



Monthly Newsletter

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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 Smith**, he is March'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 Spring Break is this month, the 10th through the 14th. Don't forget that Friday the 14th is one of the observed University of Alaska holidays.

Please help welcome **Eric Bailey** who starts with Utilities next week as well as **Jonathan Douglass** who will be working at our Seward Marine Center.

Spring snow removal and parking lot closures are here, visit this [link](#) to find out where and when.



Thank you for being a part of Facilities Services!

Facilities team x

In this newsletter you can expect:

BIRD "Fishy Condos"

Engineer of the Year

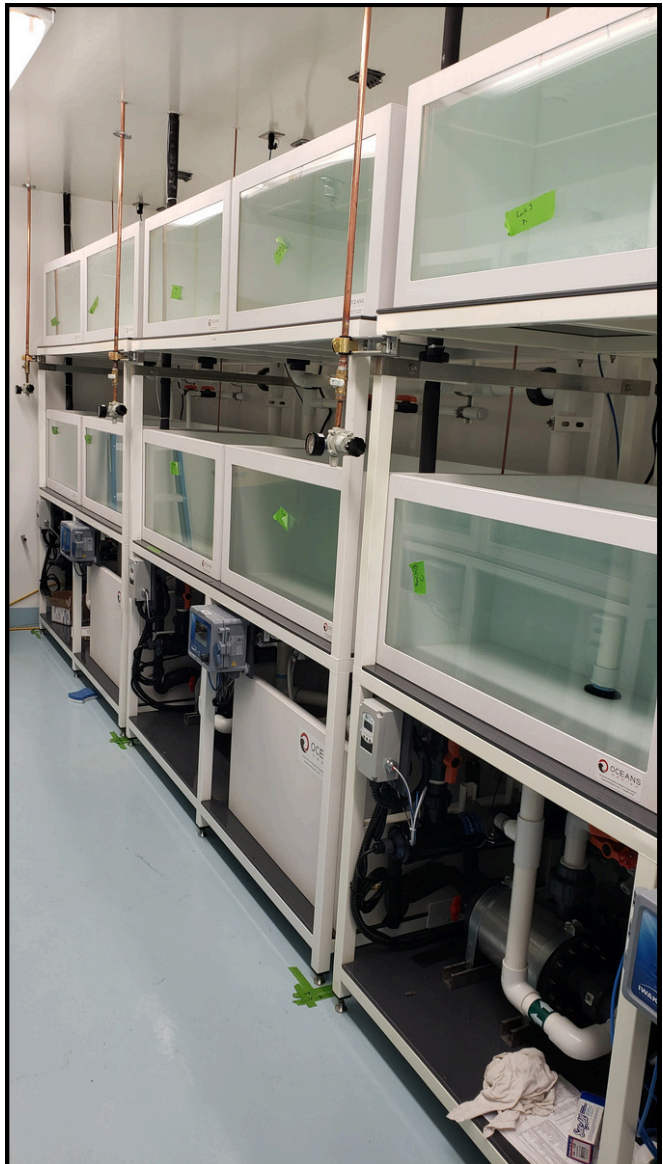
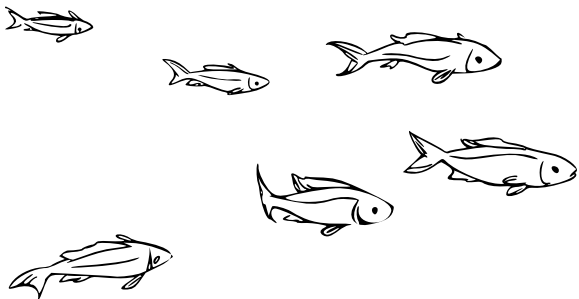
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Current Recruitments



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BiRD “Fishy Condos”



by Nick Middelstadt

Facilities Services is in the process of completing a project that furthers the University’s R1 goals. IAB recently brought onboard Matthew Gilbert, a researcher from Canada, to join their program. His role at UAF includes arctic aquatic research, for which he had custom research racks fabricated by a vendor for installation at the BiRD building. The equipment’s tie-in at BiRD was designed by Design Alaska and installed predominantly by the Facilities Services shops with support from Cygnet Construction and their subcontractors.

Each rack supplies four insulated tanks, 50 gallons each, with circulating water that can

chill down to 2°C/36°F and balance within ±1°C/2°F degrees using immersion heaters. The water is conditioned with particulate and UV filters, pH balanced with compressed air and CO₂, and monitored by a controller that can email its research team if the system goes out of tolerance.

The project has been a large internal undertaking. My thanks to our HVAC, Plumbing, Electrical, Insulation, Labor, Access, and Alarms shops, to OIT, and to everyone else who helped carry this across the finish line. This project is a boon both for helping the researcher achieve their goals and for demonstrating how Facilities Services helps the University compete for new talent and retain existing talent.

Engineer of the Year



PHOTO BY DONALD BENNETT

by Michelle Strickland

Cameron Wohlford was named by the Alaska Society of Professional Engineers (ASPE) as their 2024 Engineer of the Year. The award recognizes the engineering achievements, professional service, and civil and humanitarian activities of an Alaska engineer. ASPE recognized Cameron at their annual ASPE Engineering Banquet, capping off E-Week activities, at Pike's Waterfront Lodge on Saturday, February 22, 2025. Congratulations, Cameron!



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