



# JACKSON HOLE AIRPORT STAFF UPDATE

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## Picture of the Month



Submit your photo entries to Kevin Dunnigan each month with a short description to be considered for Picture of the Month.

## Employee of the Month



For the month of February, the Airport Board recognized the Airport's Seasonal Staff collectively as the Employee(s) of the Month. Everyone involved in snow removal, seasonal staff in the terminal such as hosts, and each important member of the Airport's day to day operations. From continuing to work through a pandemic, picking up additional shifts, to taking on new and challenging tasks, all of our seasonal workers are vital to the Airport's success. Thank you for all of your hard work!



The March Employee(s) of the Month are the Airport's Year-Round Staff. With such a challenging year, everyone has stepped up to the moment. Many have taken on roles and tasks that are outside their normal duties. The Transportation Security Officers have excelled during the Security Checkpoint construction project. Their patience, flexibility, and focus on safety has reduced the stress on our guests. Everyone in Operations, Maintenance, Administration, and Security have all played a valuable role. Thank you and congratulations!



## Welcome New Staff Members



Apinya Wright, Accounting Assistant, is originally from Bangkok, Thailand. She has Bachelor's and Master's degrees in economics. She worked for American Express (Thai) as an Accountant. In June of 2021, she moved to Zebulon, NC where she worked for GFL Environmental as a Staff Accountant. Previously, Apinya worked for the Grand Teton Lodge for 3 years along with her husband, Michael. Wanting to return to the area they love, they just recently moved back to Jackson to live and work. Apinya was excited when she got the opportunity to work at the JH Airport!



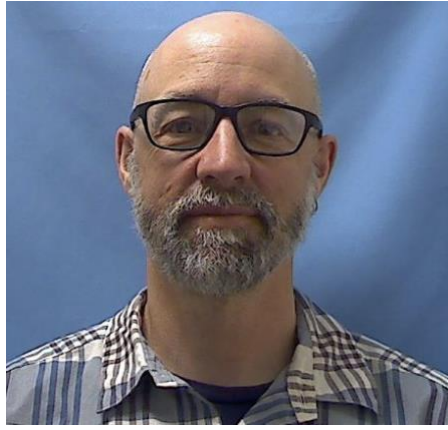
Gina Van Slyke, Office Administrator, graduated from the University of North Dakota with an Airport Management degree and also earned her C.M. Prior to joining the JAC team, she worked for leading Aerospace OEMs and Legacy 121s. In her free time, she enjoys running and hanging out with her pug Miley.



Bridget Bottomley, Transportation Security Officer, is originally from San Diego, CA and moved to Jackson ten years ago. Most recently, she has worked part time for the JHAB as the Mask Advisory Representative. Bridget enjoys outdoor activities and travel. She remains dedicated to serving the community through volunteer opportunities. She is excited to begin this new career as a TSO for the airport.



Nicole Smith, Transportation Security Officer, is originally from Arizona. In college, she was a cheerleader, pole vaulter, pentathlete, and loved engaging with the student body. After graduating with a degree in Wellness and Health at Graceland University in Iowa, she began an 18-year career in Personal Fitness Training in addition to her own training business. Nicole also danced for 3 seasons on the Arizona Cardinals Cheerleaders team. Nicole recently moved to Alpine, WY with her 7-year old son, Brody, after reconnecting with and marrying her college sweetheart. She's excited about this new opportunity and working for a great company!



Tim Martel, Transportation Security Officer, is originally from NH and graduated college in ME. He has lived in Moose for nearly three years with his wife and two daughters. He has worked as a Rock/Ice Climbing and Mountaineering Guide, a Wildland Firefighter, in Helicopter Fire/Rescue Operations and in Habitat Restoration throughout the US and South America. The past few years have been spent performing the duties of a stay-at-home dad with a brief stint as a University Teacher. On days off he can be found corralling kids and/or running around in the backcountry.



## Community Outreach



Stay in the know and help spread the word using the website's Projects landing page. This section of the site includes a variety of efforts that will help keep the public updated about the status of projects and reconstruction progress.

To view project information, please scan the QR code:



## GTNP Report



Over the next ten years, Grand Teton National Park will see at least 40 million visitors based on the four million visitors figure in 2021. Community stakeholders are asking what that might mean for this area and its resources. There is a lot of work to be done, including having important and difficult conversations, and banding together around organizational efforts to further understand this challenge and shape a positive future.

One of the notable community-led efforts taking place is a sustainable destination marketing plan. The Park Service supports this concept and encourages the Airport and its stakeholders to as well.

The Park recognizes the growing impact from air tours near the Park. There is a strong history of collaboration between the Park and the Airport around gathering data and information, and trying to fully understand issues, potential outcomes, and how to mitigate impacts on the Park.



## Alex Clark Awarded Outstanding Fireground Performer



In February, the Outstanding Performers in the Firefighter 1 Class of 2021 honored the Airport's Alex Clark as the Outstanding Fireground Performer.

The Outstanding Fireground Performer is chosen based on recommendations from instructors at the Academy. Several names were forwarded this year, but Alex Clark was the name brought up most frequently. Congratulations and great job!



## Capital Plan Update



The TSA checkpoint remodel is well underway and on schedule. The above picture was taken recently and shows the new beams that were installed. These beams will raise the checkpoint ceilings and will allow for modern security screening equipment as it becomes available. The checkpoint project is expected to be completed by June 27<sup>th</sup>.

April 11<sup>th</sup> is right around the corner and will kick off phase two of the runway reconstruction project, and both the restaurant and gate projects.

The last time the runway was fully reconstructed was in the 1970s. The asphalt runway has been rehabbed four times since it was originally constructed in the late 1970s and it is due for total reconstruction. Construction partners and JAC are committed to guaranteeing that this project is completed efficiently, with minimal impacts, and that it adheres to the highest environmental standards we can achieve on such a project. The project is expected to be completed by June 27<sup>th</sup>.

The restaurant area project will allow for additional space and updated seating and service areas. A full basement will be constructed under the new restaurant to allow for additional storage. The new design has taken into consideration the flow of foot traffic, ease of access, and efficiency. This project is expected to be completed by early December 2022. Interim food and beverage options will be available in a limited capacity, post-security, throughout the duration of this project.

The gate area adjacent to the restaurant will also be refurbished, adding additional boarding gates. Common use technology will be installed at the gates to allow for flexibility with space and airline operations. The pet relief area and mothers' room will be relocated and will remain in-service throughout the duration of the construction of the new restaurant and gate area.



## Annual Spring Clean Up & Beautification

From Monday, April 4<sup>th</sup> through Wednesday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, the Airport will be hosting its Annual Spring Clean Up & Beautification. If you fill up a bag with refuse or garbage, you will receive a gift card for lunch at a local establishment.

Upon arrival, sign-in and pick up necessary supplies and equipment in front of the Firehouse. If you would like some guidance on areas to clean-up please work with your employers or operations as they have been briefed on some requested areas of focus.



## Active Shooter Training

On April 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> a lot of the LEOs and Fire/EMS will be conducting EVO (Emergency Vehicle Operations) and active shooter training from 12:00 – 20:00. Please remain clear of the north basement during this time unless you are actively involved with the training

There will be an active shooter training closer to the Airport's reopen where additional staff can be involved, but not this instance.



## Employee Recognition

Taking advantage of professional development opportunities is encouraged. The following individuals not only successfully completed programs but excelled in doing so.

Congratulations to Jason Stewart, Alex Clark, Tyler Anderson for completion of their Firefighter 1 Training. Nice work to all three of you!

Esther Borja recently received her ACE Finance Certification. To do so, she had to study for and pass the certification test. Great job Esther!



## Closure Projects and Shirts

### Security Screening and Host Staff

During the Airport closure starting Monday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, staff participating in projects should plan to arrive at 7:30 am each morning ready to work. Upon arrival, please go to Hanger 1 to learn about the day's plan. Tasks may include manual labor and being outside, so please dress accordingly. If there is inclement weather, projects will likely take place indoors that day.

Any protective equipment or tools needed to complete tasks will be provided by the Airport. Some projects could include painting, working on our new parking lot fence, working on the sterile area seating, organizing spaces or just generally cleaning up the facility.

The Airport is planning on providing a short sleeve tshirt, a long sleeve tshirt, and a lightweight button-up shirt that you can wear while you're here working on projects. These are not required on the days you're working. The Airport may try to coordinate days where everyone wears matching shirts and will communicate accordingly.

Please do not hesitate to ask questions and alert supervisors if a situation arises.



## Food Truck During Closure

Jedediah's will have a food truck located on-site near the airport terminal offering breakfast, lunch and dinner (7 am – 6 pm) 7 days a week, during the 78-day closure.

New items will be added to the menu daily. If you have any special (reasonable) requests, please let Rhea know, and she will try to accommodate. You can also take advantage of the pre-purchased punch card option.