

SGA Recognizes Unsung Heroes

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The Student Government Association has partnered with Unsung Heroes in order to highlight often invisible staff workers on campus in facilities, dining and public safety.

We see these heroes on campus every day, but sometimes we don't recognize them for all they do to keep the university running. It's often easy to overlook these workers on campus, and through this partnership we hope to show our respect and admiration to these very people.

Unsung Heroes is an organization that was first started at Georgetown University in New York by Febin Bellamy. Bellamy created a relationship with custodian Oneil Batchelor just through one and then many conversations. This is when Bellamy decided to help Batchelor start up his own catering business by starting a GoFundMe.

The community responded very positively, and since then Batchelor has created a successful business. Just through communicating his goals and being listened to by a student, Batchelor found himself, with the help of the entire campus, to have the ability and funds to start his own business.

The mission of Unsung Heroes is "to shine a light on the workers whose contributions to campus life too often go unnoticed, and encourage students to look in unexpected places for people who can make a difference in their lives," and we hope to continue this initiative.

Here at Mount Mercy, we are hoping to highlight the staff that aren't recognized as often and share their stories with the community, and how these individuals have truly shaped the environment here at MMU.

Ultimately, we need your help as students. If you would like to join us in this cause, please email sga@mtmercy.edu, and we would love to work with you in making this a reality across campus. If you know of a staff member who deserves a spotlight, please go to unsungheroes.org/nominateahero. We hope that you will take the time to think about those around campus who deserve recognition, and who truly make Mount Mercy a better place.