

## *Staff Employee of the Week*

### **Cortez Smith**

**NAME:** Cortez Smith

**JOB TITLE:** Evening and Weekend Operations Coordinator

**HOME DEPARTMENT:** Student Centers and Activities

**COLLEGE OR VP AREA:** Vice President for Student Affairs

**NOMINATED FOR:** Staff Leadership Award

#### **SUMMARY**

In his role as the evening and weekend coordinator for Student Centers and Activities, Cortez Smith oversees building operations, scheduled meeting room events, and is the primary point person after 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and on weekends.

For those who know the campus culture well, the majority of faculty and staff leave campus by 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Campus culture completely changes after 5pm and on weekends which is when the leadership and management of Cortez takes over and represents a strong leadership presence for a vital part of campus life with the numerous activities in Squires Center.

Passionate about this role, Smith is an exceptional critical thinker, providing leadership and decision making for numerous areas including major campus events, 20 simultaneous meetings, a busy recreation center, facility maintenance, custodial needs, and cash management, all while supervising student employees.

He excels with leadership communication, teamwork, resource management, planning, and most of all, a presence of control, integrity, and reliability for the campus community.

