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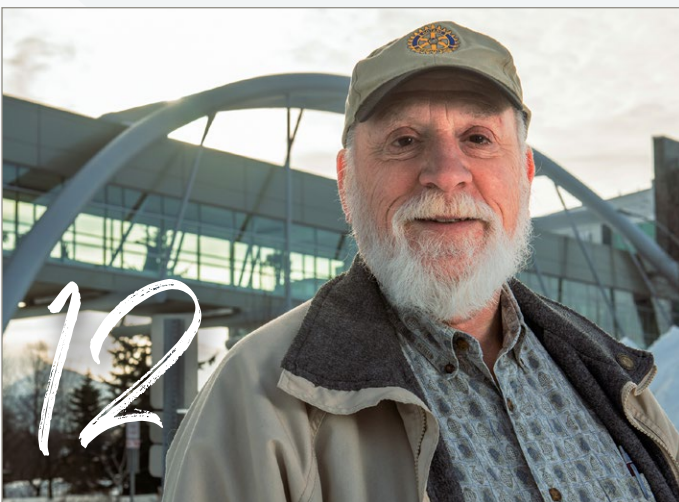
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Dear Friends and Supporters of UAA,

It's a new world, but here at UAA, our value and commitment to our trailblazing students remain the same.

Thirteen months into the largest global public health crisis in a century, it is with the optimism and hope of Alaska spring that we make plans for the return to on-campus learning experiences for the fall.

Together, we have navigated the challenges of teaching, learning and working remotely. We've stepped up for our neighbors – sharing our resources, facilities, academic programs and research units to respond to COVID-19 in innovative ways:

- The College of Health offered contact tracing certification training through a partnership with the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services and also collaborated with DHSS to develop a survey tool to prioritize and distribute critical medical supplies.
- The School of Nursing graduated nursing students early so they could join the health care workforce in Alaska as quickly as possible.
- UAA's Alaska Airlines Center became a focal point for two critical COVID-19 mitigation efforts, including treatment and most recently, vaccinations. To date, more than 23,250 vaccines have been administered on our campus.

I hope, like me, you take great pride in this exceptional university and celebrate the grit and determination of our community to stay connected despite extraordinary circumstances. From our online Giving Day and alumni events, like Homecoming Breakfast in the fall, to the reimagined Nine in the Spine and Winterfest that support the Alumni Scholarship – together, we've kept our eyes on opportunity.

As interim chancellor, I am profoundly inspired by your loyalty and support that advances UAA's public-serving mission and helps our students chart the bright futures they imagine for Alaska. We also can look forward with confidence as we welcome Sean Parnell to the role of UAA chancellor.

The university leadership team, faculty and staff share a compelling vision for the future, outlined in our UAA 2025 Strategic Plan, a forward-thinking strategic vision that will guide our institution for the next five years. It dovetails with the launch of our systemwide *For Alaska* fundraising campaign, which promises to raise \$200 million in contributed support for the University of Alaska system. It's no secret that in the face of statewide budget challenges and a shifting economic future, your support is needed as we work together to create the hope of Alaska's tomorrow through education.

Your deeply valued investments in innovation and education lead us forward as we adapt to a changing world. For more than a century, the University of Alaska system has provided education and resources to build our great state. Thank you for being a backer of this remarkable tradition that changes lives, empowers dynamic career aspirations and strengthens Alaska's communities through the transformative power of learning.

Yours Sincerely,



Bruce Schultz
UAA Interim Chancellor





THE CAMPAIGN FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA

At UAA, everything we do is for Alaska. From our commitment to open access to the groundbreaking applied research that powers our communities, UAA is of Alaska, and for Alaska. The university embodies the frontier mentality of our great state and instills in students the determination, resilience and entrepreneurial spirit needed to be successful.

To advance this vision, the University of Alaska system has launched an ambitious campaign to raise \$200 million in funding that will impact students, faculty and communities across our campuses. We will succeed only with partners throughout Alaska, from individual community leaders and alumni to corporations and foundations, who join us in securing the future of a thriving and equitable state.

To encourage learning across our diverse communities and shape Alaska's future, UAA will make key investments in five core priority areas that have been identified by the University of Alaska as drivers of system change and embraced by UAA's 2025 Strategic Plan:

- Culture of education, broad access, student success and educational equity
- A workforce for Alaska
- Research relevant to Alaska and to the Arctic region
- Alaska's knowledge base to grow and diversify our economy
- Student-athletes' quest for excellence

True to its DNA, UAA has faced the challenges of fiscal reductions and the COVID-19 pandemic with purpose and

resolve. We are determined to emerge stronger. Staff and faculty across our campuses, many of whom have been with the university for decades, have united to keep focused on our core mission – to provide an excellent education to every student who wants one.

Today, with renewed determination, we set our sights on a brighter future. UAA must continue to be a leader for the state. To do so, we will invest in research and innovation that shapes a new Alaska economy. We will inspire and train the workforce that creates and drives that economy. And we will foster an inclusive environment that lifts up every dimension of our society and ensures student success. This is not for UAA, this is for Alaska.

Campaign accomplishments for UAA and our community campuses include:

- **\$14.1 million** raised to support UAA scholarships that unlock opportunity for students from all walks of life, and \$153.8 million raised for the University of Alaska system
- **15,219** gifts raised to date
- **3,045** alumni donors

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CLEARING STUDENTS FOR LIFTOFF

By: Alex Komar
and Matt Jardin

MAJ. CHRISTINA GELLER ON A DECADE OF INVESTING IN FUTURE SERVICE MEMBERS

For the past decade, Christina Geller, A.A.S. Accounting '03, B.B.A. Accounting '06, and her husband Yevgeniy Geller, B.B.A. Management '04, have been supporting the UAA Excellence in Air Force ROTC scholarship.

As a recipient of donor-funded scholarships herself, Geller used this aid to supplement her UA Scholars Award, bestowed to Alaska high school students who are in the top 10% of their class.

"By receiving those scholarships, UAA and the Air Force ROTC program were paying it forward to me, so now I am paying it forward to someone else," said Geller. "I know how financially difficult it can be to go to college for some. And since I received those scholarships, I did not have to pay as much, so I wanted to give back."

Along with giving back and opening the door for future UAA students, Geller had three other specific career goals in mind after graduating: to deploy with the Air Force at least once, to become squadron commander and eventually lieutenant colonel.

Having achieved two out of her three goals, Geller will cross off the last one and become lieutenant colonel on June 1, 2021. And May 2021 will mark her 15-year anniversary of service with the Air Force. Currently, Geller serves as a major, an active-duty Air Force finance officer, squadron commander and was named Air Force Finance Officer of the Year in 2011.

Geller and her husband, a computer programmer, now reside in Grand Forks, North Dakota, with their on-the-go



two-year-old son. She hopes her family's continued support of their alma mater, even with the distance, serves as an example for others to pave the way for the next generation of students in Alaska.

"A little bit can go a long way. As long as you can give back, that is all that matters," encouraged Geller, before shifting gears to channel sage advice from her parents to address prospective students. "Set your dreams. Don't worry about if you can achieve it or not. If you put your mind to it, you can achieve it!"



SKI TEAM TAKES FOURTH PLACE IN THE NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS, RALLIED BY DONOR COMMUNITY

By: Julian McCarthy



There is no true off-season for Coach Sparky Anderson's Seawolf team of Alpine and Nordic skiers. No race comes with guarantees, temperatures are fickle and snowfall unreliable. Difficult situations are expected when you're vying for a spot amongst the best in the nation. Mike Soetart experienced all of this. He's trained at UAA the last four years as an Alpine skier and was looking forward to his second chance to compete at the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Championship.

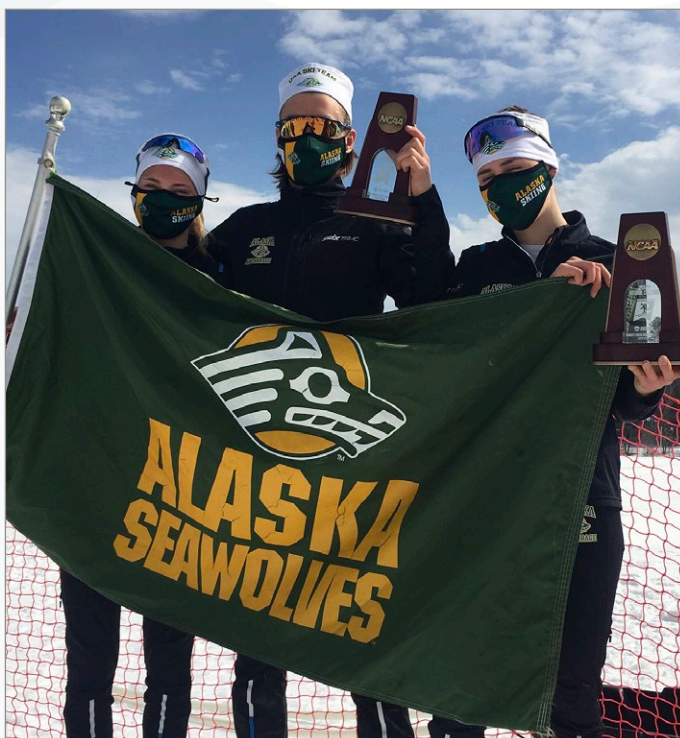
As the year kicked off, Soetart and his teammates had six weekends of events to prove their worth. Nine additional colleges were gunning for 34 spots and competition was fierce. Each venue came with challenges, whether it was a quick turn past a lake in Aspen, Colorado, or steep icy hills in Park City, Utah, a difference in altitude could be all it took to wreck your chances.

Strong opponents and tough courses were not the only obstacles the team faced — a year of COVID-19 challenges and fiscal reductions led to one of the toughest years on record. With UAA's Alpine skiing program facing elimination due to state budget cuts, Soetart's program had an uncertain future. Regardless, he never wavered.

"I knew Sparky was going to fight, and I knew we had a really big community of supporters, and I knew it was going to be a battle. But I didn't know just how many supporters we had. So it was such a good feeling when we were able to achieve our goal."

Over 500 individual donors came together to raise \$628,000 saving the Alpine ski squad from elimination. On May 13, Soetart went on to compete at the championships in New Hampshire and managed to give the best performance of his career, placing 17th in the Men's Slalom and 23rd in the Men's Giant Slalom.

Although Soetart was nearing the end of his UAA Alpine skiing career, his story wasn't the only one that benefited from our community of supporters. UAA is filled with young Seawolves determined to show what they can accomplish.



That dedication is how an entire team, not just a few individuals, qualified for the recent championship event.

Six Alpine and six Nordic skiers worked together to win UAA fourth place at the 2021 NCAA Championship. The team even managed to break a campus record, earning nine top-10 finishes during this competition, marking themselves amongst the best in our nation for their events and earning themselves the All-American title.

Of those who received the All-American title, Tuva Bygrave came fourth in the 15K freestyle and sixth in the 5K Classic. A first-year student who has been skiing competitively since she was nine, Bygrave has dual citizenship from Norway and Australia and brought that combined ski trail experience with her when she joined UAA. Her determination paired with our team's diversity and motivation to overcome any challenge showcases just how much this program will continue to grow.

"The kids feel more of a sense of purpose and community now," said Coach Sparky Anderson. "They certainly feel grateful that they're reinstated, but I think they also feel that there is some expectation to participate and to be good stewards of the university and make it a better place."

While their rankings are impressive, the leadership merits of these programs have grown into positive outcomes for our community. Whether it's flying out to Alaska Native communities to teach children how to ski, volunteering for Special Olympics or putting together the state's largest consignment sale, UAA student-athletes are dedicated to giving back through service and leadership. We can't wait to see what accomplishments they'll conquer next.



Georgia Burgess '21, named to the National Collegiate All-Academic Ski Team.

A HEALTHY INVESTMENT By: Eric Olson

PAT MCADOO'S GIVING SHAPES A FLOURISHING FUTURE FOR ALASKA



"I hope the recipients are motivated by knowing that there are all sorts of people behind them."

- Pat McAdoo

Physical therapist and UAA scholarship donor Pat McAdoo first encountered UAA after moving to Alaska in 1985 to work at the Alaska Native Medical Center. A colleague there told her that one really needs to have some structured activities in the winter.

"The worst thing you can do is work, go home and hibernate," she said.

So McAdoo signed up for a class at UAA in the evenings: Alaska, the Land and its People. "I was just so impressed and learned so much – an awesome introduction to Alaska and to UAA," said McAdoo.

After retiring in 2000 from her position as president of the Alaska Physical Therapy Association, McAdoo started getting calls that hospitals in rural villages were looking for help with swing-bed coverage. Soon, she began weeklong trips to Nome, Dillingham, Sitka, Petersburg, Ketchikan and other rural cities to help out.

"One thing you quickly realize in the rural hospitals is how short they are with nursing," she said "Many traveling nurses aren't as knowledgeable or experienced in the culture, so there is high turnover."

Today, the UAA School of Nursing offers undergraduate programs in 15 communities across the state of Alaska. In Nome, a program jointly offered by the Bering Strait Region Health Consortium and UAA is producing registered nurses with almost no travel out of the region.

"I've really seen the difference between nurses who know the people and the culture versus folks who don't know the community," said McAdoo.

Like many retired health care providers in Alaska, McAdoo continues to give back her time and knowledge to fill the gap in the state's health care shortage, particularly during the COVID-19 pandemic.

"From the Alaska Native community, I've learned about the concept of community as a whole," she said. "We tend to think of households and families, but I began to see in practice the idea of interconnectedness and unsung heroes who often make a huge impact. In the clinical setting, it's the environmental health (janitorial) workers and clerks who make such a difference."

McAdoo sees her giving to the university through a similar lens: small gifts make a big difference. She gives \$75 a month to the UAA Nursing Endowed Scholarship, along with regular gifts to the KUAC public radio station.

Her steadfast generosity has fueled opportunity for the next generation of health care providers. McAdoo hopes recipients of the UAA Nursing Endowed Scholarship find inspiration from gifts like hers and that they can begin their careers.

"Through my gifts, I'm telling them: 'I trust you to make Alaska better.' You never know how much of a proportionate investment that is. If I'm an average person and I give \$100 or \$25 a month, that money might be a night out at the movies. Whatever they gave up, they trust that you'll make good use of it," said McAdoo.

McAdoo sees her monthly gifts as an investment in the future health for Alaskans. Now in her 70s, McAdoo continues to fly to rural communities across the state to help patients from all walks of life gain mobility, while mentoring students along the way.

"I was a scholarship recipient in college," she said "I hope [the donors] think they got a return on [their] investment. Investing in people lasts forever."

ENTREPRENEUR JUMP-STARTS CAREER WITH WEIDNER SUPPORT

By: Alex Komar

Chidi Iwuoha hails from Japan and has lived in Alaska for most of his life. He graduated from UAA in 2019 in Business Management with a concentration in Property Management and Real Estate.

Iwuoha is the founder and owner of Just Pended Media, a real estate media company that operates in Anchorage and the Mat-Su Valley. He also has a partner company called Just Pended Hawaii located in Maui, Hawaii.

At UAA, Iwuoha received the Alaska Performance Scholarship and Weidner Awards and participated in the Weidner Property Management and Real Estate Program. Housed in the College of Business and Public Policy (CBPP), the program is one of only a handful in the nation that offers a four-year degree with a dedicated curriculum focused on the management of real estate assets, like apartment communities, office buildings and retail shopping centers. This concentrated coursework, in combination with CBPP's core business curriculum, ensures graduates are prepared to enter a competitive and innovative marketplace with the tools necessary to succeed.

Thanks to Dean and Ana Weidner and their company's generous support, students are provided experiential learning opportunities in the Weidner Center for Real Estate Management as part of the Weidner Property Management and Real Estate Program.

As an entrepreneur, Iwuoha sees the value of the Weidner Program. "The program was so specialized and offered so many real-world networking opportunities, that I had received many job offers when I graduated, if I wanted to go that route. But I decided to start my own company, and the connections I made from that program were vital to my business," said Iwuoha. "This program also gave

me the opportunity to fly out to Seattle and meet with Dean Weidner (founder and president, Weidner Property Management) and that relationship has been so great for my business. I can honestly say that the Weidner program made my whole degree worth it."

Iwuoha still works on many projects with Weidner and is currently working on a special one in Colorado. "I tell people I meet all the time, if you are going into a general business program, I highly recommend that you get involved in a value-added program like the Weidner program. The doors that were opened up for me, before I even graduated, were unbelievable."

Iwuoha also sang high praises for Terry Fields, program director for the Weidner Program. "Mr. Fields truly has a passion for creating opportunities for people that join the program. He does a lot to ensure that students succeed."

Chidi Iwuoha, B.B.A. '19, photographed in front of the Weidner Center for Real Estate Management in UAA's Rasmuson Hall.



BUILDING ALASKA By: Eric Olson

TED AND GLORIA TRUEBLOOD SHAPE THE NEXT GENERATION OF ARCTIC ENGINEERING LEADERS



UAA Alumni of Achievement award-winner Ted Trueblood, M.S. '80 is no stranger to laying the groundwork for the future of Alaska. From helping to rebuild after the 1964 earthquake to a lifetime of professional and philanthropic contributions, Ted's leadership in Arctic engineering will build bridges for student opportunity for generations to come.

A retired civil engineer and lifelong Alaskan, Ted got his start building Alaska's future during a summer job with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Responding to the destruction of the Good Friday earthquake, he was assigned as the resident engineer to repair the schools on Fort Richardson, the army recreation center and Birchwood Elementary School.

"I got a brand new Dodge Power Wagon pickup, a white hardhat with a red stripe around it and the red Corps Castle insignia and \$12 million worth of contracts to oversee – I was 19," said Trueblood.

After a summer's work of 12-hour days, Ted returned to college at MIT where he switched his major to civil engineering and later served in the U.S. military as an infantry company commander and long-range reconnaissance patrol (LRRP)

assistant platoon leader during Vietnam. He was awarded 15 military awards, including two Bronze Stars, two Air Medals, the Combat Infantryman's Badge, an Army Commendation Medal, the Legion of Merit and a Presidential Unit Citation.

Upon graduation from MIT, Trueblood returned to Anchorage and began work for the city's engineering department and soon shifted to the Alaska Railroad to design bridges, tunnels and ports. With his money from the GI Bill, he enrolled at UAA to earn his master's degree in civil engineering. While at UAA, he studied under University of Alaska Fairbanks Professor E.F. "Eb" Rice, the preeminent authority on Arctic engineering and cold-weather construction.

"Education is paramount."

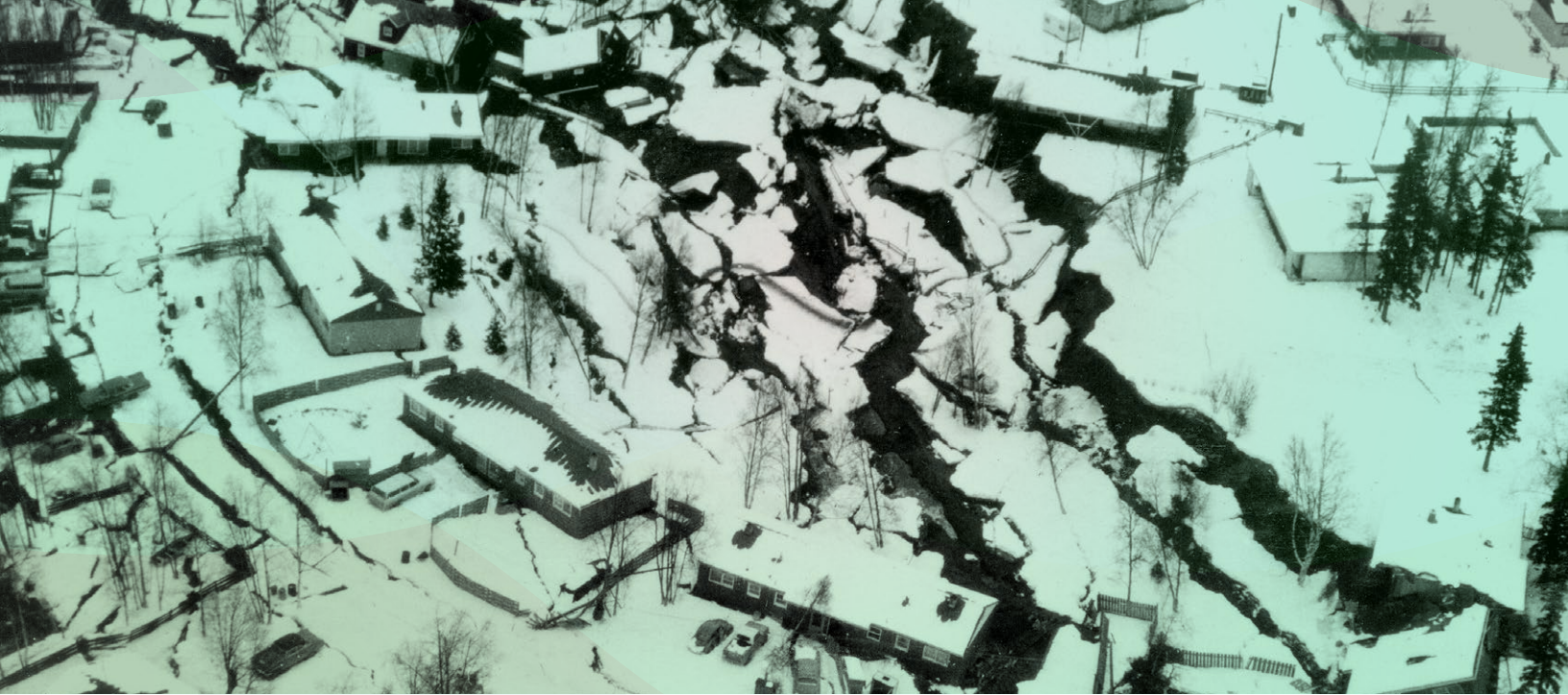
- Ted Trueblood

"Eb used his own plane to fly down to Anchorage to teach once a week. Those were the days before Zoom," Trueblood said.

Trueblood's interest in bridges, tunnels, docks and heavy civil engineering projects developed into a 14-year career with the Alaska Railroad. One of his first projects was designing new buildings and steel doors for the Whittier Tunnel. He also served as the primary designer and project manager for several high-profile projects, including emergency damage stabilization and repairs to the Kashwitna River Bridge, flood damage reconstruction of the Montana Creek Bridge and emergency removal of Tunnel No. 5 on the Seward Branch.

After leaving the railroad, Trueblood became CEO of Tryck Nyman Hayes Inc., an engineering firm headquartered in Anchorage with a staff of about 60 engineers, landscape architects and surveyors. About 90% of his staff engineers had one or more degrees from UA's engineering programs. Additionally, Trueblood co-founded the UAA Alumni Association and served as its first president.

Today, Trueblood remains impressed by both UAA and UAF engineering professors and researchers who are charting the future of building for the Arctic.



The aftermath of the 1964 earthquake that ripped through Anchorage, North America's largest quake ever recorded.

"They're doing some really neat stuff with engineering prediction and modeling for the future," he said. "What is the temperature going to be? How deep will the thaw be in those years? Will your foundation design be able to handle it?"

Trueblood made his first gift to UAA in the 1980s and as his engineering firm grew, he became more interested in investing in the next generation of engineering students, as well as shaping state-of-the-art research facilities to empower the future of building in Alaska.

"Education is paramount," said Trueblood "From my perspective, you can't start cutting class sizes and offerings without thinking about how it impacts the rest of the state, the public and the consumers of our products."

Loyal UAA donors for more than 25 years, Ted and his wife Gloria are firm believers in the value of an in-state education for Alaska engineers. They also see philanthropic investment and partnerships in engineering research as a smart business decision that will shape Alaska's economy.

In 2004, the couple established the Ted and Gloria Trueblood Endowment to support graduate student scholarship awards and Arctic engineering research. Recent graduate students benefiting from the Trueblood endowment include Nathaniel Cox, M.S. Civil Engineering '18, who worked with Dr. Scott Hamel, associate professor and chair of Civil Engineering, on research evaluating structural insulated panels; further, Medhat Elmorsy, M.S. Civil Engineering '20, collaborated with associate professor Wael Hassan on Nonlinear Modeling Parameters for Beam-column Joints in Seismic Analysis of Concrete Buildings.

In 2014, the College of Engineering established the Ted and Gloria Trueblood Cold Regions Engineering Lab, located in the

Engineering and Industry Building on UAA's main campus. In addition to the lab, the Truebloods' generosity also supported a -70 degree Fahrenheit cold chamber to test materials in extreme temperatures and controlled humidity. The endowment also helped students and recent graduates prepare for the Fundamentals of Engineering exam, which is a first step toward becoming a professionally licensed engineer.

Trueblood's career, shaped from the disaster of the 1964 earthquake, parallels the trajectory of students entering the workforce during a new challenging era: the COVID-19 pandemic. From finding opportunity in adversity to building community by mentoring and investing in emerging engineering professionals, he offers this wisdom:

"Gain career skills and meet new people in the field through work experiences over the summer, and wherever you go, make sure it's fun. It's got to be fun. If you don't find the job you're looking for, find another one. You have to want to get out there on that project tomorrow to see the end of it. To see how it serves the public."

Like a true engineer, Trueblood designed an efficient way to ensure his generosity lasts for years to come, by making UAA a beneficiary for his retirement assets through the Ted and Gloria Trueblood Designated Fund at the Alaska Community Foundation.

To connect with a gift officer about designating a gift to engineering, health, business, arts and sciences or another area, call **907-786-4847** or email uaa_development@alaska.edu.



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development member spotlight

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What motivates you to fundraise for the College of Health?

The College of Health is vital in growing our health care workforce across the state. The investments we put in place today affect tomorrow's health care landscape for every Alaskan. I lived off-grid in a small, rural town in southeast Alaska for five years; I understand firsthand why we need a significant focus on serving rural communities.

Why did you get into philanthropy?


When I first learned about the field, I thought, "I wouldn't do that job, even if they paid me a million dollars." But I had a patient mentor who taught me that fundraising isn't what I thought it was. He helped me see that giving to others helps people feel good, and there is a need for kind, authentic leaders in this field to help people do important and amazing things with their money. I've always had a heart for helping people, and it is motivating and inspiring to work on something that is so much bigger than myself and with such a lasting impact on others.

Could you elaborate more on your off-grid adventures?

My husband and I made a purposeful decision to embrace a more agrarian kind of lifestyle. We lived in a dry cabin that was only accessible by boat. We grew a lot of our own food and learned to raise chickens and rabbits. We also hunted and fished for subsistence. We learned how to build and how to create many modern conveniences. We didn't have the internet and our phone only worked if you held it up in the air at one window in the cabin. It was an amazing and beautiful experience that I will carry with me always, and possibly get back to it when I retire.

What is your favorite thing about Alaska?

I love the wild nature of Alaska, but I also love the life-rhythm of each year; the changing seasons, the extreme dark and cold and the endless days of summer. I am

A portrait of Jennifer Motes, a woman with long, wavy blonde hair, smiling warmly. She is wearing a red button-down shirt. The background is a soft, out-of-focus green.

constantly intrigued by watching how the landscape repeats itself in timed succession. You know that when the dandelions bloom, summer is here, and when the last fireweed dies, winter is coming.

Favorite place in Alaska?

Chilkat Lake

Three words to best describe you?

Outgoing, active, spiritual

Anything else you want to add?

Most people know that the College of Health educates doctors, nurses, pharmacists, etc. But what you may not know is that we have certificate programs for CNAs, surgical techs, EMTs, dental assisting and more. And a lot of our programs can be completed in just one or two semesters. We can put you on a great career path!

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