We are entering an exciting time for VCU and PPD with the recently adopted Quest for Distinction, VCU’s update to its strategic plan. Over the course of the next few months we will be exploring how we fit into and help VCU meet the vision described in Quest. While Work Hard, Work Smart, Work Safe and Have Fun are forever enduring, there are specific guiding principles that we need to embrace to help VCU achieve the vision of Quest. For each of the Themes from Quest, listed below, we will create PPD metrics, benchmarks or goals that we help VCU achieve success in each area. University support organizations like PPD can lose sight of the real extent of our contribution to the university strategic plan. My hope is that by focusing on some select metrics, benchmarks and goals for each area we will understand our impact and of course see VCU move forward in its Quest for Distinction.

Theme I: Become a leader among national research universities in providing all students with high quality learning/living experiences focused on inquiry, discovery, and innovation in a global environment

Theme II: Attain preeminence as an urban, public research university by making contributions in research, scholarship, creative expression, and clinical practice to advance knowledge and enhance the quality of life

Theme III: Achieve national recognition as a fully-integrated research university with a commitment to human health.

Theme IV: Become a national model for community engagement and regional impact.

PPD Weathered the Hurricane.....

Hurricane Irene hit Richmond hard and caused more than 1 million people to be without power. Irene closed roads, knocked down trees and caused flash flooding all over Richmond and throughout Virginia. All though we had some communication difficulties, the Designated PPD Employees on site for the storm did an outstanding job.

We also give praise to the employees that have worked hard to clean up from the aftermath.
Virginia Commonwealth University's Physical Plant Administration Building has earned the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's ENERGY STAR certification, which signifies that the building performs in the top 25 percent of similar facilities nationwide for energy efficiency and meets strict energy efficiency performance levels set by the EPA.

"VCU is pleased to accept EPA's ENERGY STAR certification in recognition of our energy efficiency efforts," said Ed Bennett, executive director of the Physical Plant. "Through this achievement, we have demonstrated our commitment to environmental stewardship while also lowering our energy costs."

Commercial buildings that earn EPA's ENERGY STAR certification use an average of 35 percent less energy than typical buildings and release 35 percent less carbon dioxide into the atmosphere.

Since the building was built in 2008, the Office of Energy Management has worked to reduce its energy consumption, and to make it an example to the rest of the university. Improvements include converting from standard fluorescent lighting to LED lights, replacing individual printers with a central copier/printer and adding motion sensors to the office lighting.

EPA's ENERGY STAR energy performance scale helps organizations assess how efficiently their buildings use energy relative to similar buildings nationwide. A building that scores a 75 or higher on EPA's 1-100 scale may be eligible for ENERGY STAR certification.

For more information about energy management at VCU, go to http://www.energy.vcu.edu.
Welcome all new PPD Employees! Thanks to the Retirees for their years of Service!

Sylvia Britt
Carolyn Guss
David Quinn
Trae Harris
Steve Davidson
Gary Coffey
Cassandra Taylor
Melissa Parrish
Frank Gary
Alicia Styles
Jenna Evers
Alcovis Williams
Beverly Beaver
Benita Price
James Farina
Claudia Mangum
Jeff Grimm
Pat Dillon
Joseph Gibson
Sary Seng
Paul Johnson
Russell Harrington
Jose Santory
Michael Mayhew
John Pound
Joseph Landry
Jordan Starbuck
Rachel Elves

Extraordinary Achievement Awards

Recognition Awards

Robert Huckstep
Michael Risley
John DeVincenzi
Joseph Ellis
Alvin Bower
Bruce Cecil
Jose Bonet
Clifton Williams
Gary Agnew
David Cobb
David Melling

Outstanding Achievement

Spot Awards

Alonzo Robertson
Richard Smith
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<td><strong>Ed,</strong></td>
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<td>I have been meaning to email this &quot;thanks&quot; to you for about two weeks now!</td>
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<td>I wanted to thank whomever had the foresight before Hurricane Irene to bring sandbags for the CDC backdoor. We very much appreciate the fact that you remembered that this old building floods easily. It made coming back to work on Monday that much easier, knowing (or assuming) that we did not have to mop anything up or redirect families.</td>
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<td>Again, thank you for being so proactive.</td>
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<td>Sincerely, Muriel (Re: Zone 200)</td>
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<td>Thanks again for taking care of the air conditioning at our shop. Vince and Jeff are always professional in handling difficult maintenance tasks. That A/C unit has been one of those tasks. Their expert diagnosis and diligence in completing the job helps make this unbearable summer easier to deal with.</td>
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<td>Greg Hall (Re: Zone 500)</td>
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<td>Bev. I would like to commend you and your staff on your quick response and resolution of our work order. Thanks again for your help. Mike.</td>
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<td>(Re: Zone 300)</td>
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<td>Dear Mr. Ware &amp; VCU-</td>
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<td>Thank you for the recent donation of desks, tables and shelves. These items will greatly improve our instructional environment and appearance of our classrooms. The items were greatly needed and King and Queen Central High School is searching for ways to improve its appearance and these items will assist with our very low capital outlay allocation.</td>
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<td>If there are any other furniture items in the future that you wish to assist the public schools with, King and Queen county would like to be notified. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (804) 785-6102 or at <a href="mailto:bdavis@kqps.net">bdavis@kqps.net</a>.</td>
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<td>Sincerely,</td>
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<tr>
<td>Bernard S. David III</td>
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<td>Principal– King &amp; Queen High School</td>
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