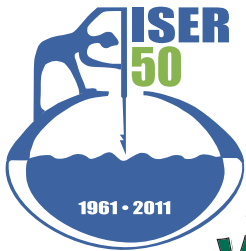


CHANCELLOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Board of Regents,

We have a great deal to celebrate this year at UAA, including the 50th anniversary of the **Institute of Social and Economic Research (ISER)** and the 40th anniversary of **WWAMI**, our collaborative school of medical education between Washington, Wyoming, Alaska, Montana, Idaho



and the University of Washington School of Medicine.



We celebrated the forthcoming **Seawolf Sports Arena** on Sept. 9, and this fall we are also celebrating the opening of our new **Health Sciences Building**, which came in on time and on budget. A grand opening event will be held on Oct. 7.



The breadth and quality of the accomplishments of our students, faculty and staff are truly inspiring. This summer I've been so impressed by how UAA opens its classrooms and facilities to elementary, middle and high school students from around the state. Our **Della Keats/UDOC program** offers a six-week residential curriculum incorporating college and pre-med/pre-nursing classwork for talented and motivated junior and high school students from underrepresented groups who are interested in health sciences. **Senator Mark Begich** spent time with middle



Tom Case
Chancellor



September 2011

Chancellor's Report



A new class of excited students swarmed the UAA campus during the Freshman Convocation and Campus Kick-Off.

school students from around the state as they completed a summer program motivating them to enter science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) fields.

As we kick off the athletic season at UAA, I'm pleased to report that both cross-country running squads are ranked in the U.S. Track & Field Cross Country Coaches Association preseason poll, released on Aug. 24. The women's team entered the poll at No. 5, while the men's team sits at No. 12. Looks like it will be another great year for the Seawolves!

UAA is alive with activity and excitement as we begin this new semester. I'm energized by the enthusiasm on campus, and I'm confident we'll have an enjoyable and productive year at UAA.

Sincerely,

Tom Case

Tom Case, Chancellor

STUDENT SUCCESS

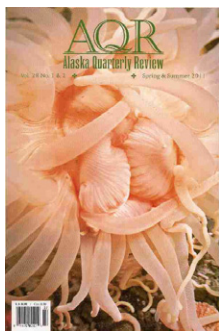
- Two new recruits for UAA's women's basketball team played in the World Games this summer. **Gritt Rider**, recruited as a point guard, played for Denmark. **Miriam Seale**, recruited as center, played for Trinidad & Tobago.
- Languages major **Amber Vanderpool** and International Studies major **Cortney Corbet** have been awarded the UAA Kibrik and Bergelson Study or Research in Russia Scholarship.
- **Jeurgen (Luke) Klotz**, a UAA languages major, received the 2011 Japan Student Services Organization scholarship for a year of study in Japan.
- **Vivian Faith Prescott** of Sitka and Kodiak, **Heather Lende** of Haines and **Joan Wilson** of Anchorage were awarded the Jason Wenger Award for Literary Excellence for their individual graduate theses and creative work.

- **Eight UAA track & field athletes** received U.S. Track & Field Cross Country Coaches Association All-Academic status recognizing that they've maintained a 3.25 cumulative grade point average and have met an NCAA automatic or provisional qualifying mark in an individual or relay event.

PROGRAM SUCCESS

- UAA was named to the **2010 President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll**, the only university in Alaska on the list.

- The National Endowment for the Arts featured **Alaska Quarterly Review** and **Ron Spatz**, dean of the UAA Honors College, on ART WORKS—the official blog of the National Endowment for the Arts.



- UAA is among 21 colleges and universities receiving funding from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration to assist in preventing suicide and enhancing mental health services for students in crisis. The funds—\$306,000—are to go toward training programs and seminars for students and campus personnel as well as promoting the National Suicide Prevention lifeline.

- A cohort of 15 UAA physician assistant students—"Class 1"—celebrated the completion of their studies on Thursday, Aug. 18, at the Wendy Williamson Auditorium.

- The **Center for Alaska Education Policy Research (CAEPR)** in the College of Business and Public Policy was approved by President Gamble as a Center. This new center will begin its important work this fall.

FACULTY AND STAFF SUCCESS

- Faculty members **Bogdan Hoanca** and **Kenrick Mock** received a patent for "Methods and Systems for Multiple Factor Authentication Using Gaze Tracking and Iris Scanning." The patent is about a new way to authenticate identity on computers, using eye-related information instead of entering a password.

- **Renee Carter-Chapman**, UAA senior vice provost, won the 2011 Edith R. Bullock Prize for Excellence.



- **J. Ellen McKay**, faculty member, received the Construction Woman of the Year Award from the Alaska Chapter of the National Association of Women in Construction.

- **LuAnn Piccard**, of Project Management, received funding from the Governor's Office to complete a State

of Alaska Election Process Review.

- **Dr. Natasa Masanovic**, associate professor of German, received the American Association for Teachers of German (AATG/Alaska Chapter) 2011 Duden Award for her work in German instruction.



RESEARCH NEWS

- ISER's **Gunnar Knapp** and **Toby Schwoerer**, along with ENRI's **Dan Rinella**, are completing an analysis of the economic significance of the Bristol Bay commercial fisheries for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The total award to UAA researchers is \$167K.

- UAA closed FY11 with 324 awards totaling slightly more than \$52M. In addition, during the first three weeks of FY12, UAA received 12 awards totaling \$704K in the areas of research, public service and instruction. Last year UAA received 308 awards and contracts totaling \$55M.

- UAA recently hired **Dr. Helena S. Wisniewski** as its new Vice Provost for Research and Graduate Studies. Wisniewski comes to UAA with an incredible breadth of experience, having worked for the federal government, in higher education and in private industry.

COMMUNITY CAMPUS NEWS

Prince William Sound Community College

PWSCC-Copper Basin Campus staff presented "Distant Delivery in Rural Alaska" at EduLearn11 in Barcelona, Spain, an international conference on education and new technologies.



Kodiak College

Kodiak College is partnering with Kodiak Maritime Museum in a \$300K state-funded grant to refurbish a vintage fishing trawler on campus. The project coincides with construction of the "Kodiak Room" in the Kodiak



College Library. The room will house documents, art and historical artifacts related to fishing, seafood processing and oral histories by island residents.

Mat-Su College

Mat-Su College held its first art festival this summer. Instructors taught visual arts-related workshops for participants ranging in age from high school to senior citizens.

