Employee of the Quarter

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CHRIS DAVENPORT

Chris Davenport has assisted the Real Estate Department with project and construction management on several cell site projects, working closely with our cell site and communications team. Most recently, Chris managed a small, but complicated, project: replacement of the WVBR radio tower, operated by Cornell Media Guild (CMG) at the Baker Institute location since 1962. CMG is a non-profit student organization managed by Students. CMG initiated the process of replacing the aging tower in 2015. Chris’ involvement in the project began during the summer of 2016 and the new tower was erected at the end of August, 2017.

CMG’s mission is to provide students with a unique platform to explore their creativity, engage with the community and develop skills that will set them apart in the professional world. CMG places students at the helm of an established corporation allowing them to take risks, develop as leaders and solve problems. The student CMG General Managers worked directly with the Real Estate Department to negotiate terms of a new license agreement to replace the outdated agreement.

In addition to being an invaluable asset to the Real Estate Department by overseeing construction on the University’s behalf and acting as a liaison between the University’s and CMG’s contractors, Chris enhanced the students’ learning experience by working directly with the student General Managers of CMG. Chris assisted them in communications with the Town of Ithaca and helping them to fulfill the requirements to obtain a Building Permit from the Town. He went above and beyond to work with the students and guide them through a challenging and unfamiliar process. Not only did he diligently and successfully perform the duties as a construction manager for the University, he simultaneously took it upon himself to act as a mentor to the students.

Chris is accommodating, professional, and efficient. With his assistance, this project, as with others that he has managed, ran smoothly. He sees projects through to completion, keeping everyone informed.

Congratulations Chris!

Nominated by Sara Dean