

Staff Employee of the Week

Hubert Walker Jr.

NAME: Hubert Walker, Jr.

JOB TITLE: Analytical Chemist

HOME DEPARTMENT: Crop and Soil Environmental Sciences

COLLEGE OR VP AREA: College of Agriculture and Life Sciences

NOMINATED FOR: President's Award for Excellence

NOMINATED BY: Dr. James McKenna

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SUMMARY

Hubert provides leadership in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences (CALs) lab safety efforts as the College's only nationally certified chemical hygiene officer. He oversees health and safety for 4 chemistry labs and provides leadership of health and safety activities within the Crop and Soil Environmental Sciences (CSES) department. Hubert supervises graduate students working in CSES laboratories, and he operates advanced analytical equipment that is essential to core departmental functions. He currently serves leadership roles that include CSES staff representative to faculty meetings; CSES representative to the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Staff Association (CALsFA); CALsFA representative to Staff Senate for four years; CALs Staff representative to the CALs Diversity Committee; member of CSES Social Committee; and member of the CSES Emergency Planning Committee since inception. He is exemplary in his job performance, provides exceptional leadership through communications with staff within his department, and has a positive influence on graduates through his competence and exceptional nature.