

Dear Board of Regents,

More than 400 staff attended UAA Development Day—geared toward personal and professional development and team building. Jim Clemmer, nationally recognized expert on growing and leading through change, provided timely advice in his keynote.

This summer, College of Business and Public Policy Dean **Elisha “Bear” Baker IV** will begin service as interim provost as we continue the national search for a new provost. We are in the final stages of hiring a new dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and searches are underway for College of Education, School of Engineering and College of Health.

UAA is one of 11 universities nationwide selected to participate in VetSuccess on Campus, which will help us better serve our growing military and veteran student population.

Our campus is changing with clearing and site development for the Seawolf Sports Arena and the Legislature’s appropriation of \$58M to begin construction of a new engineering building.

Finally, through Board of Regent approval and President Gamble’s support, the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities expanded UAA’s accreditation to include doctoral programs. Our sole doctoral program, the UAA/UAF joint Ph.D. program in clinical-community psychology, also received accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation of the American Psychological Association. This year, for the first time, UAA, jointly with UAF, bestowed the doctoral degree to two students in the UAA/UAF joint Ph.D. program in clinical-community psychology. The University of Alaska now has two doctoral institutions.

Best Regards,

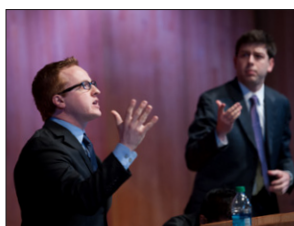
Tom Case

Tom Case, Chancellor



UAA celebrated the graduation of 2,172 students who earned 2,223 degrees or certificates in the Class of 2012. Honorary degree candidates included Tony Knowles, Barry Lopez, Al Parrish and Rosita Worl. Meritorious Service awardees included Dot Helm, Pam Miller, Mary Louise Rasmuson and George Skladal.

Biology student **Michelle Shero** has been awarded an NSF Graduate Fellowship, with a stipend rate of \$30,000 per 12-month fellowship year, funded for a maximum of three years, plus tuition and fees. Michelle is UAA’s first recipient of this fellowship.



Seawolf debaters are now ranked 9th in the world. This is the first time they have been among the top 10 in the world.

More than 250 people attended *Alaska Quarterly Review's* 30th Anniversary book launch highlighting “Liberty & Justice for All,” a photo mosaic featuring 68 of the world’s most acclaimed photojournalists. “Liberty & Justice for All” is receiving national attention and will be the subject of a major exhibit in New York City in May and June.



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Faculty, staff and students take leading roles:

Erick Romig, mentored by Dr. Patricia Fagan, was selected for a U.S. Student Fulbright award to Spain.

Alan Massey (B.A. Languages '11) received a U.S. Student Fulbright award for 2012-2013 for a teaching assistantship in Germany.

Arctic Engineering graduate student **Ben Still** received the URS Arctic Engineering Graduate Fellowship for the 2010-2011 and 2011-2012 academic years (\$50,000 total award).

Susan Mircovich, Kenai River Campus assistant professor of chemistry, has had her CHEM 103 online course selected as an exemplary course for the 2012 Blackboard Exemplary Course Program. Mircovich is the first UA faculty member to have a course selected for this international recognition.

Dr. Lil Alessa, professor biological sciences and director of the Resilience and Adaptive Management Group, is invited by the U.S. National Academies to participate in an a National Science Foundation (NSF) symposium examining federal agency investments, outcomes and opportunities for funding sustainability research.

Kenai Peninsula College's (KPC) Anchorage Extension Site process technology team, led by **Assistant Professor Rick Adams** took first place in the NSF's "Developing Students' Troubleshooting Skills in Energy Programs" national competition. Student members of the team included **Daniel Christianson, Alex Kight** and **Neil Richardson**.

Dr. Anthony Paris, associate professor of engineering, won the Faculty Exemplar Award for his work mentoring undergraduate research students. One group he mentored developed a spinal rod bender for which a patent application was filed.

Grants and research in the public interest:

The Justice Center was awarded a contract by the Alaska Department of Corrections to design an evaluation strategy for Fairbanks' domestic violence probationer pilot project.

Kodiak College microbiology students worked with the Marine Advisory Program in a pilot study to develop a Community Monitoring Program for Paralytic Shellfish Poisoning in Kodiak.

Public square and collaborations:

350 people attended KPC's Kachemak Bay Campus College, Career and Job Fair in Homer.

UAA and Verizon partnered for the showing of "Telling Amy's Story" for Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Senator Mark Begich met with students at USUAA's "Sundaes with the Senator."

Kenai River Campus and neighboring Alaska Christian College co-hosted the 4th annual regional Alaska Native Oratory Society. The two colleges have collaborated in many ways for the last 10 years.

KPC's Anchorage Extension Site-based Occupational Safety & Health and Process Technology programs hosted their first Professional and Internship Event Day at the University Center.

Program successes:

UAA's associate and baccalaureate construction management programs received initial accreditation from the American Council for Construction Education.

UAA Human Services Department and Job Corps have established an agreement allowing students enrolled in the Job Corps Human Service Career Path Program to concurrently earn selected human service credits.

Development:

Northrim Bank contributed \$50,000 to UAA's Small Business Development Center and \$125,000 to ISER.

The Atwood Foundation made a \$200,000 pledge payment to the Robert B. Atwood Chair of Journalism.

Alaska Kidney Foundation Inc. gave a gift of \$30,303 to support the Alaska Kidney Foundation Scholarship.

ConocoPhillips Alaska Inc. made a \$2.2M pledge payment in support of the ConocoPhillips Arctic Science and Engineering Endowment Fund.

International Foundation for Research in Experimental Economy contributed two gifts totaling \$26,595 to CBPP Experimental Economics Laboratory General Support.

University Relations awards:

2012 Hermes Creative Awards (Association of Marketing and Communication Professionals):

- Platinum: I AM UAA Campaign (Integrated Marketing Campaign)
- Gold: UAA Website Redesign (Website Overall/Educational Institution)
- Honorable Mention: Simulation in Action at UAA Video (Video/Public Relations)

Mat-Su College is the recipient of the 27th Annual Merit Educational Advertising Award, the largest educational advertising awards competition in the country, for its "Spring Registration" newspaper ad.



Taylor Rohde—the Bill MacKay Athlete of the Year—is the first UAA student-athlete ever to be named National Player of the Year. Seawolf athletics were ranked 10th in the Learfield Cup, the highest ever.



College of Education's **Dr. Irasema Ortega** received the Selkregg Community Engagement and Service Learning Award for her project to strengthen COE's partnership with the Kashunamiut School District.



Private donors contributed \$694,000, providing 435 students with 562 scholarships this year.