

Dear Board of Regents,

Buzz Aldrin, the second person to set foot on the moon, encouraged middle school, high school and college students at a talk at the Alaska Native Science and Engineering Program (ANSEP) building, to commit themselves to their education and to follow their dreams. Aldrin, keynote at the ANSEP banquet in January, also addressed the broad network of K-12 educators, industry, government and non-profits that make ANSEP such a success. ANSEP has impacted 1,000 middle school, high school, university students and alumni.



The three-year phased renovation of the Science Building is complete. This is the first whole building renovation to be accomplished at UAA in recent history.

We are committed to leveraging partnerships to support student success.

This year UAA added full-time faculty support for the Alaska Middle College School (AMCS) at our Chugiak-Eagle River Campus. AMCS is a partnership between UAA and the Mat-Su Borough School District (MSBSD) providing high school juniors and seniors the opportunity to go to high school and college at the same time. About 40 students are enrolled this year and the number is expected to grow. AMCS is a Strategic Direction Initiative education partnership featured on both the UA website and MSBSD website.

UAA's Office of Student Affairs is also working closely with the Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education's (ACPE) Alaska College and Career Advising Corps (ACAC) to identify ways that ACAC can extend support beyond high school and through the transition and first year of college. ACPE provided funding for a term MAP-Works advisor this year who played a large role in intervention and outreach efforts during the winter break to support and encourage first-year full-time students. We anticipate good results from these and many other efforts underway.

The spring semester at UAA kicks off with a celebration of Civil Rights month. The celebration provides a good opportunity to show our commitment to building a UAA community that empowers people, builds bridges, is respectful and celebrates our differences—a community fundamental to the success of our students.

Best Regards,

Tom Case

Tom Case, Chancellor



BP Asset Integrity and Corrosion Lab made possible by \$1M gift from BP

New science lab opens

Ribbon cutting and grand opening of the new BP Asset Integrity and Corrosion Lab was held in December.

Provost and deans named

Elisha "Bear" Baker, Ph.D., has accepted the position of provost and vice chancellor for Academic Affairs.

Heather Ryan, Ph.D., has accepted the position of dean of the College of Education; William Hogan, interim dean for the College of Health since 2011, has accepted the permanent position and Tien-Chien Jen, Ph.D., has accepted the position of dean of the School of Engineering.



Heather Ryan



William Hogan



Tien-Chien Jen

