EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER

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Steve led the development of the Environmental Impact Statement for the demolition of the old hospital and the construction of the new campus, masterfully guiding the process to a timely and cost-effective completion. He led a team securing a $860,000 grant from the State to support renewable energy in the creation of one of the most environmentally friendly and energy-efficient campuses in the world. Steve was the project manager for systems to create the all-electric academic center, and led the design teams for both the innovative geothermal well field and the solar panel canopy.

SECOND: Steve did all the technical and economic feasibility analysis for the Senior Leaders Climate Action Group’s “Options for Achieving a Carbon Neutral Campus by 2035 - Analysis of Solutions”. While most Universities would have hired a consultant, Steve evaluated options ranging from a small nuclear reactor to Earth Source Heat, and was the primary author of a winning grant. He helped advance Earth Source Heat as a potential carbon-free technology to heat the campus in the future.

Steve fearlessly takes on challenging projects, and learns and masters new technology to be applied in a new and innovative way. His relentless pursuit of excellence in his work helps Cornell fulfill its mission.

Congratulations Steve!

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