

## **Morris Durham**

Morris Durham, affectionately known as "Mario" or "Mr. Morris," has worked as a senior custodian in Campus Services for nine years.

As the 2009 winner for Employee of the Year for Campus Services, Morris goes beyond the call of duty in his job responsibilities. He is usually the first responder to floods, bodily fluid spills, and sewage leaks on campus.

During the torrential downpours in September 2009, Morris rendered extra special efforts to clean up the Woodruff P. E. Center. The night before President Carter was due to speak at a Town Hall Meeting in the P. E. Center, multiple floods occurred on campus, threatening to delay or cancel the event. When he learned of this dilemma, Morris mobilized without hesitation, working well beyond his work schedule. His leadership in cleaning up the flood waters and setting up the P.E. Center allowed the Town Hall meeting to take place without a hitch.

This tenacity is also demonstrated in his personal life, having survived cancer and now caring for his elderly mother. He is also very committed to his duties as a deacon at his church.

Mr. Morris participated in the Transforming Community Project's Community Dialogues at Campus Services. He embraced this opportunity to learn about diversity and fellow employees from other cultures.

Many view custodial work as difficult, but Mario makes the work look easy. He comes to work consistently demonstrating a "can do" attitude, and he does it with a smile.