

Dear Board of Regents,

More than 2,500 students, parents, faculty, and staff turned out for Freshman Convocation and Campus Kick-Off on August 25. Keynote speaker, Dr. Yoky Matsuoka provided inspiration and advice, telling incoming freshmen to think of their lives as a book, the earliest chapters of which are written by their parents. College, she said, is a place where they have an opportunity to write their own chapters.

Going live this fall, supporting student success, are faculty alerts warning of students falling behind for all 100-level Anchorage campus courses. We're offering workshops on study skills, career clusters, safety, making degree plans and protecting GPA, throughout the year. Newly reconfigured space for UAA's Military and Veteran Resource Center opens in September on the first floor of the Student Union.

We welcome our new dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, John Stalvey, and new WWAMI director Jane Shelby. I'd also like to thank our strong interim provost and deans as we continue to conduct nationwide searches for the School of Engineering, College of Education, College of Health and provost.

Faculty, staff and students are doing a dynamite job of responding to this busy and exciting time of year. UAA is off to a great start for 2012-2013.

Best Regards,

Tom Case

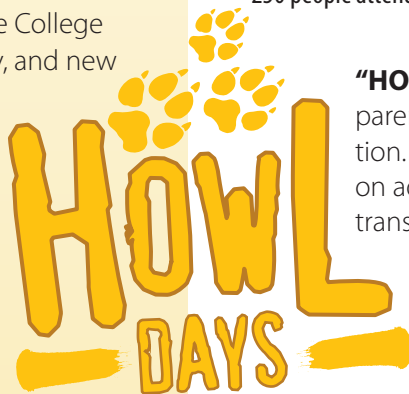
Tom Case, Chancellor



UAA Campus Kick-Off day crowd was full of eager new students.

10th Annual Campus Kick-Off statistics:

- 951 meals were served by the Men's & Women's Basketball teams
- 36 gallons of ice cream were scooped by Student Activities and VIPs
- 300 hot dogs were served at the "Avengers" movie
- 730 people attended the Concert Board comedy show
- 250 people attended the volleyball game



"HOWL DAYS"—More than 830 freshmen and 204 parents and guests attended "Howl Days" prior to Convocation. The full day campus orientation includes information on advising, financial aid, commuter services, UA Scholars, transition to college life, resident life, university housing, transportation options, student health, campus life, student support services and more. Students are continuing to participate in our online Virtual Orientation.



Dewain Lee, dean of students and associate vice chancellor for Student Development, is newly elected to the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi's chapter relations committee as western regional vice president and to the society's national board of directors as regional vice president. Phi Kappa Phi is the nation's oldest and most selective collegiate honor society for all academic disciplines.



