



## THE LEVEL



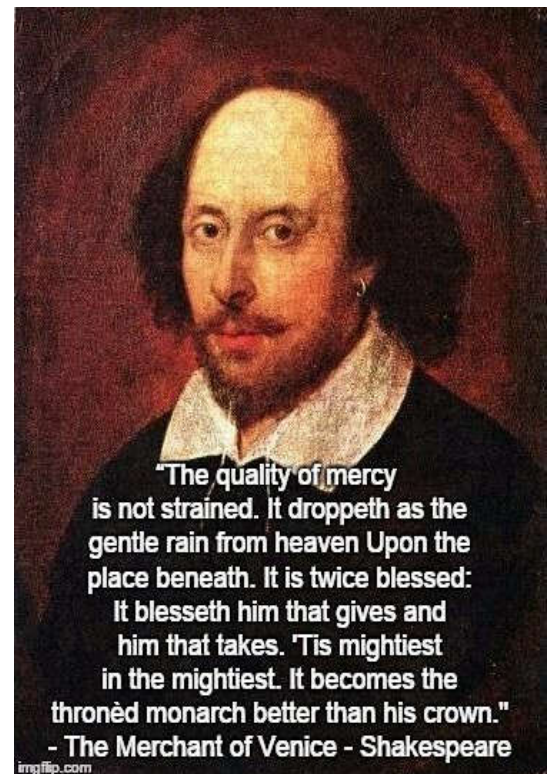
### Shakespeare~ Who Knew?

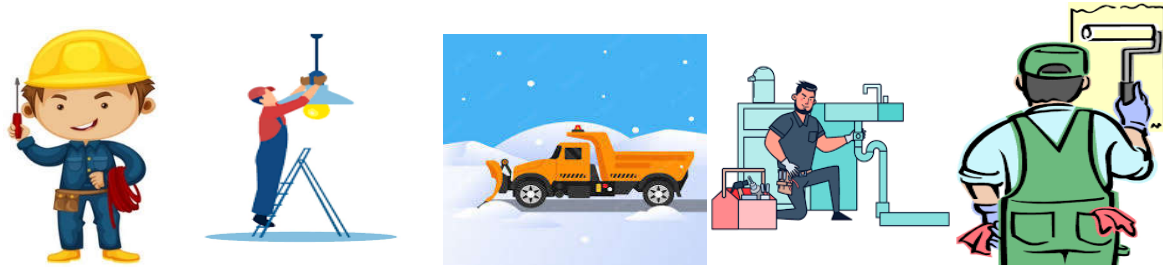
I was listening to a talk this weekend about the present hostility in public dialog, politics, and social media, and how we should extend mercy to those around us. It reminded me of Mr. Harold Shirley, my high school English teacher trying to teach a bunch of teenagers Shakespeare's Merchant of Venice. When I was a youngster, "social media" consisted of "hanging out" and news was three television stations, and politics was... basically the same. Mr. Shirley went to great lengths to bring Shakespeare to life for his students. He was very animated in reciting verses, sometimes dressed in appropriate Elizabethan attire and then translating them into American Teenager. Like all good teachers, he also set high expectations for us students with difficult homework assignments and challenging extracurricular tasks. One of these tasks was to memorize the famous verse from Act IV, Scene I of the Merchant of Venice.

Decades later, I still know this verse and it comes to me during challenging times like those that we have today. I try to follow his advice and find opportunities to extend mercy to those around me. Opening the door for someone, listening to someone's problems, not adding fuel to flaming emails. I often felt that Mr. Shirley was purposely trying to torture me with writings of a fifteenth century madman. But, after extending him some mercy, I realized he really cared for our success by teaching me skills that have lasted my lifetime. Like Shakespeare, I find myself blessed by granting a little mercy to those around me.

Good Luck on your upcoming final exams and have a great summer!

*Nathan Leigh*  
*UAS Facilities Services Director*





## WHAT DOES FACILITIES SERVICES DO??

One of the primary things Facilities Services does is to provide maintenance and upkeep for all UAS buildings, grounds and utilities.

They say facilities are like children- the more you have, the more help you need. Help Facilities Services keep our campus top notch, simply by filing a service request if you notice something not functioning properly. A flickering light- we want to know about it. An empty soap dispenser? An easy fix, just let us know. Keep your eyes peeled: coming soon we will have QR codes placed around campus that will connect directly to our service request form, making it even easier to contact Facilities.

### Ways to Contact Us

- Scan this QR Code to upload our contact information directly to your smart phone:

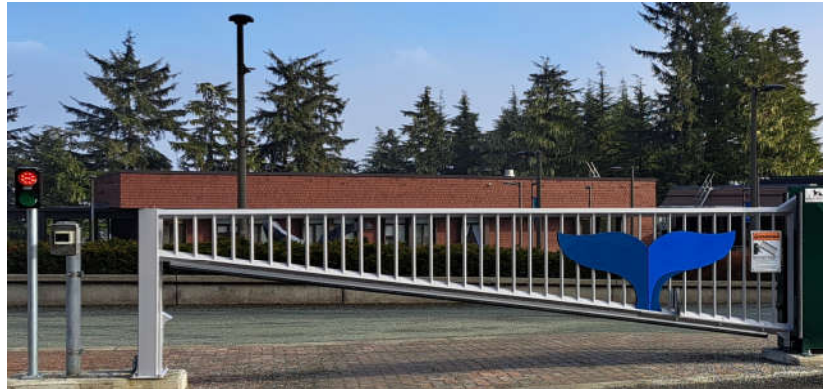


- Call us at 907-796-6496 during business hours M-F, 7:30am-4:30pm.
- To reach us after hours or on the weekend call 1-866-999-1822, and our crew will be notified.
- You can also notify us of any problems via email at [uas.facilities@alaska.edu](mailto:uas.facilities@alaska.edu)
- We also have an online service request form on our home page [www.uas.alaska.edu/facilities\\_services](http://www.uas.alaska.edu/facilities_services)
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## Bollard Replacement Project

After many years of dealing with failing hydraulic bollards that regulated vehicle traffic through the campus courtyard, we decided to replace them with pivot gates. Due to design and supplier delays, we weren't able to begin the project until the beginning of fall semester. Once the project was underway, things progressed quite smoothly, and the contractor was able to install the two gates in late October.



At this time, we are waiting for the paving contractor to come back to remove and replace a couple of small areas of asphalt that they didn't compact properly. Aside from that, we have had one warranty issue since installation, which the general contractor will be addressing shortly. Overall, I am pleased with the installation, particularly since the new gates are rocking our UAS logo now.

*(Adam Zenger, Facilities Maintenance & Operations Manager)*

## UAS Shuttle Operations

UAS contracts with First Student Inc. to run the UAS shuttle service. They are commonly known for providing school bus services throughout the Juneau K-12 School District. First Student, Inc. is responsible for providing the shuttle service and keeping UAS Facilities Services informed when they are not in service so that we can pass that information on to our students.



First Student, Inc. has been experiencing driver shortages, consequently, the UAS shuttle service has often not been available to meet their agreed upon schedule for the UAS shuttle service. For those students that utilize and rely on the shuttle, this ultimately results having to walk or to classes, arriving late or just missing them all together. We at Facilities Services understand the frustration that this causes, and will assist by relaying shuttle delays as far in advance as possible. We ask for your patience and understanding in that we are not able to relay information on delays in service if we are not notified by First Student, Inc.

Here are some ways you can [Collaborate](#) with us to navigate and improve our UAS Shuttle service. :

1. Visit the "[Juneau Campus Shuttle](#)" page. Here you can click on the SHUTTLE TRACKER button and if the shuttle is operating, you will be able to see its current location. You will also be able to see any messages related to delays on the shuttle tracker page.

2. Notify Facilities Services [uas.facilities@alaska.edu](mailto:uas.facilities@alaska.edu) or First Student [Cynthia.Dugger@firststudentinc.com](mailto:Cynthia.Dugger@firststudentinc.com) with any questions, concerns or when the UAS Shuttle service is not meeting your needs.
3. Drive the UAS Shuttle next year. We would have much better shuttle service if the contractor had enough drivers. You can apply for the job on their website <https://workatfirst.com> Apply for the School Bus Driver ID JR222 position and when filling out the application mention you want to drive the UAS shuttle bus. (*UAS is not involved with this employment process*)

## Trades Crew

Here at UAS, we have some of the most talented crew at Facilities Services. Each has their own specialty, but they all work together and cross-train on many aspects of the job. They are a force to be reckoned with as far as maintenance knowledge of campus buildings, vehicles and facilities.

**Mardis Bunes**/ Electrician

**Donny Sims**/Auto Mechanic

**Bernie Yadao**/HVAC

**Dana Wade**/Plumber

**Dusty Rautiainen**/Carpenter

**Eric Boone**/Security and Access

### Something Smells Bad

When the phone rings at our office repeatedly reporting the same issue, you know it is urgent. Like the day when calls came in reporting the stench of sewer coming through the air vents in some of the campus buildings.

After several days of investigation as to where the stench was originating, we discovered a clogged sewer main. We had to get a pump truck to clear out the line between the collection sump and the sewer lift pump at the Lakeside below Hendrickson Annex. The collection sump was nearly in the woods.



An honest assessment from our electrician, Mardis Bunes, *“This is probably the absolute least glamorous thing I recall us doing lately.”* Although our crew each specialize in a trade, they all jump in to assist when it is needed. Many of the crew have not just their specialty under their belts, but experience in other areas as well. It makes me so thankful that we have crew to take care of the “dirty” jobs so we don’t have to. **Christena Leamer, Administrative Specialist**

*(Left: Dana Wade/Plumber, Bernie Yadao/HVAC pump out clogged sewer line behind the Hendrickson Annex)*

### REC Center Lights

Several of the lenses on the hemisphere fixtures at the Rec Center were broken or cracked so badly the lamps could not be changed. Replacement lenses for the 20-year-old fixtures were purchased and the fixtures were converted to from metal halide to LED as part of the repairs. **Mardis Bunes, Electrician**

*(Right: Dana Wade/Plumber & Donny Sims/Mechanic, assist in replacing light fixtures)*



### Welding Lab Door Replacement

Living in a maritime climate, many things in our lives succumb to the slow, steady onslaught of corrosion. Recently, a pair of double doors that secure oxygen and acetylene cylinders at our Welding lab, were found to have an excessive amount of rust. For safety reasons, we decided to remove and replace the doors.

This did not come without challenges, as our crew discovered that no “header” had been installed during the original construction. That, and a couple of other items made the job a bit more difficult that it normally would have been.

This is an example of some of the things we need to do to keep our buildings in good shape. I am pretty confident that we’ll be faced with this again sometime soon. Rust never sleeps! *(Adam Zenger, Facilities Maintenance & Operations Manager)*

**Left: Dusty Rautiainen/Carpenter.**

**Before**



**and..... After**



## Novatney 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Office Renovations

Facilities Services is pleased to report that we have entered into a contract with Carver Construction to replace much of the carpet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Novatney Building. Over time the glue holding the existing carpet tiles down has been releasing, allowing the carpet along the seams to curl up. Our crew spent many hours trying to reverse this, but were unsuccessful. After consulting with an experienced installer, and a flooring salesman who has been in the business for years, it was decided that further attempts to glue the tiles back down would be an exercise in futility. At that point, we decided to set up a project to replace the carpet tiles and repaint. Due to design delays, we missed our window of opportunity last summer, and had to reschedule for June 1, 2025 for our start date. Our plan is to have the contractor use the month of June to replace the carpet. At the same time a subcontractor will be working on repainting the walls with a lighter color of paint. This project has been in the works for quite a while, and we are thankful for the patience of everyone affected.



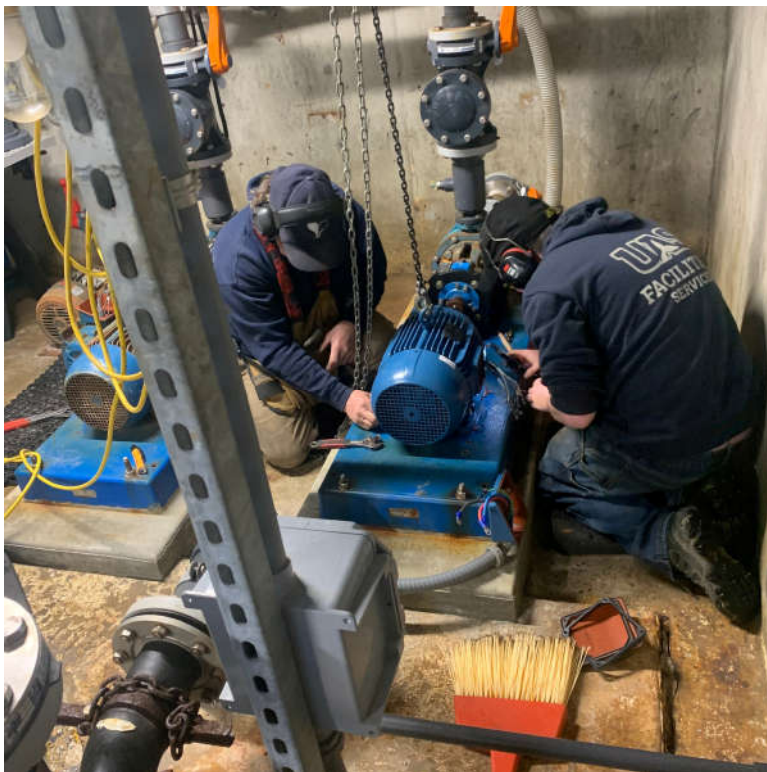
*(Adam Zenger, Facilities Maintenance & Operations Manager)*

## Anderson Seawater Vault

Here we find Dana Wade and Donald Sims III changing out a pump motor in the Anderson Building Seawater Pit. Various projects and experiments are constantly ongoing at UAS' Anderson Building and most involve various marine organisms that require "fresh" seawater to thrive. These projects need to mimic the conditions found in the ocean and estuaries of Southeast Alaska.

The Anderson Seawater System, located next to Auke Bay, is an arrangement of pipe, reservoirs, and pumps (with redundancy in case of equipment failure) to provide this supply of seawater.

24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year if there is system trouble or failure the monitoring system automatically alerts facilities personnel that the system requires attention. *Mardis Buness, Electrician*



## New Whale Card



Recently, we have begun using proximity (prox) card readers for door access at some locations around campus. Using Stover House as a pilot for our conversion from magnetic stripe card readers to prox card readers, we “worked the bugs out,” and are ready to proceed with other campus buildings. We intend to take a piecemeal approach, to the conversion in order to limit the impact to building occupants, and the Student Accounts office.

The new Whale Cards are sporting an updated logo, as well as the ability to be read by both magnetic stripe readers, and RFID chip proximity readers. This will enable us to program cards for both uses, which will help during the conversion project.

When you receive one of the new hybrid cards, you will notice a five-digit number at the top of the reverse side of the card. In order to program the prox portion of the card, Facilities Services will need to be notified of this number. A quick swipe of the card through one of the mag stripe readers will also show us what the numerical

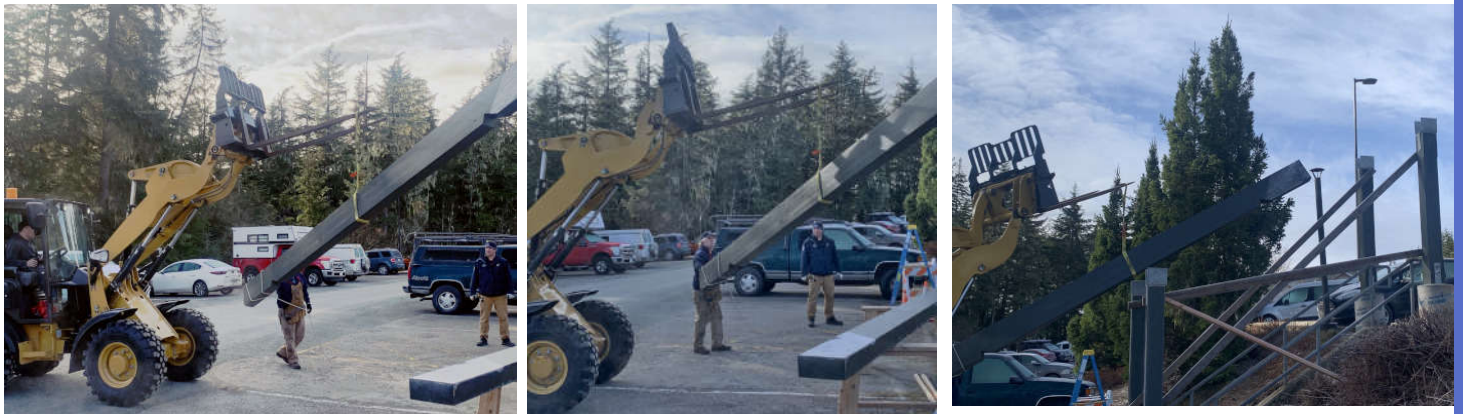
suffix of the mag stripe portion is. Both of these bits of information are necessary to ensure that the card is functioning properly. I am looking forward to us switching over to the more user-friendly prox readers.

*(Adam Zenger, Facilities Maintenance & Operations Manager)*



## Student Housing Upgrades

### Covered Stair Well



These pics above are from the construction of the covered stairs at Student Housing. Donny Sims, (mechanic) is operating the forklift and Dusty Rautiainen (carpenter), is directing the placement of the beams while Dana Wade (plumber), is handling the tag line.

The covered stairs will make it safer for residents to move between the upper and lower parking areas and alleviate the danger of ice and snow build up. The beams are laminated 2 x 6 constructed and painted in our carpenter shop. The Sonotube forms were placed and filled with concrete by Eric Boone (security & access) and Dusty Rautiainen.

## Grounds & Landscaping

Gardening is one of the oldest of human activities, coming right after walking around and picking food up off the ground. The sense of achievement felt as one reaches out and plucks a ripe strawberry off the plant one planted just a month ago cannot be equaled, unless you happen to have a child with you and you can show them the berry and encourage them to pick and eat.

How do you learn about gardening? You try it out in a small scale first, and as your project succeeds, you plant more.

There is not a lot too it, especially with some friends helping and a nice prepared site to use. Imagine now how it feels to have the small starter plant in your hand, and using the other hand making a small divot in the soil, and sliding the seedling into place, then with a couple of fingers firmly but gently pulling the soil in over the roots, being careful not to bury the plant too deeply, nor at an ungainly angle, and being sure each little darling gets enough space to grow.

We water in the seedlings, which means gently sprinkling water on the soil to allow the soil particles to roll together and cover the roots. We will add a little fertilizer, not too much yet, more to come after the little starter begins to grow.



The last few years the Facilities department has sponsored a decorative flowerpot opportunity as part of the Staff Development Day, we provide pots, soil, starter plants and expert assistance to all who wish to participate. At the afternoon breakout session, we set up outside the Rec center with all of our materials and invite staff and any students who want to participate to take up the mantle of gardener, designer, and public benefactor.

Our Landscape Specialists, Ray Roberts and Andrew Lawson will bring their more than fifty years of experience to the table, to be on hand to help with planting, and with visualization of the final product. It would not do to have all onions and no flowers, way too boring.

Once planted, they can be adopted by their creators, assembled with fellow employees into an office grouping, or dedicated to the UAS community and donated to the campus collection.

The combinations of vegetables, herbs, annual flowers and perennial flowers fill in rapidly, grow along happily, and once they begin to get some size they can be picked and eaten, picked and placed in a vase, or picked and

worn in buttonholes. Last year the choices included both Spearmint and Peppermint, which were picked and made into brisk and refreshing teas.

There was also a wide variety of lettuces, parsleys, and green onions, which were munched as is or made into fresh salads. There was some initial reluctance to picking the decorations, but as the season went on and the combination pots made such overflowing shows, the reticence vanished and the munching began.



Some people had their pots set up near their offices, or at housing, but the majority were assembled into clusters and placed in the main campus areas, where they were cared for by the grounds staff.

This year May 9, 2025 is staff development day. We will have Violas, Pansies, Dwarf Daisies, Columbines, Yarrow, Rainbow Swiss Chard, French Sorrell, Italian Parsley, Green Onions, Strawberries, Perennial Salvias, and some others depending on availability.

Pots can be planted individually, or as a team, or as a [collaboration](#) for them to be clustered as a group. We will have identifying signs for each combination, indicating which are specifically meant to be eaten, and which are particularly for show.

If this resonates with you, please reach out to the facilities office and ask to be put on the vegetable and flower adoption list for this season, and get a team together to enjoy this fun and rewarding activity.

**David Lendrum/Landscape Superintendent UAS**



### Grounds Crew



Our grounds crew works hard to get the campus landscaping to the level of beauty it is known for. Did you know that landscaping isn't the only job they do? They are also responsible for setting up and taking down the majority of events and meetings that occur around

campus and taking care of office moves. They are also tasked to maintain the parking lots and striping them. They also hydro seed landscape, clean gutters and UAS building signs around campus. **Right: Nate LaCroix & James Squires sweeping gravel**



With the feel of spring here, our grounds crew have been busy maintaining the campus and getting rid of signs of winter maintenance, such as sand/gravel on the campus roads. They have also been power-washing around campus buildings. You may notice signs posted directing you to use different entrances/exits while they complete these power-washing tasks. We appreciate your patience during this time while they spruce things up.

**Left: Alex Handlos power washing Egan loading dock**

### Power-wash Before & After



### Fallen Trees

Often throughout the year, we receive reports of fallen trees around campus due to wind or snowstorms. These fallen trees block roads and trails/paths on campus from being traveled. If you see a tree down, please contact Facilities Services immediately to report it. Often times it is through reporting that we become aware of a problem.

What happens to the trees that are recovered from campus roadways and paths? One of the ways that these trees are utilized is to split the wood for use in the Noyes Pavilion fire pit.

**Below from Left: Reese Tolbert, James Squires, Andrew Lawson, Laci Lowery splitting wood at the Noyes Pavilion**



## Happy Spring from Sitka

Commencement is only a few weeks away and many people are looking forward to some down time. However, projects have been ramping up for the Sitka Facilities and IT crew and things will continue to be busy for most of the summer.



Sitka Campus Room 215 received a long overdue refresh with Title III funding. The intent was to create a flexible room that was welcoming, accessible to all with a feeling of the natural environment. The project was completed in early February and included new flooring, lighting, ceiling tiles, paint and flexible furniture along with new technology for teaching.

Sean has been busy prepping and hauling off a lot of surplus items and our maintenance mezzanine feels much more spacious as a result. We've also been putting the finishing touches on some room refreshes that have utilized both Contracted and in-house work and we'll gladly provide a tour if you'd like.

If you venture outside it would be difficult to not notice the prep work that Dawson Construction is undertaking for our Door Canopy Project. Three canopies are being constructed to protect doorways in the winter months. One of the canopies will provide year-round coverage from the hangar door to the kiln shed door. The project should be completed in mid-May. Most of Japonski Island is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and the Canopy Project had to be vetted by both the State Historic Preservation Office and the local Historic Preservation Committee in addition to reviews and approval by the City building department.



Unfortunately, gasoline was found while digging footer holes along the back of the building. The contractor noticed a strong smell and a sheen in some standing water and Alaska DEC was notified in addition to our UAS Administration and our Project Manager. Over the next week or so an Environmental Engineering firm was contracted to work with Dawson Construction and UAS Facilities to investigate and remove the contaminated material. Fortunately, there was no indication that the gasoline entered the marine environment or fresh water systems in the area.

The Facilities crew will be working with the Welding and Art Programs for additional outdoor items too. One of our Art Students is crafting a concrete bench with inlaid mosaic tiles that will be placed along the front walkway and another mosaic disc is in the planning phase to enhance the main entrance canopy.

We hope you have a great summer and we look forward to helping support our colleagues and students in the coming academic year. **Greg George, Sitka Campus**

## Facilities Planning & Construction Project Updates

### Security Cameras



Students, staff and faculty continue to ask for more security cameras. Last year the legislature provided some money to install more cameras. UAS Facilities planning and construction is taking this opportunity to evaluate options in video management software and new security technologies. These may include high definition cameras, license plate and image recognition software and unify systems across UAS facilities. This process has spurred development of new security policies for improved coverage, incident response, student reporting, and chain of custody for footage. We are currently in the planning/investigation phase now and hope to have more cameras installed for Fall Semester.

*UAS Project Manager – Jakob Kryman*

### Ketchikan Maritime Center

The roof and siding of the Maritime Center in Ketchikan have inadequate insulation, are past their expected design life and are showing their age. This project will replace the structure's envelope to keep the marine environment outside the building. Constructed in 1959 as a bowling alley, the former Robertson building was conjoined with the neighboring Hamilton building in 2017, and dubbed the Maritime Center after the rehabilitation. With more funding now available, design can now progress for further improvements. We are behind schedule and design is just now starting. *UAS Project Manager – Jakob Kryman*



### Lakeside Grill Refresh



The new large windows overlooking Auke Lake make this space one of the most picturesque spaces and beautiful on campus. The Lakeside Grill Refresh project will look at improvements to create a contemporary bright welcoming space for gathering and to dine. Plans may include new carpet, paint, furniture and lighting, but the main will be an acoustic refit reduce noise reverberation and make individual conversation easier when the room is full. The project also includes an upgrade to the speaker and emergency notification system to improve safety, and audio for events. The legislature provided funds for the noise reduction and audio system improvements. UAS is trying to find money for the other desired improvements. Design is just now starting.

*UAS Project Manager – Jakob Kryman*

## Housing Lodge Fuel Tank Replacement



The fuel tank at the Housing Lodge is slated for replacement; with any luck, you'll never know it's been redone, apart from a patch of disturbed ground. At Facilities some of our best work is invisible! Design is complete and we hope to bid and construct this summer.

***UAS Project Manager – Jakob Kryman***

## Smart Classroom FNBA Grant

Egan Classroom 115 will receive new furniture in May 2025, thanks to a grant from FNBA. The technology improvements that have already been implemented in this classroom are also funded by this grant from FNBA.



New chairs and tables will be on casters for mobility, making it easy to rearrange the room while a class is in session. The tables also have the ability to change from a sitting height to a standing height with a pneumatic assist.

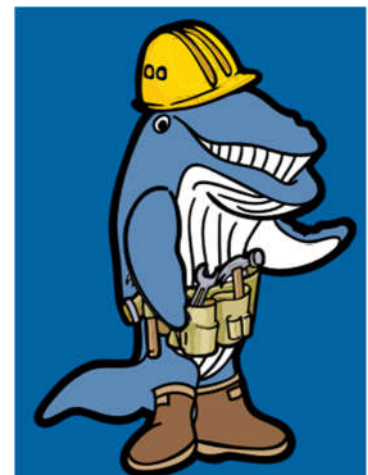
We would love to hear what you think about the improvements once you get to use them.

***UAS Project Manager – Kristin Reynolds***

## QR for Maintenance Requests

Facilities Services wants to help everyone that comes on our Juneau campus to contact Maintenance if they see something that needs attention. Anything from a door operator not working correctly to a bathroom soap dispenser out of soap, a scan of the QR code with your device will take you straight to the online work order form. The form asks for who you are, so we can reach out if there are questions and we would also like to let you know that your request is taken care of. Let us know the location by picking the building from a drop-down list, adding a room number, and a short description of what needs to be taken care of. Look for stickers placed strategically around campus supporting the QR code with Spike by the Fall 2025 semester.

***UAS Project Manager – Kristin Reynolds***



## Sitka Campus Anticipates Dock Construction



The Sitka Campus has been in planning and design for a new dock on the Sitka Channel. When complete the new dock will support classes that are currently offered through the Sitka Campus but are accessed or delivered off campus. These include scuba diving, small skiff operation, cold-water survival, and mariculture. The Board of Regents is supportive of the project.

We have made terrific headway in the permitting process over the last 2 -1/2 years. The permitting process for a new building typically only needs to engage the local Borough. With the construction involving the navigable waterway of Sitka Channel and the Historic Landmark status of the upland portion of the project, the number of agencies involved in the review process increased exponentially.

Did you know that the Sitka Campus is in a US Historic Landmark? Our project was reviewed by the National Park Service who manages Landmarks, and the State Historic Preservation Officer in the Office of History and Archaeology to assure we are maintaining the integrity of the Landmark through the design. Other agencies involved in the permitting process include US Army Corp (USACE), Department of Natural Resources, Alaska Department of Fish and Game, US Coast Guard, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and National Marine Fisheries Service.

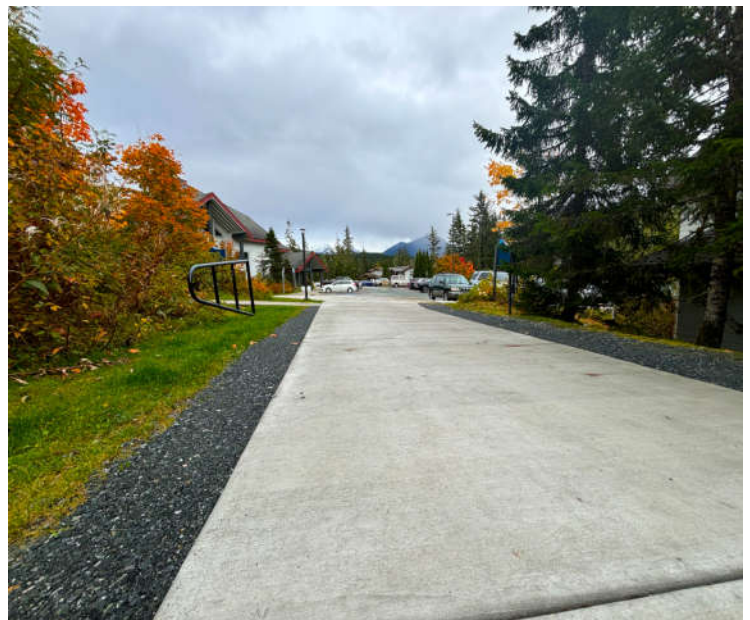
The completed Endangered Species Act review acknowledges sea stars in the area and how to address them during construction. We have been given a Letter of Permission from USACE acknowledging we can move forward. Once funding is available the project will be advertised for construction.

***UAS Project Manager – Kristin Reynolds***

## Housing Concrete Sidewalk Repair

This project helped improved [Access](#) to our housing and is now substantially complete. We removed and replaced all of the dangerous and deteriorating sidewalk. Construction took longer than expected and we would like to thank all the UAS Housing Residences for their patience during construction. The handrail manufacturer backed out of their contract. The general contractor has since found a new manufacturer who has fabricated the handrails and by the time you read this the will be on the barge to Juneau.

***UAS Project Manager – Nathan Leigh***



### Welding Lab – Fire Alarm Replacement

This project replaced the existing fire alarm system that had reached the end of its useful life. The contractor, Johnson Controls completed the work in the base contract this winter. UAS is Collaborating with UAF to provide us with alarm monitoring service. This is requiring a change order to get LAN communication to the Welding Lab building. This additional work should be completed in a few weeks. This work has been completed without disrupting the existing fire alarm monitoring in the building.

**UAS Project Manager – Nathan Leigh**



### Anderson – Hazardous Materials Storage Building

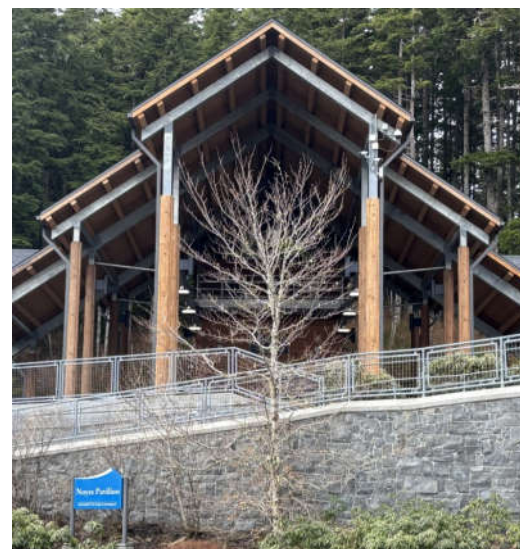


This project has replaced the old hazardous materials storage build behind the Anderson building. The old building was removed; it's site expanded, concrete foundation placed and the new larger building placed. This “new” building was given to us by the Army National Guard. We recently found out that the fire suppression system needs to be replaced with a newer type system that meets current fire building codes. This additional work will take more than a month to be shipped to Juneau and installed. Once we get this hazardous material storage building up and running, UAS will move remaining property out of the NSRL. A big thank you to the UAS Anderson staff who have had to work around a project that has taken excessively long. **UAS Project Manager – Nathan Leigh**

### Noyes Pavilion Wi-Fi

We are happy to announce that broadband data ports and Wi-Fi service at the Noyes Pavilion are now up and running. Faculty had mentioned many times that they would use the Noyes Pavilion more if there was broadband connection. The last request a couple years back matched up with staff and funding opportunities and the Broadband/Wi-Fi at Noyes project officially started. There were many obstacles that had to be overcome and issues to resolve, all while attending to normal staffing duties. You can read our [October 2023](#) edition of the LEVEL to see how our crew overcame just a few of these challenges. We expect to see more classes being held in this wonderful outdoor space with Faculty streaming 4K adventures and students learning on laptops. A big Gunalcheesh to the [Collaboration](#) of Faculty, IT Staff, Facilities Services Crew, and a local contractor.

**UAS Project Manager – Nathan Leigh**



### Rec Center – Shades in the Activity Center

This project will replace the shades/blinds in the student activity center. The new shades will have both a blackout shade for dark room events and sunshades to keep the temperature down on sunny days.

**UAS Project Manager – Nathan Leigh**

## Facilities Services Survey

### How are we doing?

My Dad told me “there is always room for improvement.” At the time I thought this is what parents would tell their teenage boys when they did poorly at completing their chores. However, over the years I have come to realize that no matter who you are, there is always room for improvement.

This reminds me of Lt. Col. James C. Warren, a former navigator of the Tuskegee Airmen, the first African American military aviators in the United States armed forces. At the age of 87, he became the oldest person in the world to receive his pilot’s license.



<http://airportjournals.com/lt-col-james-c-warren-tuskegee-airman-american-hero/>

We need to know how we are doing, if we are to get better. Here is where **we need your help** to provide excellent [Stewardship](#) for UAS Facilities. Please take 10 minutes out of your busy day to take this [Facilities Survey](#) and tell us what we are doing well and where we can improve.

We conduct this survey each year and find it useful for us to set some goals for the coming year on where we can improve. You can see results of previous years on the Facilities Services website.

[https://uas.alaska.edu/facilities\\_services/index.html](https://uas.alaska.edu/facilities_services/index.html)

Thank You for your help.

*Nathan Leigh*

*UAS Facilities Services Director*



## Earth Day

### Juneau Campus Celebrates Earth Day

The UAS Sustainability Committee will be hosting events in Juneau throughout the week of April 19 – April 26 to celebrate Earth Day. Events include Forest Therapy Walk, Campus Cleanup, a Bonfire, Freecycle Gear Exchange, Wood fired Pizza, Eco poetry Reading, and guest speaker *Nikki Lindt*.

Check out all of the earth day events on the **Juneau Campus Events** page for the dates listed above.

<https://uas.alaska.edu/calendar/activities.html>



### Campus Clean Up

In collaboration with the UAS Sustainability Committee, we are preparing for the UAS Campus Clean Up: An Earth Day event. Join us Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup> from 2pm to 4pm. Participants will meet by Egan, where we will provide trash bags, gloves, water bottles, and some light snacks. Click the link below to register and help keep our campus beautiful and clean.

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScmArgAegDsemDgTVvD1tVHpvUG3EsCzBW\\_hjtGSWhYSaAzsg/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScmArgAegDsemDgTVvD1tVHpvUG3EsCzBW_hjtGSWhYSaAzsg/viewform)



## Employee Spotlight



### Glide Path to Retirement

After 7.5 years of working with UAS Facilities Services, I have decided to change horses again. I do not intend to stop working altogether, and am looking forward to part-time work with UAS. Small project management and adjunct instruction are a couple of things I have enjoyed, aside from my regular duties of Facilities Maintenance and Operations. We are presently working on recruiting for my position, and are looking forward to hiring someone in the near future. That will allow me to work more closely with the Facilities Planning and Construction group, and to spend more time as an adjunct instructor.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my time with Facilities Services, and am glad I am going to be able to continue working closely with the group part-time. When I was hired here, I was looking for a place to work that has a tight-knit community feel. I got to enjoy that for the 24 years I worked at the Greens Creek Mine, and was happy to find it again when I came to work at UAS. It has been a pleasure being a part of the Facilities Services team, serving our campus

community, and I am thankful for the friendships forged here. As bittersweet as this is for me, I am looking forward to spending more time with my wife, Michelle, as well as fishing, hunting, and gardening more. --Adam

**We at UAS Facilities Services wish all students the best of luck in their upcoming final exams! If you are graduating this year, congratulations and may your future hold amazing accomplishments!**

