Please join me in congratulating Kerri Anderson, Service Response Center coordinator, and Robert Fiorito, Custodial Services lead equipment mechanic, as the recipients of Facilities Management's 2017 Gaspar/Arzoomanian Outstanding Union Employee Award.

As we celebrate the award recipients and reflect back on the past 21 years, since the inception of the award program in 1997, some will recall the celebration when the award was first given and agree that the qualities possessed by the recipients, of this year's award, mirror those of the late Raul Gaspar and the late Lenny Arzoomanian, in whose honor the award was named. Raul, a retired plumber, and Lenny, a steamfitter, both worked at Brown for 27 years. They earned the honor of having the award named after them due to their outstanding job performance, commitment to exemplary service, and contributions to the University. The qualities that they demonstrated became the basis and criteria for the award, both Kerri and Bobby exemplify those qualities.

Kerri, a university employee since 2006, has been a mainstay in the Service Response Center for the past 10 and a half years, as a coordinator; and Bobby has been with the Custodial division for the past 31 years, the last 10 years as the lead equipment mechanic. This year, not only do they both share the honor of being recipients of the award, they both stood out to those who nominated them and to the selection committee for their values—professionalism, outstanding customer service, respect, and excellence.

The selection committee was chaired by Jack Wilcox, Facilities' Human Resources Manager. Jack was joined by Barbara Schulz, Head of Library Facilities & Building Safety; Paula Penelton, Assistant to the VP of Facilities; Steve Morin, Director of Environmental Health and Safety; Vicky Angell, Union Vice President and Chief Steward; Ann Hoffman, Director of Administration for Dining Services; Anthony Casello, Assistant Director of Project Management; and Deb Dunphy, Director of Facilities Services.

Congratulations to Kerri and Bobby and to all who were nominated.

Sincerely,

Michael Guglielmo, Jr.

Vice President for Facilities Management