use the New Innovation and Continuous Improvement (ICIP) Tool to Submit Your Idea Today

The NSSC has always embodied a culture that values continuous improvement. Now, a new tool in Service Now allows any NSSC employee to submit an idea for an improvement or innovation to an NSSC process, function or service. Once submitted, appropriate NSSC Subject Matter Experts will review all ideas.

Submission is simple. You can even submit an idea on behalf of someone else! Just go to the Service Catalog in ServiceNow and look for the ICIP Logo. Once inside the [ICIP Idea Submission Tool](#), you will complete fields explaining the details of your idea. As the submitter, you will receive an ICIP Idea Number to check the progress and disposition of your idea at your convenience. To learn more about the ICIP process or the tool, visit the [ICIP Website](#). Refining our processes and reinventing the status quo is a big part of what makes our organization a success and will pave the way for years to come. If you have ever thought to yourself, "There has to be a way this can be done: easier, faster, simpler, more reliably, or automatically." You were on the track to process improvement. Finish that thought!

Your ideas will be the pillars of our future. Don't be shy, submit them today.

Employee Spotlight

Making a Difference in the Lives of Our Youth

Eli Ouder, Simplified Acquisitions Branch Chief, is the founder and Director of Mississippi Prospects—an organization committed to youth athletes across the state of Mississippi. The vision of Mississippi Prospects is **CONNECTING TOMORROW'S ATHLETES TODAY** and the mission is to bring together youth players, coaches and families to form a network of relationships with the purpose to grow and develop the next generation of great football talent right here within the boundaries of Mississippi. The group is driven to provide all players with an opportunity to showcase their talent and potential at the highest level of competition with other players in their individual age group. Mississippi Prospects is uniquely positioned to scour the entire state to locate the best of the best and reward these young players with an opportunity to be an All State candidate.

For the past two years Ouder has used a specific platform for achieving his vision and mission—the Mississippi Prospects All State Gridiron Classic. The All State tackle football games feature top youth football players in grades 3-9 from across the entire state of Mississippi. Games are played at the University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg on December 30th and 31st and have given fans an exciting and competitive show between some of Mississippi's top elite football players. Furthermore, the game provides a positive environment for all who participate and allows players, coaches, and families to experience the excitement and camaraderie surrounding an All State Football event.

When he put together Mississippi Prospects, Eli couldn't help but to think about some of the all-time greats. The state of Mississippi has a long standing history of producing some of the top athletes to ever play the game of football. To name a few, all-pro players Jerry Rice, Brett Favre, Walter Payton, Steve McNair, Deuce McAllister and Archie Manning all graced the sidelines on football fields across the state in route to successful careers in the National Football League. Those iconic athletes and many others who reached football stardom began playing football in youth recreational leagues in their respective hometowns. As a lifelong resident, player and coach, Eli know first-hand how rich football tradition and talent is in our state. To that standpoint, the Mississippi Prospects All State Gridiron Classic is yet another venue to put a stamp on the season each year and showcase the next great slate of Mississippi football players, some with potential like those mentioned above.

In the first year, Mississippi Prospects had 383 participants; the second year saw an increase to 491. The group is excited to see what the third year brings as planning efforts are already underway.

To learn more, visit www.msprospects.com.



Achievers of the Quarter

Pictured L to R:

- Tony Lisotta, CCSRA Program Manager
- Jim Connor, NCCIPS Program Manager
- Jason Perino, NCCIPS
- Karen Hill, FM Services Division
- Sharon Beard, HR Services Division
- Employee of the Quarter
- Katie Genna, Enterprise Service Center
- Alicia Bartee, FM Services Division
- Tammy Stafford, Support Operations Directorate
- Anita Harrell, Acting Operations Director

Congratulations!



Employee of the Year

Latonia Kirksey

"Latonia is an invaluable resource to both NASA and its contractors, and there are few areas in the Human Resources function where she has not left a mark. She is an asset to the NSSC and to NASA and has been a value-added resource to every project. She has increased the quality of services that the NSSC can deliver."



NSSC Spring Interns

Alexander Hernandez (left) and Brittany McLaurin (right) are currently interning in the NSSC Human Resources Division. Hernandez and McLaurin are both students at Pearl River Community College.

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