



## Learn the Basics

This Tweet/X's/Post caught my eye the other day and reminded me of all of the teachers and professors who would tell me "Learn the Basics." I was that student who would always ask my teacher or professor, "Why do I have to learn this stuff." I just wanted to jump to the end without learning the stuff in between. I just wanted to design a bridge before learning math, survive in the wilderness before learning what plants are edible and drive a car before learning traffic rules. My teachers and professors would often respond to my question with "you have to learn the basics before you can understand how the world works."


Following the advice of my teachers and professors of "Learn the Basics" has guided my whole in many ways. It has helped me avoid being deceived by all sorts of media, including A.I., discover more exciting things in our world and helped me make good decisions that benefit my family, my community and the University.

Facilities Services is part of the UAS team to help the next generation of students "Learn the Basics." We keep our buildings running smoothly so students, staff and faculty can learn without the distraction of a leaky roof, cold classroom or running out of toilet paper.

I encourage you to Learn the Basics not only in your chosen line of study, but also in every line. You will be happier and make a larger contribution to our community when you Learn the Basics in math, art, crafts, engineering, language arts, trades, politics, science, economics, history, linguistics, etc.....

Nathan Leigh  
*UAS Facilities Director.*



It's not harmless. It's not "just an innocent thing" to be fooled by AI. You-NEED-to-be-able-to-discern-and-differentiate-reality. ¶ You-NEED-to-know-how-the-world-works-on-a-basic-level. ¶ Because fooling you with baby animals and flowers is just the start of something much worse. ¶  
 Dr. Holly Walters (@Manigarm) ¶

## Bollard Replacement Project



For a number of years, vehicular traffic into, and out of the campus courtyard had been controlled by hydraulic bollards. While the concept of retracting hydraulic bollards is a pretty neat one, maintaining and operating them became quite a burden to our Facilities Services crew. Salt, sand, and a number of other factors caused them to malfunction on a regular basis, so we decided to look into replacing them with a product that is easier to maintain.

This spring, we put the UAS Bollard Replacement Project out to bid. The successful bidder was Island Contractors, a well-established local contracting company. Due to design and vendor delays, we weren't able to begin the project until the beginning of fall semester, which is definitely not ideal.

I apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused. The contractor plans on completing the prep work for the new gates by the first week of October, and should be able to install the operators and gates later that month. After an extended period without the bollards working, it will be nice to be able to control vehicle traffic in the courtyard again. *(Adam Zenger, Facilities Maintenance & Operations Manager)*

## Become a UAS Shuttle Driver

The UAS shuttle has not run its full schedule because there are not enough bus drivers. Please consider becoming a shuttle bus driver to help out your fellow classmates, drive a great looking bus and earn some extra money.

Qualifications include: at least 21-years old, at least 3 years driving experience, clean driving record.

First Student is the company that provides shuttle bus service to UAS. They will help qualified applicants obtain the necessary training and certifications.



You may apply for one of these shuttle bus driver positions at 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.

## Trades Crew

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

<b>Mardis Buness</b> / Electrician	<b>Donny Sims</b> /Auto Mechanic
<b>Bernie Yadao</b> /HVAC	<b>Dana Wade</b> /Plumber
<b>Dusty Rautiainen</b> /Carpenter	<b>Eric Boone</b> /Security and Access

### Lighting Upgrades on Campus

The crew have been working hard to repair lights that are out around campus. One of the lighting projects on Hendrickson trail started out as a repair and turned into a complete lighting retrofit. The original lighting involved 480v metal halide lamps, which due to their own heat output failed to last. They worked on initial start-up, but would drop off to a 1/2 light output shortly thereafter. Due to this short lifespan, they received a makeover with a complete retrofit to a 277v LED light. These lights have an amazingly long lifespan at a fraction of voltage used.



On the right, Dana Wade and Donny Sims, along with the expertise of Mardis Buness, completed the courtyard LED upgrade. All new lamps were installed, swapping out the existing metal halide lamps to the modern LED lamps. For the first time in years all the lighting in the lakeside campus courtyard are on and illuminating our campus.



*(Left: Dana Wade installing LED lights on the Hendrickson trail)*

### Lighting Upgrades TEC

Our main building at TEC has been around since just before I began attending classes at JDHS in 1982. Since then, there have been some significant renovations, and lighting upgrades in some of the spaces in that building. However, none of the lighting upgrades included LED fixtures. This year, we were able to replace the old metal halide and T-8 fixtures in the auto shop with LED's, and the difference has been quite notable. The improvements in the lighting there have transformed that space into a more pleasant place to learn, and work.

Since they were “on a roll”, the crew decided that they would like to continue with LED conversions throughout the building. Over the next few months, they acquired the necessary materials, and took on one space at a time. In many cases, they were able to replace the fluorescent tubes with LED replacement tubes, and did not have to replace the fixtures, which lowered the up-front investment in the conversion.

With the lighting conversion complete, we should enjoy lower electricity bills, and anticipate spending less hours replacing tubes and ballasts. I give credit to the crew members, and appreciate them taking the initiative to do this project in-house. *(Adam Zenger, Facilities Maintenance & Operations Manager)*



## Office Refresh

We have recently been seeing a bit of personnel change in different departments, and have been able to take advantage of the opportunity to refresh some offices with new coats of paint, and in some cases new carpet. It is often difficult to take care of work like this, when an office is being actively used, so we appreciate it when we are told that an office is available for some maintenance. This enables us to provide the next person a clean and renewed space to work in.

These requests don't only come from our UAS people. I was recently approached by our tenant at the NSRL. The Alaska Department of Fish and Game has been leasing from UAS for many years, and they are in the process of changing out cubicles in their Mark Lab. I believe it had been more than 20 years since we have put a fresh coat of paint on the walls in that room, so we used this week as a window of opportunity to brighten things up with new paint and trim. Having access to more of the floor also gave us the opportunity to do a more effective job of stripping and refinishing the floor tiles, that is some cases hadn't been cleaned since the cubicles and cabinets were installed. *(Adam Zenger, Facilities Maintenance & Operations Manager)*

*(Right: Carpenter, Dusty Rautiainen)*



## Grounds & Landscaping



Landscaping is more than a decoration, it’s a language that communicates visually. It defines areas, directs us to destinations, signals changes in use and encourages us to behave according to the areas we find ourselves.

Part of every project we undertake is to create a landscape appropriate to the site. At UAS, we use a palate of plants chosen to fit with the wild world surrounding us, some native material, some native like, and some for eye candy to delight the senses. Looking around the campus the same species show up in different combinations as an underlying theme, as well as the iconic glacier shaped boulders that connect us all to our historic environment.

The new science building is just beginning its exterior dressing. To the left is landscape and grounds lead Ray Roberts in his favorite tool, a small excavator, manipulating the boulders to show them at their best. To the right, grounds crew Andrew Lawson and Aren Buchheitt working to add the plants to enhance the entryway of Áak’w Tá Hít



The plants used in the picture on the left, by Egan courtyard are native Lingonberry or “Low Bush Cranberry”, a variety of Japanese Yew, and a circumpolar species, Birchleaf Spiraea selected in Norway called “Glowgirl” Other landscape improvements around the campus include a refreshing of the entry bed, using one of our favorite late season perennial flowers, a perennial Geranium named “Rozanne”, which can be seen in several locations entering and leaving the campus. This is a favorite photo opportunity location, so we like it to shine at all seasons. Our grounds crew does a fabulous job of making our campus beautiful.



**(Before)**



**(After)**

Earlier in the season we were pleased to have a group of staff participate in planting a series of ornamental flower pots which have brightened up many spots on campus, if you’re interested in being part of this project next year, please send a message to the facilities office and we will add you to the list. They are also available for munching or adding to your daily salads. *(David Lendrum/Facilities Services Landscape Director)*

## 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. Over the summer they did much of this. Now that fall has come in like a wrecking ball, and winter has reared its head at us from the mountaintops, they will be preparing with the rest of our crew to plow and sand, and all the fun winter prep things.



## Did you know?

The parking lot striping that is being put down by Andrew Lawson (left) is not just by random placement.

When you see these yellow designs in parking lots on campus, student housing, REC center, Anderson/ Áak'w Tá Hít, this indicates to not park or block this area. In the winter, this is where the snow plows will place excess snow piles. Please do not block these areas in the winter.

## Custodial Crew

We here at UAS are fortunate to have a fantastic custodial team. They are rarely seen as their workday begins when ours ends. Custodians are important in a university for many reasons. They create a safe and clean environment for our students, faculty, and staff. Custodians are the eyes and ears of every building. They always strive to make our buildings look immaculate. Through their communication, Facilities Services learns of things such as water leaks, broken toilets, soiled carpets, broken furniture and many other maintenance problems as they are discovered. They wash exterior windows and also have been given the task of installing bird dots on some of the building windows. Led by the custodial manager, Rudy Renegado, our custodial team is top notch. Below are just some of the projects they have worked on over the summer months.



Every year, millions of birds are killed by striking glass, flying into windows. Our custodial staff has installed bird dots provided by the Juneau Audubon Society on many of the windows in Egan, and also the REC center. Left, Rudy Renegado on the genie lift installing bird dots on Egan. Right, REC center doors with completed bird dot installation.



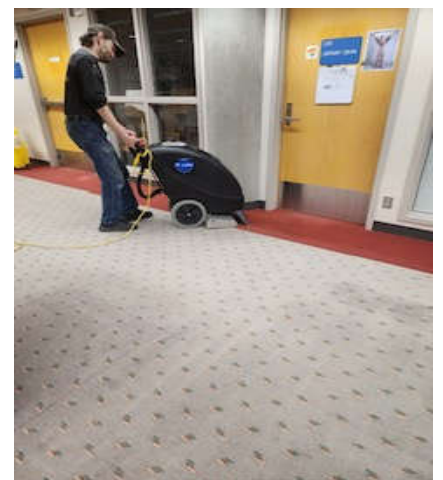
These dots are just one of many **SUSTAINABLE** options that can be installed in your home or office to help birds avoid colliding with your windows. For more information, please visit <https://abcbirds.org/glass-collisions>



Window washing Anderson Bld.



Sparkling clean windows Egan Bld.



John Bender shampooing carpet Egan Library



## October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

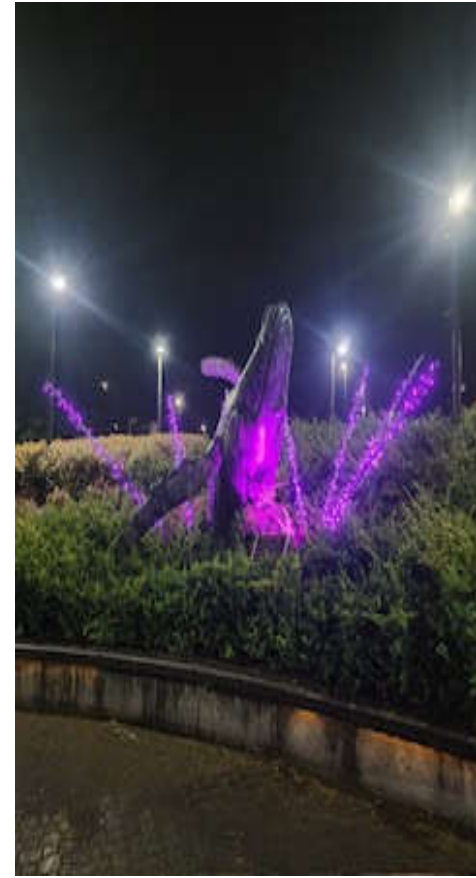


October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month (DVAM), a time when communities across the country come together to uplift the voices and experiences of survivors. All year, but especially this month, we unite to share resources on recognizing and putting an end to domestic violence. We can each show our support and solidarity for DVAM by displaying a **purple** light in our spaces throughout the month, and by wearing purple on October 17. The Facilities team has installed numerous purple lights around the Juneau campus this month as a symbol of hope and unity, and to affirm our commitment to being a safe place.

Visit [www.thehotline.org](http://www.thehotline.org) and [www.awareak.org](http://www.awareak.org) to learn more and find other ways to support.

Thank you both again, and a big thank you to Ray as well, for making this happen so quickly and so enthusiastically. UAS is lucky to have such an amazing Facilities team!

*Mitzi Bolaños Anderson, J.D., LL.M. (she/her)  
Director of Equity and Compliance / Title IX Coordinator*



## Noyes Pavilion Renovation

In late July of 2023, UAS entered into a contract with Carver Construction to replace the roofing, and re-coat the exterior wood of the Noyes Pavilion. Since we began so late in the year, the contractor was only able to complete a small portion of the necessary work. The record-breaking precipitation last year also made progress difficult, so they had to wait until this spring to continue work. Using the subcontractor Vanpool Painting, the staining of the exterior wood was completed in June. This was followed by Steel King completing the roofing in September, after replacing a small area of rotted wood. This project illustrates the importance of periodic inspection and maintenance. If we had not done this work, the rot would have spread, and more significant superficial, and structural repairs would be necessary in the future.



I am hopeful that we continue to see an increase in activities at the pavilion. It is a great place to hold campus events, and it is always good to see folks from off campus using it for their gatherings as well. *(Adam Zenger, Facilities Maintenance & Operations Manager)*



## Facilities Planning & Construction Project Updates

### Áak'w Tá Hít

Doors are open, and classes are in session at Áak'w Tá Hít, University of Alaska Southeast's new 11,200-square-foot facility dedicated to environmental science research and student learning. Located on the shore of Auke Bay and at the intersection of Alaska's ice field, rainforest, mountain, wetland, and marine habitats, the purpose-built facility incorporates the classrooms, laboratories, and field research and SCUBA diving facilities necessary for scientists and students to address the complex environmental questions facing society.

Over 100 people gathered on September 20th for a Grand Opening Celebration and Community Open House to mark the milestone in University of Alaska Southeast's commitment to environmental science education and Alaska. Chancellor Aparna Palmer and Interim Provost Carin Silkaitis were joined by University and local leaders, including Siekoonie Fran Houston, Yaanishtuk Mike Tagaban, Senator Jesse Kiehl and Representative Andi Story, CBJ Assemblyperson Wade Bryson, and former Chancellors Karen Carey and John Pugh to celebrate the new building.

The event, hosted by Interim Provost Silkaitis, began with three dances by the Tlingit & Haida Tribal Elders Dance Group, led by Margaret Haube. Siekoonie Fran Houston, Áak'w K̄wáan tribal spokesperson, opened the remarks with stories of the area. Yaanishtuk Mike Tagaban, Thunderbird House leader, thanked the University for "investing in this building and the study of our environment."

X̄'unei Lance Twitchell, Professor of Alaska Native Languages, led the crowd in a Lingít language call-and-

response pronunciation lesson for Áak'w Tá Hít. The building is the first at University of Alaska Southeast to receive a primary name in Lingít. Áak'w Tá Hít translates to House at the Head of the Little Lake (Bay). The building sits on the traditional territory of the Áak'w K̄wáan on Lingít Aaní, also known as Juneau.

The event culminated with University and community leaders participating in a shared ribbon-cutting on the building's exterior observation deck overlooking Auke Bay. Guests were invited to tour the facility's classrooms and laboratories after the ribbon-cutting.

Interim Provost Silkaitis remarked, "Áak'w Tá Hít embodies the spirit of Alaska's future, empowering students, researchers, and the broader community to address some of our most pressing environmental challenges. By providing state-of-the-art facilities and a collaborative space for exploration and innovation, this building is more than just a home for learning—it's a beacon for environmental leadership, grounded in the unique ecosystems and rich cultural heritage of Alaska. Here, we are empowering the next generation of scientists to forge solutions that benefit not only Alaska, but the world!"



"This building makes me want to be a student again," commented guest Steven Ball, General Manager of the Coeur Alaska Kensington Mine, a UAS donor and employer of Environmental Science graduates. University of Alaska Southeast's long-term vision and years of planning funded the design and construction of Áak'w Tá Hít. The building sits on land acquired from NOAA and is adjacent to the UAS Anderson Building for Marine Biology, located on the ocean-side portion of the Juneau Campus. The \$16 million project was designed by Northwind Architects and constructed by Blazy Construction, both Alaska-based companies. The building's design supports collaboration between researchers, faculty, students, and visitors. From a research standpoint, the building is equipped architecturally, mechanically, and electrically for maximum flexibility. The modern structure employs a high-performance envelope system, a pressure-equalizing rain-screen cladding system, and an energy-efficient air-source heat pump system for heating and cooling.

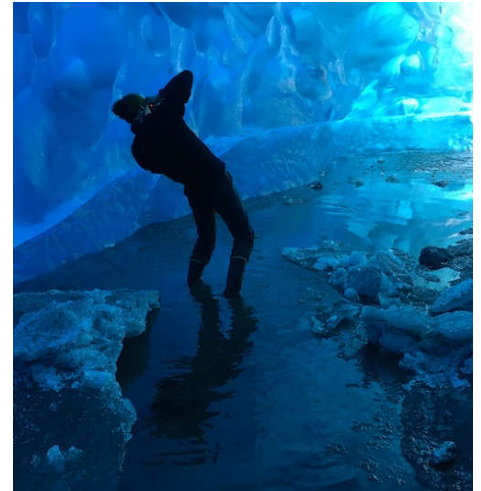
University of Alaska Southeast offers a rich cadre of faculty in its [Natural Sciences programs](#), including Environmental Science, Environmental Research, Environmental Studies, Fisheries and Ocean Sciences, Biology, Marine Biology, and Mathematics. Courses offered at Áak'w Tá Hít this fall include Sustainable Resource Management, Earth and Environment, Hydrology, and General Physics. UAS also offers [free Alaska Native Language classes](#). The [Spring 2025 Schedule](#) will be released on October 28, and Open Registration begins on November 11. (Article re-published with approval from Press Release 10/02/2024 *Elizabeth Cornejo, UAS Public Information Officer*)

## New Project Manager

Facilities Services would like to welcome our new Project Manager, Jakob Kryman to the team. Jakob's intractable love of wilderness and bad weather has kept him coming back to Juneau over the years. With a background in architectural design and construction, he is excited to join the crew at Facilities in shaping the built environment at UAS to the needs of its community.

A lifelong woodworker and aspiring jack-of-all-trades, Jakob whiles away his free time working on a new shop to contain the many hobbies he's collected. Plans and models adorn every flat surface of his apartment, and at the slightest interest he'll wax poetic about his favorite project du jour (currently a 16' wooden tugboat waiting for its keel).

Jakob can be reached at 907-796-6480 or [jekryman@alaska.edu](mailto:jekryman@alaska.edu)



## Security Cameras



Students, staff and faculty continue to ask for more security cameras. Last year the legislature provide 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 in the planning/investigation phase now and are uncertain when new cameras installed before next year.

*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. Design is starting now and hope to be under construction next summer. *UAS Project Manager – Jakob Kryman*



### Lakeside Grill Refresh

The new large windows installed at the Lakeside Grill make this space one of the most picturesque spaces on campus. This project make this space even more livable with improvements floor to ceiling. Plans may extend to new carpet, paint, furniture and lighting, but the biggest upgrade on the books is an acoustic refit with paneling to reduce noise reverberation and make conversation easier when the room is full. The project will also include 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 proceeding now and hope to start construction next summer. *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!

*UAS Project Manager – Jakob Kryman*



## Sneeze Guard Greenhouse



What to do with a stack of acrylic panels left over from the sneeze guards installed during COVID? Build a greenhouse, naturally! Facilities is exploring designs to reuse these panels as glazing for a small greenhouse. Gardening club, anyone?  
*UAS Project Manager – Jakob Kryman*

## Anderson Building Renovations



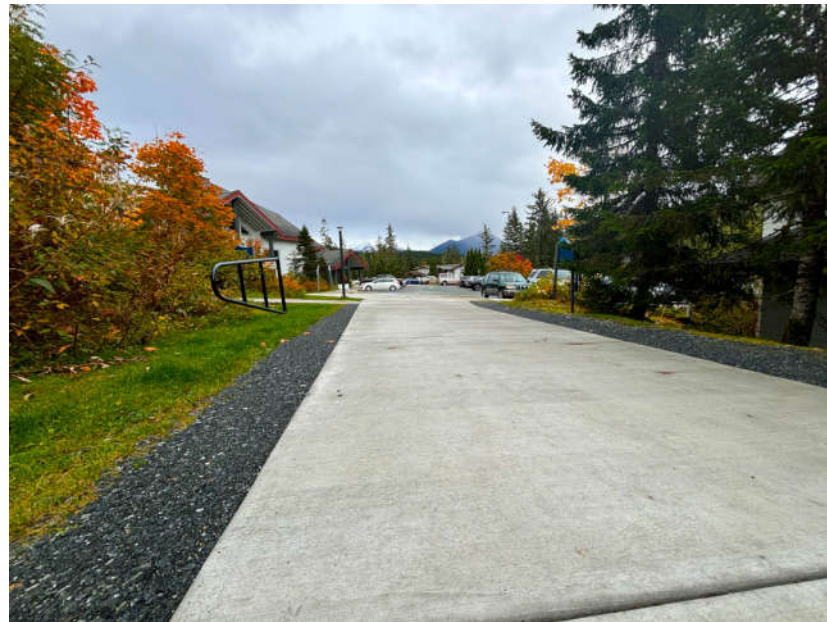
The Anderson Building has ongoing renovations in rooms 112, 114, 203, and 316. Some work will continue into Fall 2024. This work will allow for all Natural and Environmental Sciences to be in the Áak'w Tá Hít and Anderson buildings and complete the move out of NSRL.

For any questions regarding these construction projects, please reach out to me by email at [kreynolds@alaska.edu](mailto:kreynolds@alaska.edu).  
*Kristin Reynolds/Project Manager/FP&C*

## Housing Concrete Sidewalk Repair

This project helped improve [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, so it will be spring before the replacement manufacturer can fabricate the handrail that goes along C Building.

– *Nathan Leigh /Project Manager*



## Welding Lab – Fire Alarm Replacement



This project will replace the existing fire alarm system which had reached the end of its useful life. The contractor, Johnson Controls has completed most of the work and is just waiting for a back-ordered part. . – *Nathan Leigh / Project Manager*

## NSRL - Relocation

Most of the programs in the Natural Science Research Lab have been moved to the Auke Bay Integrated Science Building: Áak'w Tá Hít. The last remaining programs at NSRL have been or will soon be relocated to the Anderson Building. This project has remodeled the old scuba lab, science lab 108 and classroom 203 to accommodate these remaining programs. This project will be substantially complete in a few weeks.

– *Kristin Reynolds / PM*

## UAS Ketchikan Paul Bldg. – Nursing Project

Local Ketchikan architect Welsh Whiteley has been engaged to provide professional services to prepare the design and construction documents to remodel two rooms on the 3rd floor of the Paul Building to accommodate the School of Nursing. Nursing will relocate from its current location in the Maritime Training Center.

*Heather Trimble/Project Manager/FP&C UA*

## GRADES ARE IN

For UAS Facilities Services, that is. When I graduated many years ago, I was ecstatic that after 16 years of schooling and pressure to get good grades, I was now entering the Adult world where there is no mean teacher giving you a grade that determines whether you can move on or have to take the class over again.

Wow, was I ever wrong. Entering the Adult world was just the beginning of my taking tests and receiving grades. They are not always in the traditional school question and answer format. Tests and grades can take the form of job interviews, sales quotas, production targets, productivity evaluations, safety inspections, license renewals and happy repeat customers.

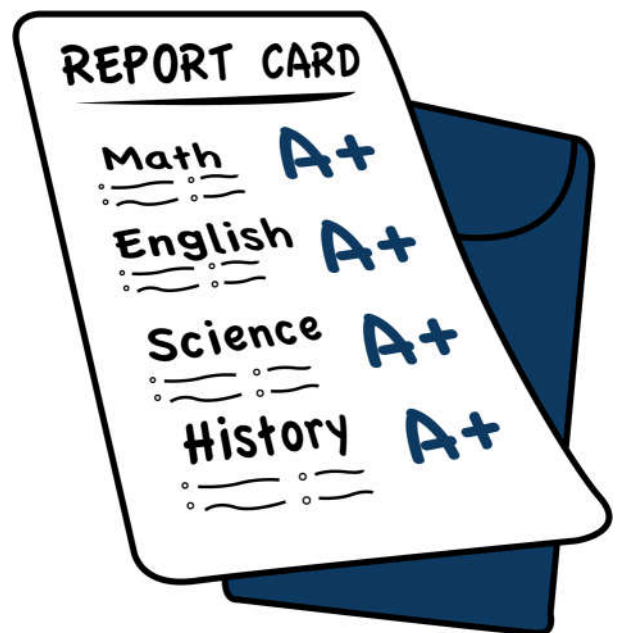
One of the many grades UAS Facilities Services gets is from an independent contractor who reviews the operations of many facilities services at universities across the United States. Once a year, Sightlines/Gordian reviews UAS Facilities services operation and maintenance of our facilities, compares us to other similar universities and gives us a report card (report) telling us how well we are doing and where we can improve.

We have posted our report cards on the UAS Facilities Services website

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

Sightlines/Gordian gives us four report cards

1. Facilities Benchmarking and Analysis: This report is over 50 pages long and grades us on things like building renovation age, investments in building up-keep, maintenance backlog, utility costs, energy consumption and maintenance staffing coverage.
2. Facilities Score Card: This is a one page summary of the benchmarking analysis and reports on the top five Key Performance Indicators (KPI) that receive specific review from UA administration.
3. Facilities Condition Assessment: This report identifies the maintenance and replacement needs of each of our buildings and estimates when these needs will be required.
4. Customer Satisfaction Survey.





Tests, Grades, and Report cards are just another fact of life. They do not end when you get out of school, they continue in your adult working career and my parents say even continue when you are retired. It reminds me of some advice from my high school coach “embrace the Test, it tells you how well you are doing and challenges you to do better”

Sightlines/Gordian report cards cover many areas of Facilities Services and I feel that they show that our **Stewardship** over our facilities is good compared to our peers Please feel free to review our report cards and email me any of your questions.

*Nathan Leigh. P.E.  
UAS Facilities Director*

## Reporting Facility Problems

With fall semester in full swing, and a bunch of new people on campus, I thought I would take the opportunity to remind everyone that Facilities Services is here to provide responsible **stewardship** for our buildings, grounds and utilities. Since we do not always notice everything that goes wrong with our buildings and grounds, we often rely on students, staff, and faculty to notify us when something is broken on campus. We appreciate your help with this, and have a few ways for you to contact us.



The first way is via our front desk telephone, which is staffed from 7:30am-4:30pm weekdays. Our phone number at Facilities Services is 907-796-6496. For after-hours and weekend emergencies not requiring fire service, EMS, or police, we use an answering service called Doctors Exchange. Their number is 1-866-999-1822, and they will contact our team.

We also have a Facilities Services e-mail address [uas.facilities@alaska.edu](mailto:uas.facilities@alaska.edu) that can be used to report problems. You can also fill out our online **Service Request** found on our Facilities Services home page.

At Facilities Services, we look forward to serving the campus community every day, and enjoy the challenges of the job. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions, comments, or deficiencies to report.

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

## Greetings from Sitka

### Fiber Optic Cable Outage



(Above: Starlink dish on its mast)

Soon thereafter, campus wide efforts had the outside dish mounted on a newly crafted mast and cabled in a more permanent fashion. Two OIT Engineers arrived and configured the satellite communication system into the buildings existing infrastructure and the campus was again operating on all wireless and ethernet connections. This allowed not only the campus, but the citizens of Sitka to regain connections to the rest of the world for almost two weeks while the repairs to the fiber optic cable were being made.

(Right: Welding Instructor Luke Gibes welding the mast)



### Snow Prep Work



Do you know where your snow shovel is? Do you have some ice melt standing by? We have both at the ready and have completed maintenance on our snowplows, sand spreader and our ATV. The vehicles that get studded tires have appointments scheduled for their tire swaps in the coming weeks too. Summer will be missed, but it's always nice to be ready for winter.



## Sitka Facilities Projects

**Canopy project is underway.**

We had a good number of Contractors attend a Pre-bid walk through meeting this week in addition to submitting the building plans to the City and Borough of Sitka. The permitting process can take several weeks but we are hopeful to have construction take place this winter. The project entails constructing three new canopies to protect people from falling snow and ice at the Welding and Kiln/Dive doors in addition to the emergency exit for the NW Coast Arts/Construction door.

### Room remodel getting rolling

Room 215 will be getting a long overdue freshening up and redesign with Title III funding and the project should be going out to bid any day now. Construction should be able to take place this winter, hopefully in time for Spring Semester.

### Migration to a new building controls system is happening behind the scenes.



Over the past couple of years, we have updated our server, switches, and other infrastructure components that house our automated building controls. Coordinated efforts between various Juneau and Sitka UAS departments and Siemens Technologies is now underway behind the scenes. These efforts are allowing the migration of systems controls from an older to a new and fully supported operating system. That might sound boring to some, but there are a few of us that are very excited to be able to better manage our buildings systems.

As fall and winter are upon us, make sure to check your headlights, taillights, wiper blades, and keep a flashlight or headlamp handy. See and be seen and have a wonder fall.

*Greg George  
Operations Supervisor/Facilities Services Sitka*



## Sending and Receiving Mail

### Receiving mail

Everyone loves receiving mail. It becomes much less fun when you are waiting for an order that doesn't show when it has been marked as "delivered" or worse, just seems lost altogether. Facilities wants to help with that, and here are some things you can do to help us, too.



#### **Faculty and Staff:**

Include your name and mail stop in the ship to address. Often we receive packages that only address: University of Alaska Southeast and our address. No other information to indicate recipient information. Proper labeling helps us easily and quickly identify who the order belongs to so we can get it where it needs to go.

#### **Student Housing Residents:**

Please indicate in your shipping information that the package needs to be delivered to student housing.

For example:

Jane Smith

UAS-Student Housing

11066 Auke Lake Way

Juneau, AK 99801



Despite best efforts, some vendors will not put contact information on packages. This is especially true when there are multiple shippers involved (vendor to USPS to AML for example). The more information we know, the quicker we can piece the puzzle together and get your order to you. We have been brainstorming the best way to coordinate such information and would love to hear your opinions. If you have an idea, please share it with us at [uas.facilities@alaska.edu](mailto:uas.facilities@alaska.edu)

One important point to remember when receiving packages: Just because tracking says delivered, that doesn't necessarily mean it was delivered. When items are shipped, especially via barge, often they will be signed for at the port, for instance when AML takes possession in Washington. This will trigger an alert to the receiver that it has been received/delivered and signed for, but clearly will not be in UA possession yet. When questioning actual receipt of an item, it can be very helpful to ask who signed for the receipt. This will help separate out items that haven't arrived on campus yet.

You can find more about UAS Mail here: [https://uas.alaska.edu/facilities\\_services/mail.html](https://uas.alaska.edu/facilities_services/mail.html)

**From all of us at UAS Facilities Services, we wish you a productive and successful fall semester!**

