EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER

Pictured with KyuJung Whang are Dean Conklin and Robert Murray

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Recently at the Forest Home Garage there was a deep foundations engineering consultant performing an engineering study who required concrete samples for analysis. **Dean Conklin** had to core out samples from the concrete in the garage for analysis of the concrete walls. Large concrete pieces were cut out of the walls. Dean was assigned this job providing project support in addition to his already busy work load. Skillfully balancing his schedule, and constantly on location, he was always available when needed by the consultants.

Dean worked closely with our on-site engineering consultant. Meeting the ever changing needs of the project, the core machine often needed to be repositioned based on field conditions – for example when working around unknown embedded wide flange steel. The consultant was constantly changing their requests; Dean took the changes in stride and continued to have a positive attitude throughout the work.

He made sure things around him were protected from damage … like adjacent vehicles, the existing deck coating, and building finishes.

One day in particular Dean had started his day at 6AM and at 5:30PM he was still in the elevator pit working. That day, the engineer had a forensics sub-consultant at the garage from Massachusetts. He made sure we recovered all of the cores needed by the sub-consultant so he could travel back to Massachusetts that night. That evening at 5:30pm Dean was still working and hustling around the elevator pit as if it was first thing in the morning.

At the end of the field work, Dean had provided the consultant with over 21 concrete cores samples ranging in length from 5 inches to over 50 inches long.

Dean demonstrates teamwork by collaborating with his managers in the Zone, Facilities Engineering, College of Human Ecology Facilities, and with our consultant to support the project. His teamwork within his unit and with his colleagues enabled him to provide top notch support during the fieldwork. He coordinated with other mason assist for patching the core openings, and with our electricians when the lighting in the pit failed.

He demonstrated excellence by coordinating with the supply house in advance of our work to ensure we had the proper materials and tools. He helped special order a 36” long core bit and picked it up a week ahead of our scheduled work so there was no delay. Robert Murray, the project manager, complimented his integrity and commitment to this project. His work ethic speaks volumes to the pride he takes in his work.

**Congratulations Dean, FM Trades Assistant Contract Colleges**

**Nominated by: Robert Murray**