



Facilities Forum

September 2026

Congratulations to **Kyle Evans of the Campus Mail Center**, our September Facilities Services Employee of the Month!

Kyle is known for his positive attitude, dependability, and willingness to help. He plays a key role in the Passport Acceptance Office, providing welcoming service to customers while being a great teammate to coworkers and student employees.

Thank you, Kyle, for the great service you provide every day and for being such a valued member of Facilities Services! Know someone who deserves recognition? Nominate them [here!](#)



Kyle Evans, September 2026 Employee of the Month.
photo by D. Lazarus

From Kellie Fritze, AVCF

Well, that was quick - summer is over and campus is full again! Getting UAF ready for the start of classes takes an incredible amount of work, much of it happening long before anyone else notices. Buildings, grounds, utilities, projects, moves, repairs, last-minute requests - and all of the unexpected things that inevitably show up along the way.

Thank you to everyone across Facilities Services who helped get campus ready and keeps it running every day. I hope you take some pride when you look around campus and see students back in classrooms, labs, residence halls, and gathering spaces. You helped make that possible.

Wes Darling, Utilities Metering Technician, recently shared the [UA Leadership Mantra](#) with me, and I thought it was worth passing along. It's a quick read and a good reminder that how we work together matters just as much as the work itself.

Now, if Fall could just stick around for a while before the snow starts... -- Kellie

Kudos!

*I would like to give a shout out to **Shawna Durfey**. On Sunday we experienced a major problem with the Lenel system server and the museum alarms. She worked the issue until it was fixed, provided us with updates, knew who needed to be brought in to fix the issue (OIT PAWS) and was able to mask the specific alarms that were affected and spamming dispatch with false signals. She spent her entire Sunday dedicating herself to solving the problem and was great to work with. So in short she totally nailed it and was a complete Rockstar and saved the day! I know that positive feedback doesn't always happen so I wanted you to know how good of a job she did. – J.B.*

Shop Highlights

Thanks to **Connor Dolan, Engineering Intern at the Division of Design & Construction**, for providing the following article on drone usage

Facilities from Above: Putting Drones to Work

The Drone Team (Connor Dolan, Ron Wilkes, Aden Leslie, and Adam Guerra) based out of DDC uses a DJI Mavic 3E, capable of taking 48-megapixel images and flying programmed routes for frame perfect photos as a project develops. While the team is at DDC, drone work is available to all of Facilities Services, not just DDC projects.

Drone Services Include: Construction documentation, Roof condition surveys, Site planning and condition assessments, Grounds and landscaping planning, Utility and infrastructure mapping

Why it Matters: Satellite imagery is often outdated and too low resolution to use in project planning. Having up to date and high-resolution images of a project or site can help immensely with project planning and catch problems early on that otherwise could have been missed. These images can also serve as news worthy cover photos for the larger more public facing projects around campus.

Want Drone Work for your project? Anyone within Facilities can request work using the DDC Drone Team email at UAF-DDC-drone-Team@alaska.edu



FIDC Fire Station 12 dorm addition, taken 7/31/2025 by Connor Dolan



FIDC Fire Station 12 dorm addition, taken 7/7/2026 by Connor Dolan



CLHHD Copper Lane Honors House demo, taken 8/18/2025 by Connor Dolan



CLHHD Copper Lane Honors House demo, taken 7/21/2026 by Connor Dolan



The staircase on the north side of the museum was painted and looks great! *photo by N. Platt*



The Naniq flame was lit on August 21 and stayed lit through the first day of classes. *photo by N. Platt*



FS is responsible for the furniture in the general use classrooms. This photo shows the new furniture and new carpet in Gruening 206. It looks fantastic! *photo by N. Platt*



Ribbon (well, fire hose) cutting at Station 12. Chief Kuiper, DDC's **Noel Rathbun, Cameron Wohlford, and Adam Guerra**, and Deputy Chief Raygor. Kudos to our DDC team of Noel and Adam for a job very well done, the facility is extraordinary! *photo by E. Engman*



We dug a hold in the WRRB parking lot to address a thermokarst issue and encountered frozen loess at 19' down, a sign that we were getting close to the bottom of the void. *photo by N. Platt*



Corri Conkle and Erica Cortez at Customer Service keep Facilities Services rolling! Did you know that we billed out 73,648 work order transactions across 20,331 work order phases last year? *photo by K. Fritze*

Current Facilities Recruitments

[Facilities Services Pool Technician](#)

[Facilities Services Laborer](#)

[MSW4 Utilities Laborer](#)

[CT1 Alarms Technician](#)

[Water Quality Specialist](#)

[Vehicle Custodian & Inspection Assistant \(Temp\)](#)

[Environmental Coordinator](#)

[Environmental Compliance Specialist](#)

[Temporary Full-Time Shuttle Bus Driver](#)

[Mail Clerk](#)

[Assistant Director of Maintenance and Operations](#)

[Environmental Protection Specialist](#)

[Facilities Services Student Assistant - Property/Central Receiving](#)

[Facilities Services Student Assistant - Operations](#)

[Facilities Services Student Assistant - Maintenance Shops](#)

[Facilities Services - Temporary Service](#)

[Facilities Services - Temporary Trades](#)

[Electrician - CT2 or CT3](#)

[Carpenter](#)

[CT3 Instrumentation Mechanic](#)



[UAF JOBS](#)

UAF Trivia (first person to give me the correct answer gets bragging rights next month!)

September Trivia

What lies about 100 feet beneath the Bunnell statue in Cornerstone Plaza?

- A. An abandoned utility tunnel
- B. A Cold War shelter
- C. An old student-built training mine
- D. An underground water reservoir

Congrats to last month's winner, **Avie Bruce**, Property Manager at Central Receiving/Property, who was the first to answer our August trivia question about Rock Poker, the card game that Geology students played with rocks instead of cards!

Focus on Campus Mail Center

Shout out - The Campus Mail Center staff and student employees have been doing an exceptional job. At the beginning of the academic year, our mailbox mail and package volume increases as students order necessary items for the start of their coursework. Without this dedicated team, campus mail operations would not function smoothly. I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge their hard work and dedication. Thank you all for your outstanding efforts. Special thanks to Leah, Kyle, Harrison, Lauren, and Mason. - - *Deanna Lazarus, Manager Campus Mail Center*



Leah Rego sorting student and department letters, *photo by D. Lazarus*



Harrison Torr loading student mail into the package lockers, *photo by D. Lazarus*

Core route mail getting ready to be loaded to the van for Leah to deliver round campus. *photo by D. Lazarus*



Mason Westerlin working on getting student packages ready to be processed. *photo by D. Lazarus*

What our morning looks like with all those student packages. *photo by D. Lazarus*



Kyle Evans are preparing the passport application to go out. *photo by D. Lazarus*