August Employee of the Month
Winner: Patrick Conrad
Nominator: John Keefe

John Keefe nominated Pat Conrad for employee of the month. On August 27, 2009 during the Olin Hall infrastructure upgrade project a Chilled Water line burst on the third floor of Olin Hall. This failure had no connection with the construction work going on in the building. However, Pat Conrad immediately took charge of the situation and mobilized the entire construction work force to assist in the clean up and control efforts. This alone most likely saved thousands of dollars in clean up by having the work force immediately available. He then made critical decisions such as evacuation of the building due to life safety concerns as most of the electrical panels had been soaked with water. He spent the entire day supervising the clean up and control efforts liaising with Maintenance Management, Building Care personnel and Insurance Agents to ensure that the building was being taken care of. He then supervised the bringing on line of the building system during the evening and next morning once the safety issues had been addressed.

Certainly Pat's actions are demonstrative of the FS values, in particular excellence, respect and teamwork. He clearly demonstrated teamwork in his efforts to bring the entire team together to develop a solution to the problem. He had to make a critical decision in the closing down of the building during a time when classes were in session and he showed truthfulness and respect to the residents of the building during the entire operation.

Pat went above and beyond the call of duty to make the best of a tough situation in which he had really no responsibility or requirement other than doing what was best for Cornell University. He truly put the University before himself and did what was right.