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Faculty, staff spruce up campus for fall beautification

KOKOMO, Ind. — Indiana University Kokomo’s physical plant staff takes great pride in making sure the campus looks its best every day.

They were happy to have many extra hands to help at the recent fall campus beautification and decoration day. Campus offices competed to see who could create the most beautiful, and most creative autumn displays.

“We’re very happy everyone came out to help us keep the campus looking good,” said Mark Baker, physical plant staff member. “We want to make it a welcoming environment for everybody to enjoy. We couldn’t do this without you.”

Interim Chancellor Susan Sciame-Giesecke commended the physical plant staff, including Baker, Vivian Chase, Greg Shirley and Louis Wagner, for their work all year, and thanked volunteers for helping out for the beautification day.

“All of us are very proud of our campus, and we want to show it off even more,” she said.

At the east entrance to the Kelley Student Center, James Vincent, assistant director of student financial aid; and Becky Leffler, financial aid counselor, set up a picture board, painted with pumpkins, for students, faculty and staff to pose for pictures as the “prettiest pumpkins,” “sharpest pumpkins,” or “scariest pumpkins” on campus.

Volunteers from the Office of Admissions and the Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid created the display.

Vincent said planning the display was a fun way for him to get to know people on campus, since he is a new employee.

“This has been a fun way for me to meet people,” he said. “I’m glad to be able to do

something to decorate for fall.”

Their efforts garnered second place for their departments. Human resources took first place. The chancellor’s office placed third.

“If you want to motivate the campus to build on their excitement for the future of IU Kokomo, we ourselves have to be engaged,” said Dana Larason, payroll specialist in human resources. “We had such fun, and made terrific memories together.”

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