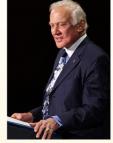


Chancellor's Regents

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 nonprofits 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,





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

UAA moving forward...

Faculty and staff taking leading roles:

The Office of Student Affairs student intervention and outreach team worked Dec. 26-28 to contact all fall 2012 Anchorage campus first-time full-time students to encourage and support their academic achievement.

Gunnar Knapp, a professor of economics at the Institute of Social and Economic Research (ISER), has been appointed interim director. He is internationally recognized for his work on fisheries.

University of Alaska Press published Kodiak College adjunct Sara Loewen's book Gaining Daylight: Life on Two Islands.

Astronomy and Physics Professor Travis Rector has helped produce one of the largest astronomical images ever made: a wide-field image of the Cygnus Loop, a giant supernova remnant.

UAA's Fulbright Distinguished U.S. Arctic Chair Professor Jeff Welker is a keynote speaker at the Transatlantic Science Week in Houston, focusing on sustainable growth and research priorities.

Director of Creative Writing and Literary Arts, David Stevenson won the first annual \$1,000 Montana Prize for Fiction awarded by the *Whitefish Review*.

Facilities:

Wendy Williamson Auditorium has new carpet, new seating and new LED lights with an energy savings of 62 percent.

Students

The Western Association of Graduate Schools Executive Board selected Chris Barnett, a graduate student in the UAA Biological Sciences department, as the winner of the 2012 Distinguished Thesis Awards for STEM and Humanities.

Student phonathon callers raised \$88,595 from 893 donors during fall 2012.

Anchorage Fur Rondy Queen Shayla Silva, Princess Avery Kristiansen and Princess Sierra Rain Begich Slade are all current UAA students, APRN's Town Square 49 reports.

Programs:

Seawolf Athletics are ranked 6th in the nation in the Director's Cup after the fall season.

The Alaska Justice Statistical Analysis Center released the first issue of its new monthly Fact Sheet publication series.

 $Prince\ William\ Sound\ Community\ College\ dual\ credit\ enrollment\ is\ up\ to\ 18\ students\ this\ year\ from\ 15\ last\ year.$

Alumni:

UAA formed a new unincorporated alumni association managed by a board of directors and an assembly of leaders. An interim board of directors will be appointed in late January to serve for one year until the permanent board is established.

Leila Kimbrell, B.A. Justice and Paralegal Certificate '02, has been hired by Senator Lisa Murkowski.

Development:

An anonymous donor committed \$2M which will establish the First Generation Endowed Student Scholarship and will also be used to help stop the "brain drain" by supporting programs and academic endeavors to keep students in Alaska.

Icicle Seafoods made a gift of \$300,000 to the University of Alaska, with \$150,000 benefitting UAA campuses.

ANSEP Donations:

Udelhoven Oilfield System Services, \$200,000 Shell Exploration & Production Company, \$110,000 Pebble Limited Partnership, \$75,000 Alyeska Pipeline Service Company, \$30,000 Donlin Gold, \$40,000

Chugach Alaska Corporation made donations totaling \$75,000, with \$50,000 directed to Excellence in Alaska Native Business and Public Policy, and \$25,000 to Alaska Native Services.

MicroSurvey Software made an in-kind donation of 50 software package licenses to Geomatics, valued at over \$500,000.

Alaska Scientific Crime Detection Laboratory made in-kind donations worth nearly \$150,000 to the departments of Chemistry and Biological Sciences.

First National Bank Alaska made gifts of support totaling \$120,000 to a variety of programs.

Richard C. Lynch recently made two Leadership Level gifts (\$25,000 and above). The first establishes the Kathy Lynn Lynch Veterinary Sciences Scholarship. The second establishes the RCL Construction Management Endowed Scholarship.

Martha L. Galbreath contributed a Leadership Level gift (\$25,000 and above) to the BP Asset Integrity and Corrosion Laboratory.

M. Hilary Davies and Brian D. Wick made a Leadership Level gift (\$25,000 and above) to establish the Brian Wick and Hilary Davies Mathematics Scholarship.

Pick.Click.Give. All donations to UAA will go to student scholarships and will be matched 1 to 1 by ExxonMobil up to \$100,000.

UAA unveils its new branding and advertising campaign February 18! Stay tuned!



UAA sets best practice standard

Chancellor Case presented best practices at Leadership Network for International Education in Washington, D.C. The American Council on Education (ACE) commended UAA for its plan integrating international education into higher education.



Training teachers

Project LEAP (Language Equity and Academic Performance) is a \$1.5M grant-funded partnership between the College of Education and the Mat-Su Borough, Anchorage and Juneau school districts to train in-service teachers to be leaders when working with English language learners.



Athletes score in the classroom

UAA student athletes have a cumulative 3.2 GPA from fall 2012, the highest ever. This is the 16th time in the last 19 years that UAA student athletes have eclipsed a 3.0 GPA.