

## Happy Retirement, Chief Roberts!

Thirty-seven years after arriving at WVU, Bob Roberts is retiring.

Roberts was 23 years old when he came to WVU to work with ROTC, and eventually joined the “Department of Public Safety” in March 1985. Things were a lot different then. The department operated out of a small house on the Evansdale campus, lacked equipment, and officers received no specialized training. After being named the first Chief of Police in January 1990, he oversaw the creation of a professional department with proper equipment, officer training from the State Police Academy, and their own department building.

Roberts’ leadership and direction has brought very positive recognition to the department. Just last year it was ranked 13th in the Security 500 Benchmarking Survey and WVU was ranked among the safest college campuses according to the National Council for Home Safety and Security. In April 2018, Roberts was recognized as National Chief of the Year by the National Association of Campus Safety Administrators.

His drive and commitment to the University’s safety and success has inspired many and



his wealth of knowledge about the community has been a great asset to the Facilities & Services team.

The Nuts & Bolts committee congratulates Chief Roberts on an outstanding career and wishes him much happiness in his new role of retiree!

A retirement celebration is planned for Wednesday, June 27th, 2:00-4:30, at the Erickson Alumni Center. Please RSVP to [universityevents@mail.wvu.edu](mailto:universityevents@mail.wvu.edu).

## To Those Who Follow After...

As we move through life, we have many opportunities to select different paths. These paths can be the direction of our personal lives as well as our careers. During my career, I have often heard the story of "THEY". "They" did this or "they" did that, which created their station in life, but often it was a personal choice of direction or an attitude. By choosing the path of "THEY", we surrender our control over our trip's direction. "THEY" will not decide your final destination, but your attitude along your trip will. Success comes in cans and failure comes in can't! You must take ownership of your journey in life.

It is for each employee in Facilities and Services to select their own path to success and not lose their future along the path of "THEY". This division and university offer many paths to explore and each has its challenges and benefits. It is every employee's responsibility to prepare for their own trip. If you want to be the best, then prepare! Learning is living and you should not blame "THEM" for not preparing you. It is your responsibility to take every opportunity to learn. Be powerful, not powerless over your life and career paths. Your journey to success begins with you taking ownership of your compass.

When you choose your path, follow it with passion and purpose. Seek others who have travelled the path before you and learn the right routes to take. Take advantage to learn from every guide along the way. For those that you meet who have taken the wrong path or offer you bad directions, just stay true to your path. You must take ownership of your life and trip. If along the way, you find your passion, then follow it and you will find your destination. Success!

After 33 years of not only following my path, but leading others down it with me, it is time for me to take a new fork in the road. To those who joined me along my trip and continue the journey, it is my sincere hope that I have left a clear map for your journey to success.

As I start my new path, I pray, that each of you can find your passion in work and life. Once you find that passion, life can be a fun-filled and rewarding journey. All my best on your trip to success!

It has been my distinct honor to have worked with many of you and to have served you all. I thank you for your trust and support over the years.

Now off along the path of retirement!

Chief Bob Roberts



# PRT Retirements: A New Beginning

By Phoenicia Keffer

In the 1970's, Boeing began work on developing West Virginia University's iconic PRT system. During this time, John Jeffrey and Robert DeWitt were hired by WVU to oversee various aspects of the system.

With 40 years of service as Engineering Manager for the PRT, John Jeffrey recently retired effective June 1st. Jeffrey began his career in 1977 and was able to witness the growth and expansion of the system as it grew with each phased development.

Robert DeWitt, a Fairmont State College graduate, was hired in 1979. With 39 years of experience as Operations Manager, he will be retiring effective July 6th. "Phase 2 of the system had just been completed around the time I started here", DeWitt said. This phase included tracks from engineering to towers to medical station.

Now that a new era has begun with modernization efforts underway to the PRT system, DeWitt sees this as a new beginning of sorts for him as well. Retirement for him and his wife Kathy includes lots of traveling. His wife just recently retired and they love to go to Mexico. Their favorite place is Catalonia Royal Tulum in Mexico. "I'm looking forward to doing some camping along with my travels", DeWitt said.

We wish our retirees the best and thank them for the dedicated years of service to WVU!



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## Arnold Hall & Apartments Auction

During the spring semester, WVU's surplus team initiated a building-wide auction with Joe R. Pyle Auction Services. Since the former residence hall was fully furnished with dormitory style furniture and a dining hall complete with kitchen appliances that all needed to be removed, a massive public online bidding auction was created. The sale was a big success as it diverted 77 tons of good usable items from landfill! The surplus team is continuing to improve the surplus process so that more items become reusable rather than thrown away. If you should have a surplus request, please click [here](#) to begin the process.

Surplus Team Members: Darren Brubacher • Traci Knabenshue • Brian Root  
Greg Rose • Stephanie Toothman

This past May marked the 14<sup>th</sup> annual Blue & Gold Mine Sale which raised almost \$13,000 for our fall WVU United Way Campaign! From Sustainability, to Roads & Grounds, to Facilities Management, and University Police Department, everyone's tremendous effort helped to make this event a success!



# Get to Know New Police Chief, W.P. Chedester!

UPD's Lindsay Bailie recently interviewed WVU's new Chief so readers can learn more about him:

## How long have you been with UPD and what different positions have you held?

I have been with UPD for 16 years. I was a patrolman, midnight shift Sergeant, afternoon shift Lieutenant, dayshift Lieutenant, night operations Captain, Support Services Captain and then Operations Captain. I served as the Interim Chief and was then promoted to Major and most recently promoted to Chief of Police.

## Where did you grow up? Where did you go to school?

I grew up right outside of Morgantown near Mount Morris, PA. I went to University High School and attended Fairmont State and WVU.

## When you are not at work – what hobbies and interests do you have?

I enjoy outdoor activities like hunting and fishing. I also like to golf, read, and do woodworking.

## Why did you choose this profession?

Law Enforcement was in my family. I had a great uncle that was Assistant Director at UPD and another uncle who retired from UPD.

## If you didn't choose law enforcement – what career do you think you would have had?



I would have joined the military and been in the Airforce.

## If you could eat only one food for the rest of your life – what would it be?

Steak

## If you could visit anywhere in the world – where would you go?

Rome, Italy

## What are looking forward to the most during your 1<sup>st</sup> year as Chief?

I am looking forward to a productive and safe year for the entire WVU Community.

## Facilities Planning Projects

- Student Conduct & Center for Service and Learning to be relocating to a renovated 660 N High St. building
- iDesign will be moving their department from Hodges Hall to Admissions & Records
- Arnold RFL will become the new home for the Collegiate Recovery Program
- The Electrical Engineering program will have an improved space for their Power Labs in ERB
- ROTC will be vacating Stansbury Hall to their new location at ERC RFL Townhouses A-D

## Congratulations!

Scheduler Marcus Bradley  
married Brittany Matheny on  
May 11, 2018.



Kent Hastings, PRT, welcomed  
grandson Coleton on March 7, 2018.  
Also pictured: Kent's dog, Henry



## Environmental Health & Safety Training Opportunities

**July Topics Include:**

**Hazardous Waste, Spill Notification &  
Response, Hazard Communication,  
Asbestos Awareness**

To register for all 2018 EHS training  
sessions, click below link and click on  
“2018 Training Registration Details and  
Forms” to select the session on the day  
and time that is most convenient for you  
[https://www.ehs.wvu.edu/training/  
calendars](https://www.ehs.wvu.edu/training/calendars).

For questions, please contact  
**Shayna Boyles**, Lab Safety and  
Training Coordinator, at 304-293-5784  
or [shayna.boyles@mail.wvu.edu](mailto:shayna.boyles@mail.wvu.edu).

## Sounds of Summer

If you're looking for FREE fun this  
summer, be sure to check out  
BOPARC's *Sounds of Summer*  
*Entertainment Series* at following link:

[http://www.boparc.org/summer-  
events.html](http://www.boparc.org/summer-events.html)

Concerts, Movies & more!



**Coming soon!!!**

# 2018 FACILITIES AND SERVICES SUMMIT

Facilities Management • Transportation and Parking • Police  
Environmental Health & Safety • Real Estate • Sustainability  
Planning, Design, Construction and Scheduling

**Wednesday  
July 18**

**8:30am-10:30am  
11:30am-1:30pm  
7:30pm-9:30pm**

**@Student Rec Center**

- **Live Demos**
- **Guest Speaker**
- **Rec Center Activities**
- **Meal provided**
- **Multiple bus pick-ups:  
10-30 mins before each session at  
Mountainlair and Mountaineer Station**

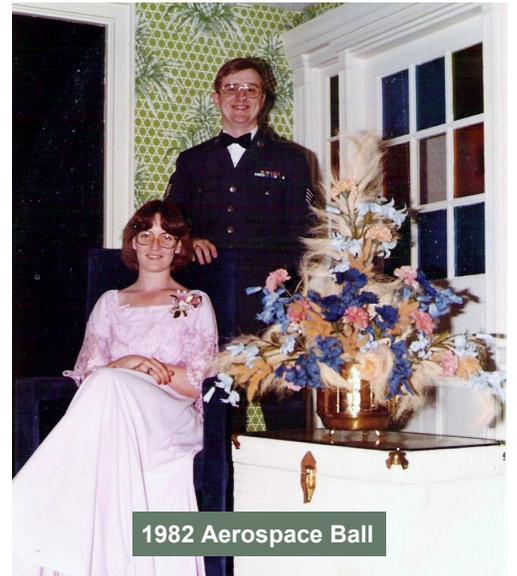


# Bob Roberts

*Through the  
Years*



Basic Training, U.S. Air Force



1982 Aerospace Ball



F & S Picnic



Daughter, Becky



Chief's Mother, Ruby



Adopt a Family



Son, Bobby



## Tree Campus Committee – Meet the team!

A group of facilities staff, faculty and students have formed a committee to pursue the Tree Campus USA designation. This is a program created by the national Arbor Day Foundation that requires the formation of a tree campus committee, a tree care plan, dedicated annual expenditures that allow for tree management, annual observance of Arbor Day and service opportunities that give students hands-on experience with tree projects. The goals for this committee are to preserve the natural assets of campus, increase safety in outdoor spaces, create pleasant outdoor experiences, and preserve the history and symbolic meaning of campus trees.

The committee's first success was to secure a state grant to fund a complete tree inventory of the downtown, Evansdale, and Health Sciences campuses. This inventory was recently completed and it included identifying each type of tree by species and its location on campus, measuring the diameter of each tree and recording its health (and risks if any), and making recommendations for overall campus care which will be used for maintenance and future funding requests (grants).

### Committee members include:

- ◆ [Jonathan Cumming](#), Professor of Biology, [Eberly College of Arts and Sciences](#)
- ◆ [Greg Dahle](#), Associate Professor of Forest Resource Management, [Davis College of Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Design](#)
- ◆ [Keith Lawrence](#), Assistant Vice President for [Facilities Management](#)
- ◆ [Byron Smith](#), Director of Roads and Grounds, [Facilities Management](#)
- ◆ James Mirage, Assistant Director of Roads and Grounds, [Facilities Management](#)
- ◆ Ed Mason, Assistant Director of Roads and Grounds, [Facilities Management](#)
- ◆ [Traci Knabenshue](#), Director of Sustainability, [Facilities and Services](#)
- ◆ [Stephanie Toothman](#), Conservation Specialist, [Facilities and Services](#)
- ◆ [Brian Lemme](#), Stormwater Specialist, [Environmental Health and Safety](#)
- ◆ Liza Rigucci, Project Engineer, [Planning, Design, Construction, and Scheduling](#)
- ◆ [Zach Fowler](#), Clinical Assistant Professor of Biology and Director of the [WVU Core Arboretum](#)
- ◆ David Blades, Student majoring in Forest Resources Management
- ◆ George Longenecker, Community Member Representative and past Director of the West Virginia Botanic Garden
- ◆ Dan Brown, former Arborist at WVU and Morgantown Tree Board member



**Great job to all the F & S teams who contributed to a successful Commencement weekend!**



**John Thompson**

1 month ago

Sent an eCard to Edward Mason



This is a little late, but I was driving through Campus last week and noticed how beautiful the grounds and landscaping looked. You and your team always make the campus shine for commencement! Road and Grounds is one of the hardest working groups at WVU! Great job!

**Lisa Martin**

1 month ago

Sent an eCard to Lonnie Foley



Lonnie, Thank you for working the long days during Commencement and especially the days leading up to the weekend and beyond putting things back where they belong. I appreciate you! Lisa

Applaud | Comment

**Be sure to check out all the great comments on the [GoBeyond.wvu.edu](http://GoBeyond.wvu.edu) Recognition Wall!**

**Nuts & Bolts Committee Members:**

**Lindsay Bailie  
Amee Blake  
Shayna Boyles**

**Corissa Greer  
Keith Lawrence  
Marcie Milans (Chair)**

**Shannon Mundell  
John Principe  
Keith Pyles**

**Stephanie Toothman  
Maria Witt**



**Mya, Nancy Smith,  
Operations**



**Midnight, Meredith Morris,  
Scheduling**



**Lucy and Mia  
Randy Hudak, Senior A.V.P.**



**Bella, Mia, and  
Lucy  
Tracy Casteel, FM,  
Admin. Support Svcs.**



**Rueger, Val Pratt,  
Transportation**



**Ashley, Mike Joplin  
Operations**



**Skylar, Tikka, Linux, Stephanie Toothman, Sustainability**



**Take Your Child to  
Work Day 2018!**

