



DORDT COLLEGE

Digital Collections @ Dordt

Staff Work

9-10-2014

Serving Others

Brian Mellema

Dordt College, brian.mellema@dordt.edu

Follow this and additional works at: http://digitalcollections.dordt.edu/staff_work



Part of the [Christianity Commons](#)

Recommended Citation

Mellema, Brian, "Serving Others" (2014). *Staff Work*. Paper 15.

http://digitalcollections.dordt.edu/staff_work/15

This Blog Post is brought to you for free and open access by Digital Collections @ Dordt. It has been accepted for inclusion in Staff Work by an authorized administrator of Digital Collections @ Dordt. For more information, please contact ingrid.mulder@dordt.edu.

Serving Others

Abstract

"I've never taken a college class, as a matter of fact, I've always dreaded school. But, I've always given my best in my job."

Posting about one person's kingdom work on Dordt's campus from *In All Things* - an online hub committed to the claim that the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ has implications for the entire world.

<http://inallthings.org/serving-others/>

Keywords

In All Things, work, maintenance, Dordt College, vocation

Disciplines

Christianity

Comments

In All Things is a publication of the [Andreas Center for Reformed Scholarship and Service at Dordt College](#).

Serving others

 [inallthings.org/serving-others/](https://allinallthings.org/serving-others/)

Brian Mellema

Serving others. For 25 years I've been living these words as I serve in the maintenance department here at Dordt College as campus electrician and chief boiler operator.

I've never taken a college class, as a matter of fact, I've always dreaded school. But, I've always given my best in my job.

I was taught at a young age that to not do your best in your job is to cheat, cheat employer, cheat yourself, cheat the good Lord who gave you your skills.

I'd never studied phrases about every square inch, or the difference between calling and vocation as I applied my skill set to my job. But, working on the campus of Dordt College I see how everything is tied together and how my place in the kingdom fits here on the campus.

Installing extra outlets isn't really important unless you're the one who cannot find a power source for a charger to charge your laptop, smart phone, or tablet. There is a sense of satisfaction in maintaining our buildings to the standard we have on campus. Small jobs to major remodels, retrofitting existing fixtures to reduce our energy consumption on campus, while still maintaining proper light output, and helping the student with whatever their daily need might be are all part of my day to day.

It's not always easy, but it's always a learning experience working with faculty, staff and students. Serving at Dordt College, and serving each other is serving the Lord.