



King County International Airport

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NEWSLETTER



Employees cut ribbon at new Activity Center

Employees celebrated the opening of the airport's first-ever Activity Center on August 28. Located at the Maintenance Shop, 6518 Ellis Ave. S., the Activity Center features full-service exercise equipment including treadmills, a stationary bicycle, free weights, stability balls, and more. The ribbon-cutting event also featured personal trainers, who showed employees how to use the equipment. The center is open to all King County employees from 6 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

"We encourage employees to take some time to get up from their desks for a mental and physical break by getting up and moving at lunch, before or after work, or on a break," said Karla Clark, a health educator on the Balanced You team.

The project cost about \$45,000, including about \$20,000 in equipment from King County Employee Health and Well Being and \$25,000 in material and equipment from the airport. The airport saved thousands of dollars on the project by contributing employee labor, including:

- Ed Lutcavich found a company that would put an HVAC system through the only existing window vice through the roof.
- Mark Hella and Shawn Smith performed all the new wiring and lighting.
- Airport employees could not find flooring and installation for less than \$13,000, so airport staff bought the materials and Scott Armstrong installed it.
- Jason Cunningham painted the inside and outside.
- Sandy Trevino performed several full days of deep cleaning throughout the project.

LEFT: Karla Clark and John Parrott cut ribbon. RIGHT: Staff check out the new center.



ARFF unit recognized by international organization

The Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting Working Group (ARFFWG), an international organization dedicated to the advancement of ARFF safety and best practices, is granting King County International Airport's ARFF unit with the organization's Meritorious Service Award. The award will be presented at the ARFFWG conference in Grand Rapids, Mich. on September 8.

The award recognizes the ARFF unit for exemplary service during the series of February snowstorms in our region, which dumped as much as 28 inches of snow in some places. Over three days at the height of the storms, travel was very precarious. King County Executive Dow Constantine closed some county services due to the hazards.

KCIA's ARFF unit has a mandate that it must meet certain staffing levels for the airport to remain open for business. During the storms, the members of the ARFF unit elected to come to work and stay, some of them for the entire three days. The ARFF unit does not work a 24-hour schedule, so there were no sleeping facilities in the station. Instead, the deputy firefighters slept on the floor. By choosing to serve the airport and aviation community, the airport did not close due to ARFF staffing. The airport has since added beds for emergency situations.



Interns Phyllis Acheampong and Andrew Vu proudly show off one of the displays they updated in the lobby of the Airport Terminal

Interns work together to update airport display cases

Phyllis Acheampong and Andrew Vu served as interns at King County International Airport this summer, with the direction and support of their mentor, Anita Loving. While they worked on multiple projects, a significant one was updating airport displays.

Phyllis and Andrew, along with Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting Chief Greg Thomas, visited the Duwamish Longhouse Cultural Center where they learned about the broken treaty of Point Elliott and the challenges the Native Duwamish faced and are still facing to this day. The Duwamish are still fighting to be a federally recognized tribe. This information was essential in effectively displaying information about the Duwamish people. Phyllis and Andrew also contacted different archives to get photos for the displays. In addition, the team met with the Museum of Flight staff to assemble historical photographs of the airport's early years, and bought props from both the Museum of Flight store and the Longhouse Cultural Center.

Phyllis and Andrew shared the finished product of the first display case they completed with the airport managers and staff.

Overall, the display case project was a great experience for Phyllis. She not only had the chance to learn the history of KCIA, but history she'd never be taught in school regarding Seattle's first people. Phyllis would like to say a special thank you to everyone who contributed in making her internship a memorable one, especially Anita. She was a great mentor and overall supervisor. From the Krispy Kreme doughnuts, to the ongoing motivation throughout the process, she made it easier to wake up at 6 a.m. in the middle of summer. Phyllis plans on taking the skills that she gained while working at the airport and applying them in her everyday life, as well as future occupations.

Andrew would like to thank everyone who helped with the display cases and for making his internship a wonderful experience. Andrew hopes to use these skills and experiences to guide him toward his future goals.

Calendar of Events

Airport Round Table

September 9, 5-6:30pm, KCIA 110

SR-71 Blackbird Forum

September 14-15, Museum of Flight

RAF Red Arrows

September 23-24

Tenant Corner

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Runway 14R Glideslope Adjustments

The FAA plans to take its Runway 14R Instrument Landing System (ILS) glideslope out of service from September 5 -12 to make adjustments to the glideslope signal. This will involve installation of a new glideslope tower and antenna, as well as extensive flight checking by FAA. If low visibility occurs during this period there could be significant delays at both King County International Airport-Boeing Field and Seattle-Tacoma International Airport.

Pilots should monitor NOTAMs for facility outage details.



The Runway 14R glideslope antenna and tower, which is expected to be replaced by the FAA this month



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