



# Monthly Newsletter

FACILITIES FORUM

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## Health Science Building Renovation Complete at KuC

By Jakob Theurich

We are excited to announce the completion of the newly renovated Health Science building at UAF's Kuskokwim Campus in Bethel. This modern space provides state-of-the-art classrooms, a skills lab, and a simulation lab designed to reflect real-world healthcare settings—ensuring students are prepared to meet Alaska's critical healthcare needs.

Made possible by funding from the Health Resources and Services Administration, with support from the late Congressman Don Young, the renovation included a full interior redesign, accessibility improvements, and upgraded infrastructure. Input from students, faculty, staff, and the Yukon-Kuskokwim Health Corporation helped create a flexible, multi-use space that will grow with the program.

This project strengthens the "grow our own" model of nursing education, a partnership between UAF and UAA that trains local students to become healthcare professionals. With added support from Premier Blue Cross, the facility now features advanced simulation and instructional technology that will improve training and patient outcomes.

More than just a building, this renovation represents an investment in the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta—building resilience, expanding opportunities in nursing and allied health, and helping students learn, train, and thrive close to home.

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# Employee of the Month - David Hooper

By Kellie Fritze

Please join me in congratulating David Hooper from DDC as our October Employee of the Month!

David's leadership, teaching spirit, and dedication have made a clear and positive impact across Facilities Services. His ability to guide, support, and inspire those around him sets a high standard for all of us. Please join me in congratulating David on this well-deserved recognition and thanking him for all he does!

Reasons for Nomination:

Positive Attitude and Behavior:

David Hooper finds the positive in every situation. He has a way of making us feel good about where we are, even when we are short of where we want to be. He gives thorough, thoughtful feedback whenever necessary. He speaks to you in a way that helps to make you feel comfortable and understand his view point.

Teamwork and Collaboration:

David Hooper has a lot of experience with UAF and always finds ways to share what he has learned with the team. He likes to find the teaching moment in everything he does. If he is doing something in your presence he wants to show you how and why to do it also.

Leadership and Initiative:

David Hooper does not ask more than he is willing to give. He values our time and does not demand more than we are capable of. He assigns tasks outside of our comfort zone but within our ability to complete, helping us build confidence in future projects. If we go to him with an issue he solves it with us, showing us the steps along the way.

Additional Comments: David Hooper is an incredible Project manager, supervisor and human. The DDC and UAF are very lucky to have his hard work and leadership.

Congrats to David!! If you'd like to nominate a colleague for next month's Employee of the Month, you can do so [here](#).

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## Why We Don't Allow Vehicles on Ski Trails

By Darrin Bear Eddison

We'd like to take a moment to remind everyone why motor vehicles are strictly prohibited on our ski trails — and why individuals are not permitted to retrieve vehicles on their own.

Recently, a vehicle was driven onto one of our trails, resulting in thousands of dollars in damage to the groomed surface and surrounding terrain. Unfortunately, incidents like this not only require extensive repair work, but also disrupt trail access for our community.

Our policies are in place to protect both the trails and the safety of our users. If a vehicle becomes stuck or stranded, please do not attempt to recover it yourself. Contact our team immediately so we can manage the situation properly.

Thank you for helping us preserve the quality of our trails for everyone.



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# UAF Police Find No Bombs After Morning Threat

UAF police find no bombs after morning threat  
The University of Alaska Fairbanks Police Department has determined that no explosive devices were present at the buildings mentioned in two Tuesday morning emailed bomb threats. Normal operations at the UAF Troth Yeddha' Campus in Fairbanks resumed around 11:30 a.m. Get more info on the incident response.



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## TITLE IX TRAINING

Students, employees, and volunteers must complete Title IX training each year between July 1 and October 31.  
To complete your FY26 training:

1. Go to [UAF Canvas](#) and log in.
2. Select UA Safe Title IX Training – FY26 to enroll and complete the course.
3. Allow about one hour to finish.

For details on training requirements, see the [Frequently Asked Questions](#) page.

Thank you for making time to complete this important requirement.

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## UAF Benefits

Contact the UA Benefits team  
(907) 450-8242 | [ua-benefits@alaska.edu](mailto:ua-benefits@alaska.edu)  
[Schedule one-on-one time](#)

Need personal benefits help?  
[TouchCare](#) | 1-866-486-8242  
[assist@touchcare.com](mailto:assist@touchcare.com) | [TouchCare's Website](#)

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## Current Recruitments

[Alarms Technician](#)

[CTI Warehouse](#)

[Electrician](#)

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## First Friday Tour at the Central Heat and Power Plant

The Utilities Operations Division of Facilities Services offers monthly tours of the UAF Combined Heat and Power (CHP) Plant. Tours take place on the first Friday of each month at 1:30 p.m., meeting on the first floor of the CHP Turbine Building (north side entrance).

To help us plan for the appropriate number of tour guides, please email [UAF-chptours@alaska.edu](mailto:UAF-chptours@alaska.edu) in advance to reserve your spot. If you have any questions or would like to arrange a special tour, please contact us at the same email address.

We look forward to seeing you!



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*Thank you for reading!*