



Chancellor's

# REPORT

TO THE  
BOARD OF  
REGENTS

## Dear Board of Regents,

We announced, on March 21, the naming of the Alaska Airlines Center in recognition of a new 10-year agreement, including \$1M to create a new scholarship endowment for student athletes. A couple of weeks earlier we welcomed a Boeing 747, donated by FedEx, to serve as a training tool for UAA aviation maintenance students. Also in March the Alaska Legislature honored Carol Swartz, director of the Kachemak Bay Campus (KBC) of Kenai Peninsula College for her leadership including founding the Kachemak Bay Writers' Conference. I am looking forward to personally presenting Director Swartz our own recognition of her service with the 2013 Meritorious Service Award at KBC commencement in May.

These are just a few of the recent amazing stories at UAA.

Our new branding campaign – Amazing Stories Being Written Every Day – is resonating internally and externally as amazing stories about UAA programs, faculty, staff and students continue to grow.

UAA's freshman retention rates are approaching an all-time high this year. Currently, nearly 90 percent of Anchorage campus degree-seeking freshmen, enrolled for the first-time in fall 2012, are continuing with their enrollment this spring semester—a new record.

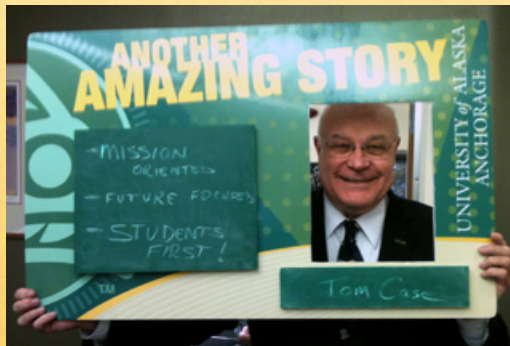
We are continuing to prioritize our programs and resources in order to better meet our students' and state's needs.

Best Regards,

Tom Case, Chancellor



Architectural rendering of the Alaska Airlines Center slated for completion in 2014.



UAA alumni have a new interim board of directors and a full slate of programs to engage one of our most valuable resources.



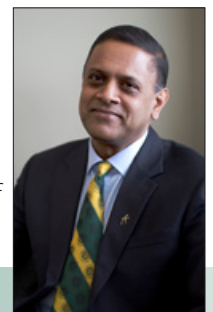
Alumni tailgate party

Official opening of Snodgrass Hall expansion housing nursing and paramedic programs included special recognition for Bill Tull, first Mat-Su College director from 1958-59.



Heather Dunn of Ambience Photography

Rashmi Prasad is the new dean of the College of Business and Public Policy (CBPP). Dean Prasad has been a faculty member for 11 years and served as interim dean of CBPP since summer of 2012.



Rashmi Prasad, Ph.D.

**AMAZING STORIES** BEING WRITTEN EVERY DAY.

## UAA moving forward...

### Faculty and staff taking leading roles:

**Mark Madden**, professor of aviation technology, received the 2013 National General Aviation Award from the Federal Aviation Administration, for the important role he plays in promoting aviation education and flight safety. Professor Madden is named the FAA Safety Team Representative of the Year.

**Bob McDonnell**, director of Business Services, received the 2013 Operations Award from the Northwest Association of College and University Housing Officers for outstanding service.

**Ingrid Harrahd**, named "Woman of Distinction" by the South Peninsula Haven House. Ingrid is KBC's science lab assistant and works with KBC's Youth Job Training Program.

**Liz Downing**, Kenai Peninsula College Title III project director appointed to the Board of Directors of the Alaska Society for Technology in Education. She will lead national and state legislative advocacy.

Archivist and Assistant Professor **Mariecris Gatlabayan**, selected to participate in the 2013 Archives Leadership Institute, which provides advanced training for 25 emerging and innovative leaders.

**Kenrick Mock**, chair of Computer Science and Engineering, is the volunteer event director of the 2013 Statewide High School Robotics Championship which draws 300 students from 13 communities around the state.

**Alan Boraas**, KRC professor of anthropology presented "The Medieval Warm Period and the shift from Riverine to Dena'ina Salmon Fishing" at an international Paleo-Climatic Change conference.

### Program leadership:

UAA celebrated the opening of the new Military and Veteran Community Resources Center on March 7.

For the third year in a row, UAA is recognized by the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll.

Diverse Issues in Higher Education, a national publication, highlighted UAA's "spine" for making the Anchorage campus more accessible to the disabled.

### Seawolf Athletics- Go Seawolves!

**Micah Chelimo** was named the NCAA Division II Men's Scholar Athlete of the Year for the 2012 cross country season by the U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association (USTFCCCA).

Freshman **Karolin Anders** was named GNAC Female Freshman of the Year and head coach **Michael Friess** was named GNAC Female Team Coach of the Year. Friess led UAA, in its first season of indoor competition, to the women's GNAC title, breaking a nine-year run by Seattle Pacific. Friess was also voted USTFCCCA West Region Female Team Coach of the Year.

UAA had a program-high-tying 14 student-athletes to the men's All-Western Collegiate Hockey Association Academic Team for the 2012-13 season.

### Public Square:

UAA will host the first ever Alaska Native Studies Conference, "Alaska Native Studies in the 21st Century: Transforming the University," April 5-6, 2013, on the UAA Anchorage campus.

More than 200 people attended the 7th Annual KPC Kenai River Campus Health Fair.

The Justice Center, Justice Club and the Pre-Law Society are sponsoring a series of lectures for National Criminal Justice Month in March including: Working in Institutional and Community Corrections; Gideon v. Wainwright: Celebrating 50 Years of Public Defenders for Criminal Offenses and a Proposal for a "Civil Gideon," and Tribal Courts in Alaska: Past, Present and Future. All events are free and open to the public.

The 2nd Annual UAA Brain Bee, a neuroscience competition for high school students grades 9-12, was held mid-February at the ConocoPhillips Integrated Science Building.

### Publications:

*Alaska Justice Forum*, Fall 2012/Winter 2013, features "Moving Beyond Brands: Integrating Approaches to Mediation," by **Brian Jarrett**, associate professor with the Department of Justice, UAF.

**Melissa S. Green**, Justice Center publication specialist, worked with Project Coordinator Antonia Moras on the Alaska Court System Annual Report FY2012. Moras is the former editor of the *Alaska Justice Forum*.

The University of Alaska Press published "Gaining Daylight: Life on Two Islands" by Kodiak College adjunct/employee **Sara Loewen-Danelski**, a graduate of UAA's M.F.A. program in creative writing.

Matanuska-Susitna College Business Professor **Holly Bell** was published in the *Wall Street Journal*, "Regulator, Go Slow on Reining in High-Speed Trading."

Department of Languages associate professor and french program coordinator **Sudarsan Rangarajan's** article "Gide's La Symphonie pastorale as a Bildungsroman" has been accepted for publication in *Neophilologus*, an International Journal of Modern and Mediaeval Language and Literature.

## University of Alaska Center for Economic Development (CED) partnerships



Alaska kids get a chance to learn about running their own business during Lemonade Day.

**The Entrepreneurial Edge** business education program, a joint effort of CBPP, CED, Alaska Pacific University, UAS and The Entrepreneurs and Mentors Network offers free speaker series this semester.

**Lemonade Day Alaska**, hosted by CBPP and CED, has grown from 1,000 registered youth statewide in its first year to an anticipated 3,500, in its third year, this spring.

**The Alaska Cooperative Development Program**, a collaboration between CED and the Cooperative Extension Service, brought Ken Meter, one of the most experienced food system analysts in the United States, to Fairbanks and Anchorage.



**SENSE, SAY, DO something Student Affairs' Care Team** is using "best practices" to produce an educational awareness campaign and trainings for faculty, staff and students.

### International Studies

UAA's **Office of International Affairs** organized the Global Opportunities Expo to encourage exploration of the connections between study abroad, academic programs, international internships and careers.



Leslie Tuovenin, interim director of International Affairs and Irene Gawel from GlobalLinks.