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Tell us a little about the work you've done throughout your career at Emory.

I started out as a Custodian and now I'm in Recycling Specialist. I love the recycling group-- it was the best decision I made!

What are some of your favorite memories of your time at Emory?

The Thanksgiving Dinners that my mother, Ms. Dollie, used to host. Everyone was a huge family back then. These were my favorite because my mom started this tradition on her own and paid for everything. Her and I cooked all the food and shared with everyone. It was a big family back then.

My mom brought me to Emory as a child to visit her at work and then I started to work here when I was 25 years old. When I started, I had just had my first child and now my daughter just turned 25 and has her own little one!

What are some of the most significant changes you have witnessed over the course of your career?

The campus has many more buildings now, and they are more modern. The buildings were older when I started, and the landscaping has changed. I remember coming here with my mother as a little girl and enjoying all of the big, beautiful flowers that used to be more visible on campus.

Is there anything you miss from "back in the day"?

I miss the feeling of family we had with our co-workers and leaders. We had an environment where managers and staff could get to know each other more on a personal level.

What do you hope for the future of Emory?

My retirement...the day I can hang up my shirt and look back on the fond memories and say I did it! I'm off to help my daughter with her new business.

I also hope that Emory can get back to being a fun place to work and more of a family environment. It used to be a lot of fun and I looked forward waking up at 4am to come to work.

Anything else you would like to share?

Emory is a great place to work, with great benefits and great people. I would urge any future employees to take advantage of all the great benefits, educational resources, and to get to know all the great people.