EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER

Photo: Cornell University Grounds Department with Rick Burgess  

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While snow removal is a norm for the Grounds crews the winter of 2017 proved a bit more challenging than most. Two storms presented significant challenges and the crew responded with “It’s what we do and why we’re here.”

Storm Stella had significant amounts of snow and high winds. Many of the staff stayed at the Best Western, away from their families, so that they would be available to reach campus to remove the snow keeping the roadways and sidewalks safe for passage. For both storms it didn’t end when the snow ended; snow piles needed to be moved, sidewalks widened, curb lines cleared of snow and sight lines opened up. This takes days to achieve. Being at work as an “essential” employee is expected, staying at a hotel to be available for an emergency is not.

Congratulations TEAM!
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