The Keystone Award goes to R5 Operations and the Endowed Moving Crew, which, over the past three years, have accomplished a lot! Aside from managing the day-to-day functions of providing customer service to departments, community members, and not-for-profit organizations, the members of R5 Operations and the Endowed Moving Crew have tirelessly dedicated themselves to Facilities Management’s System for Trade and Auction of Cornell Surplus (STACS) Program.

STACS began as a result of coordinating efforts between R5 Operations and Cornell’s Council’s Office, the Office of Government and Community Relations, the Department of Risk Management, and the IPP Finance Department, among others. Over the past few years, the program has established a solid foundation, largely as a result of R5 Operations and the Endowed Moving Crew’s efforts, which include:

- planning building clean outs;
- collecting campus-wide waste;
- identifying important materials to salvage and items that can be repurposed;
- coordinating pickup of materials;
- managing auction of materials;
- delivering repurposed items to their new locations on campus; and
- tracking metrics.

The R5 Operations and Endowed Moving Crew team has:

- found “new homes” for over 4,900 items that were headed towards the waste stream;
- diverted 266 tons of material from waste streams to re-use;
- donated over $33,000-worth of materials to not-for-profit organizations including fire departments, police departments, grade schools, child welfare programs and more (including a museum or two);
- supported itself financially with over $54,000 in income while providing low-cost materials to faculty, students, staff, and members of local communities; and
- saved departments across campus from spending over $234,000 in purchasing new furniture and other office/work materials (and, on occasion, the team uncovered artwork for other campus partners to display).

It is the teamwork, dedication to the University, and sustainability mindset of R5 Operations and the Endowed Zone Moving Crew that make the STACS Program a daily success.

This team was nominated by Spring Buck. While discussing the nomination that Spring submitted, the Rewards and Recognition Committee arrived at a unanimous conclusion that this award should take into account the entire three-year history of the STACS Program and, therefore, should include Spring as one of the award recipients. Spring's efforts and dedication to initiating and establishing the STACS Program, as well as her continued support of the program, has been a key component and driving factor in the success of the program and this team.