



Monthly Newsletter

FACILITIES FORUM

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Exciting Updates Ahead: Check Out What's New This Month!

Welcome back to this month's edition of Facilities Forum. Time for the announcements!

Congratulations to **John Sears**, he is February's Employee of the Month.

If you know someone who you think deserves to be recommended as a future Employee on the Month, please visit this [link](#) to nominate them.

Reminder that **Hailey Lawson's** last day with Facilities Services will be this Friday, stop by room 111 to say goodbye. If you have any Human Resources needs, questions, or concerns, please continue to use the uaf-fshr@alaska.edu email to communicate.

Please help welcome **Christian Benavidez** and **Haley Nelson**, with Division of Design and Construction, who both started last month. Also, **Denys Marchenko** starts with Business Operations next week as well as **Karl Bergman** who will be returning to help the FSIT team on a temporary basis.



Thank you for being a part of Facilities Services!

Facilities team x

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Hot Off the Press!



by John Smith

Over the past few months, the UAF Sign Shop has been working on a side project aimed at expanding our services for campus and Facilities Services. Last year, John Sears and I envisioned creating our own custom apparel designs—ranging from t-shirts and hats to hoodies and more—for Facilities Services. After meticulously calibrating our printer and fine-tuning our process, we are excited to announce the purchase of a new heat press.

This machine allows us to produce vibrant, durable prints in-house. With precise

temperature control and even heat distribution, every item we create meets our high-quality standards, ensuring that our custom apparel and other products are both eye-catching and long-lasting.

Looking forward, we believe this investment will enable us to supply not only Facilities Services with custom apparel, but also save money by eliminating the need to use a third-party vendor. We are eager to explore innovative design possibilities and expand our service offerings, ultimately delivering greater value to the UAF community with every piece we create.

New Oven Install at Hutch

by Dirk Champlin

This project required removal of the existing 28 year old oven, moving the new oven which weighed almost 3000 pounds to the site at Hutch. Setting the pieces of the unit into place required eight people. Thank you to the labor crew for the help!

In addition to assembling all the parts there were plumbing, HVAC, and electrical connections

required as well as installation of the front hood vent which is installed in the ceiling. This new unit is a Model OV210E (Electric) Rack Oven. It accommodates roll-in racks and is equipped with an electronic oven control for baking and/or steaming applications. A mechanism in the ceiling of the oven rotates the entire rack for fast high capacity baking. This unit will be essential for the culinary arts program.









Owl Sighting

by Keith Nuss

We've had a couple visits from an owl over the past week. It's smaller and more slender than the parent owls from last year so we're wondering if this might be one of their younglings. We're hoping this is a sign that they'll want to nest in our planter again this summer. Michael Young is looking into costs for installing a webcam with perhaps a link on the Facilities Services webpage.

Current Recruitments

[Procurement Technician](#)

[Instrumentation Mechanic](#)

[Contract Specialist](#)

[Painter/Maint Mechanic](#)

[Maintenance Mechanic](#)

[Project Manager](#)

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