Second annual FOD Walk set for July 30
Employees, tenants and others scour the airfield for garbage and debris during last year's FOD Walk.

Foreign object debris, or "FOD" can be devastating for aircraft, pilots and passengers. To raise awareness about the importance of keeping trash and debris off the airfield, King County International Airport is hosting its second annual FOD Walk cleanup from 7:30 a.m. to 11 a.m., starting at the Museum of Flight parking lot. For more information contact Sam Priest, Airport Duty Manager.

Blue Angels to be based at KCIA this August

The Blue Angels are back for SeaFair this summer! They'll be based at the terminal side of the airport this year instead of the Museum of Flight.

"The jets will literally be parked 150 feet from where your chair is at the tent. It's one you don't want to miss," said Matt Sykora, Properties and Business Development Administrator.

Photo: The Blue Angels in 2019, the last year of the live SeaFair air show before COVID-19 caused cancellations.

Welcome new interns
**Inayah Farooqi**
Airport Management intern  
Sophomore, Purdue University  
Farooqi is majoring in Professional Flight Technology and Aeronautical Engineering Technology. She is a future commercial pilot and Airframe and Power Plant (A&P) mechanic. She is most looking forward to meeting and connecting with airport staff to develop strong and long-lasting relationships with peers to assist in enhancing her learning experience. She hopes to leave this internship knowledgeable of Airport Operations and Airport Management to further help her future career in understanding the inner workings of an airport from a commercial pilot/A&P mechanic’s point of view. Some of her hobbies include swimming and lifeguarding in the Seattle area. She also has her private pilot’s license.

**Elijah Jones**
Masters in Public Administration intern  
First year, University of Washington, Evans School of Public Policy and Governance  
Jones just completed an internship with the King County Courthouse and will begin the University of Washington’s Evans School of Public Policy and Governance program in the fall. After graduate school he hopes to continue public service in King County to benefit the community. During this internship he hopes to polish his current skills, learn new skills, and build connections with other interns, leadership, and staff at KCIA. Some of his hobbies include basketball, working out, and video games.

**Vaibhavi Lakshmi (Vaibhs/Vibes)**
Graduate Intern  
Graduate student, University of Washington, Transportation Engineering  
Lakshmi will begin her internship on July 5.  
"I have completed my undergrad in India with my major being Civil Engineering," Lakshmi said. "I have completed the third quarter of my master's in Transportation Engineering at the University of Washington.

"In this internship, I’m focusing on learning how I can implement the knowledge that I gained from my master's into the industry," she added. "I also look forward to learning a lot of new concepts and techniques for solving problems in the Transportation industry.”

In her spare time, Lakshmi enjoys cooking and singing.
Rares Neagu  
Engineering Team intern  
Junior, University of Washington Bothell  
Neagu is majoring in Mechanical Engineering. He is looking forward to gaining hands-on experience and meeting and connecting with airport staff. In addition, he volunteers at the Washington Aerospace Scholars Program that the Museum of Flight offers.

Sierra Sellers  
Finance Student Intern  
Junior, Dillard University, New Orleans, LA  
"I am a business major with a concentration in marketing," Sellers said. "My career goals include working in the marketing department for a major entertainment company. I look forward to learning more about the financial operations at KCIA that will enhance my skills for the future. My hobbies include reading, concerts, and photography/videography.”

Interns get hands-on ARFF experience

One of the benefits of an internship at KCIA is getting to tour the Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting (ARFF) station and get some hands-on experience. Above, at left, Elijah Jones gets to practice with a fire hose. Center, Inayah Farooqi and Jones with an ARFF rig. At right, Sergeant Clint Herman shows Farooqi a drill tool that can tear through many types of material so that fire fighters can get access.

Civil Air Patrol gets trained in first aid, CPR
The Civil Air Patrol (CAP), Seattle Composite Squadron, spent a day in June at the Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting (ARFF) station learning first aid and Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR).

"The King County area has the highest save rate of any county in the nation when it comes to heart related emergencies," said Sergeant Clint Herman of ARFF.

"This can be attributed to the highly trained paramedics and EMT’s of the King County EMS system and the abundance of trained lay persons," Herman explained. "This not only helps the citizens of King County but more importantly the tenants and employees of the King County International Airport. CAP has at least two aircraft based at Boeing Field International (BFI) and numerous more members who fly out of BFI. It was our pleasure to pass on these skills to their members."

Herman recognized Marshall Paula Proffit (a former ARFF member) and Deputy Billy Muncy for their hard work to organize the class.

Photo, above: Sixteen members of the Civil Air Patrol, Seattle Composite Squadron at the ARFF station for their first aid training.

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**Staff recruit future interns at AAAE career fair**

Airport employees talked with about 75 students at the American Association of Airport Executives student career fair. At left, Kevin Nuechterlein and right, Matt Sykora tell prospective interns about KCIA's internship program. They also reviewed students’ resumes and gave tips for improvement.