



UNICCO's Quick Start Helps College Prepare for the Academic Year

Spring Hill College, located in a residential setting in Mobile, Alabama, offers its 1,400 students a four-year, coeducational, liberal arts and sciences curriculum. As the fifth oldest Catholic college in America and the first Catholic college in the Southeast, Spring Hill has its challenges when it comes to maintaining the 700,000 sq. ft. in 24 buildings, as well as landscaping and equipment maintenance. It recently outsourced these functions to UNICCO Service Company.



Since UNICCO began providing services during the summer, it immediately faced the challenge of preparing the buildings and grounds for the fall semester. Special attention was paid to buildings that had not had a recent deep cleaning. UNICCO retrained all of the employees in cleaning techniques, as well as the effective and safe use of cleaning products and fertilizers.

Commenting on the situation, Ken Gomulka, UNICCO Regional Operations Director, said, "Spring Hill College had all the pieces in place but needed UNICCO's expertise. They had a good staff. They also had facilities and grounds that demand the management skills that we're able to bring."

UNICCO immediately discovered that poorly maintained air conditioner units were causing mold problems in offices and dorm rooms. Backed up drains in window units caused water to leak into the rooms. UNICCO immediately cleaned the units and instituted a preventive maintenance program to prevent a recurrence. Similarly, some of the roofs leaked due to gutter backups. Routine cleaning has eliminated this potentially damaging and costly situation.

The grounds also required special attention with tree trimming and the renewal of flowerbeds to improve the overall look of the campus. Significant improvements to the grounds have been made through improved campus lawn





maintenance, replanted flower beds and tree pruning to improve their health. Equipment operating costs have been reduced through a preventive maintenance program.

“UNICCO was not on campus very long before we began to see a major improvement. The campus grounds are more attractive and the buildings are in better shape,” said Jon Yellin, Vice President, Finance and Administration for Spring Hill College. “They brought in some very effective leaders who retrained the staff, changed the way things were done and invested in new equipment. We couldn’t be more pleased with the UNICCO management.”



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