



Dear Board of Regents,

UAA is now accredited as a full doctoral-granting institution. This means UAA is able to fully offer and strategically develop doctoral programs. New programs will go through the regular curriculum process, which includes approval through the Regents and NWCCU.

This year, UAA is also moving to two commencement ceremonies a year: one in December and one in May. Our first December commencement will take place in the new Alaska Airlines Center (AAC).

The last two regular-season men's and women's basketball games to be played in the Wells Fargo Sports Complex were amazing. Kyle Fossman was named a GNAC Player of the Week for his 40-point effort that included a record 12 three-pointers in one game (breaking both UAA and GNAC records). Both teams won their matchups and went on to compete in the GNAC tournament.

UAA's Planning and Budget Advisory Council (PBAC) set up a budget analysis subcommittee to help major budget units identify costs-saving and revenue-producing measures. The subcommittee has reviewed ideas for usefulness, practicality and other elements, such as size of savings, and, in March, recommended 15 top ideas for consideration. Major budget units are now considering how to best implement the measures to achieve a targeted 7 percent savings—the budget gap anticipated if the Legislature passes Gov. Parnell's 2015 budget proposal. Permanent base reductions will be identified as part of the FY16 budget process, using the prioritization results, which will be available later this summer.

Progress continues on the Alaska Airlines Center. We plan to open the AAC on time in August, with the grand opening scheduled for the beginning of September. We hope you will join us for the festivities.

Best regards,

Tom Case, Chancellor

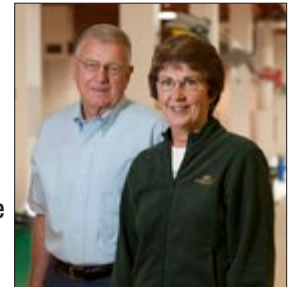


Seawolf women are NCAA bound, earning an at-large bid to the 2014 West Regional Championship.



UAA's first Winter Design Project involved nearly 300 faculty, staff, students and community partners.

Longtime Seawolf supporters Tom and Vicki Packer committed \$500,000 to the Building Futures Fund in support of UAA Athletics. In recognition of this generous gift, the main gathering space in the AAC will be named the Packer Family Pavilion.



UAA qualified a full 12-athlete team to the 61st NCC Skiing Championships and finished eighth, capturing its seventh-straight top-10 result.

UAA taking the lead



UAA students in BIO 490 (neuroanatomy and neurophysiology) and their professor, Caroline Wilson, organized the third annual Alaska Brain Bee to increase interest of high school students in neuroscience.



Harry Need
Master of Public
Administration '13



Amanda Metivier
Bachelor of Social
Work '08, Master of
Social Work '12

A dozen UAA alumni were named to the "Top Forty Under 40" by the Alaska Journal of Commerce.

UAA's Smoke-Free Task Force organized the Fresh Air Challenge and recommends UAA consider adopting a comprehensive smoke-free policy accompanied by a year spent educating the UAA community.



Faculty Distinction

James Muller, UAA Professor of Political Science, has been selected by the National Association of Scholars to be the president of the Alaska Association of Scholars for next year.

Sen. Lisa Murkowski recently released her 21st "Veteran Spotlight" installment and featured Jane Fuerstenau, Kenai Peninsula College's associate professor of library science, who served in the U.S. Navy for five years as a jet mechanic and then served the U.S. in the reserves.

Staff Distinction

Maria Bonifacio, associate director of Residence Life, received the public service award from the American College Personnel Association's standing committee for LGBTQAI awareness, for the creation of SafeZone on campus.

"1964: Artifacts of Good Friday," paintings by Ted Kincaid, a practicing artist who works as an electronic media specialist in University Advancement, were featured in the Arc Gallery at the Consortium Library in February.

Student Excellence

Ryan Bergerson, a Civil Engineering major minoring in German, received the 2014-2015 Congress-Bundestag Scholarship. Mr. Bergerson is UAA's eighth recipient of this prestigious scholarship, which provides for a year of study and internship in Germany. Natasa Masanovic, chair of the Department of Languages and associate professor and coordinator of German, is Mr. Bergerson's faculty mentor both for his German language studies and the Congress-Bundestag Scholarship.

Research Excellence

Investigators in the Center for Behavioral Health Research and Services Center received a three-year \$943,000 federal grant to implement a training program for students in health profession programs, to conduct routine substance-and alcohol-abuse screening with their patients.

UAA's permafrost research program in Northwest Greenland, led by Fulbright Arctic Chair Jeff Welker and colleagues from the University of California Irvine, was highlighted in a recent issue of *Nature Climate Change*.

Publications

The Fall 2013/Winter 2014 issue of the *Alaska Justice Forum* includes articles on collateral consequences of criminal convictions and the relationship between unemployment and domestic violence, among others.

Professor Ryan Fortson, J.D., Justice faculty, has written "*A College Student's Guide to Landlord/Tenant Relations in Alaska*" to help UAA students as they get ready to start college or transition out of university housing and are looking to rent an apartment.

Public Square & Community Partnerships

The Seawolf hockey team, coaches and staff teamed with St. Baldrick's Foundation to raise almost \$45,000 for children's cancer research.

UAA/APU Books of the Year brought NPR's Brooke Gladstone to Alaska for a number of public events, including a book signing and public lecture on her book, *The Influencing Machine*.