

# Chancellor's Regents

# Dear Board of Regents,

A Seawolf sweep of the Great Northwest Athletic Conference (GNAC) championships by men's and women's cross country running teams for the third straight year, Anthropology Professor Steve Langdon receiving the Bullock Prize—the largest single award made annually by the UA Foundation's Board of Trustees, and UAA being notified by the 49th State Angel Fund of a \$1.5M award to the newly established Seawolf Venture Fund,

pending due diligence, are just some of the outstanding accomplishments at UAA this fall.

It's been nonstop in many ways, including the number of candidates on campus for provost and dean of the College of Health, College of Education and School of

"Topping out" ceremony at Kenai Peninsula College's (KPC) Career and Tech Center.

Engineering.

I am pleased to provide this one-page snapshot of the partnerships, programs and achievements at UAA moving us toward increased student success and fulfillment of our mission to serve the state of Alaska.

Best Regards,

Tom Case Tom Case, Chancellor



UAA men and women's winning cross country teams.

# **Engineering tour for advisors**

UAA Chancellor's Board of Advisors received a briefing and tour of the School of Engineering. Carla Beam, vice president, University Relations and president, UA Foundation along with Chris Christensen, Associate vice presi-



dent for State Relations offered advice on how best to advocate for the university. A legislative briefing and open house is scheduled for Dec. 4.

# Stay on Track ice cream social

UAA Stay on Track "Meet your advisor ice cream social" drew more than 300 students who told staff their majors and if they knew who their advisors were. Advisors from throughout the university spoke with students.



# The Third Annual Green & Gold Gala

Four hundred alumni and friends raised over \$78,000 for the UAA Alumni Scholarship fund and turned out to honor Alumni of Achievement Carol Comeau, Alumni Humanitarian Roald Helgesen and Emerging Alumni Leader Candice McDonald



# **UAA** moving forward...

# Faculty and staff taking leading roles:

**Carol Swartz**, Kenai Peninsula College (KPC) Kachemak Bay Campus director and founder of the Kachemak Bay Writers' Conference, received the 2012 Governor's Award for the Arts and Humanities for her Distinguished Service to the Humanities.

Governor Parnell appointed **Dr. Susan Kaplan**, Administrative Dean for the College of Health, to the Governor's Council on Disabilities and Special Education (GCDSE).

**Beth Rose**, Assistant vice chancellor for Development, is named 2012 Outstanding Professional in Philanthropy by the Association of Fundraising Professionals, Alaska Chapter.

Governor Parnell appointed April Gale Laktonen Counceller, assistant professor of Alutiiq language and culture at Kodiak College and language manager at the Alutiiq Museum, to the Alaska Native Language Preservation and Advisory Council.

**Professor Ryan Fortson**, Justice faculty, received the Ben Walters Distinguished Service Award from the Anchorage Bar Association for contributions to the Anchorage legal community.

Kenai Peninsula Borough School District awarded **Sara Reinert**, Kachemak Bay Campus associate professor of mathematics, a "Golden Apple" for promoting math education throughout the district.

### **Collaboration for student success:**

Patience Merculief is UAA's first Rural Student Transition Coordinator, providing outreach to juniors and seniors in high school from the Prince William Sound Community College region and support for first-year freshmen who are from rural communities throughout Alaska. This position was created through a donation provided by The Eyak Corporation (TEC).

### **Grants and awards:**

Alaska Native Science and Engineering Program (ANSEP) received a \$1.25M National Science Foundation Grant for the Louis Stokes Alliances for Minority Participation Alaska Alliance, ANSEP's undergraduate program.

UAA received a \$504,968 Alaska Native Educational Equity program grant from the U.S. Department of Education.

The UAA/APU Consortium Library received \$394,308 for archival digital collections, statewide databases and services, and for the Alaska Library Network.

Kodiak College (KoC) and the WICHE group—community colleges from Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, Alaska and Idaho—received a grant to work with online labs in health care classes.

### **Programs:**

For the fourth consecutive year, UAA was designated a "Military Friendly School."

UAA's new Retail Management Certificate program, in partnership with the Western Association of Food Chains (WAFC) retail grocery industry organization and western region community college partners, received a \$1.16M award to support workforce development for the retail grocery industry that includes three of the top four largest private-sector employers in Alaska.

## **Development:**

UAA's Institute of Social and Economic Research (ISER) received a \$288,000 check from the estate of Roxolana Pomeroy for the Harold E. Pomeroy Public Policy Research Endowment.

The 20th annual Celebrity Chef Invitational raised \$39,000 for the Culinary Arts and Hospitality program and scholarships.

Providence Health System in Alaska made pledge payments totaling \$75,000 toward their \$1.5 million pledge to support the UAA School of Nursing expansion.

The Rasmuson Foundation contributed \$193,000 to support ANSEP's participation in a Regional Math and Science Student Cohort Intensive with Bethel Regional High School and Yuut Elitnaurviat.

General Motors Company contributed two vehicles, with an estimated value of over \$70,000, to the automotive technology program at UAA's Community & Technical College.

The Council of Alaskan Producers made a \$40,434 pledge payment to support the Visiting Professor of Public Policy.

Arctic Slope Regional Corporation contributed \$40,000 to Excellence in Alaska Native Community Advancement in Psychology.

The Rasmuson Foundation contributed \$12,192 to the Small Business Development Center.

Hilcorp Alaska LLC made an in-kind donation of IT equipment, valued at over \$10,000, to the Kenai Peninsula College.

An anonymous donor made an Aurora Level gift (\$10,000—\$24,999) to support the First Generation Student Scholarship.

### **University Relations note:**

For the second year in a row, Mat-Su College is the recipient of the Annual International Davey Silver Award for Mat-Su College's freshly updated 30-second commercial, "A Day in the Life."

Join us for a preview of UAA's branding campaign at the UAA holiday party December 13. Save the date.



A collaboration between mechanical engineering professor Steffen Peuker, engineering students and industry professionals developed three education units to be taught in a **new thermal system design lab** made possible by cash, equipment and in-kind donations from industry partners. No university funding was used.



UAA was proud to host the launch of Vic Fischer's memoir, "To Russia With Love," co-written with Charles Wohlforth and published by UA Press.



Kodiak College marine biology faculty Switgard Duesterloh is helping teachers in elementary and middle school science classes in the Kodiak Island Borough School District create interest and awareness in science careers in a borough-funded partnership.