

Dear Board of Regents,

We are fast-tracking a Chancellor's Task Force on Alumni Relations to help develop a plan for building basic alumni engagement with measurable deliverables over the next 3–5 years. The Task Force and its mission are the result of nationally recognized consultant Dan White's review, report and recommendations on how UAA can best leverage alumni support commensurate with our ever-growing needs and opportunities as a university. I am pleased to report that targeted community and university leaders have accepted my invitation to participate and the charge to deliver a final report of findings and recommendations by May 2012.

Recruitments are moving forward for dean vacancies in the College of Health, College of Arts and Sciences, School of Engineering and College of Education. With Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor Mike Driscoll's recent promotion to president at Indiana University of Pennsylvania, we will also soon launch a national search for our next provost.



A UAA delegation attended the 6th Confucius Institute Conference in Beijing and explored opportunities for students and faculty at 7 Chinese universities.

We continue to provide extensive programming celebrating diversity within our community with Alaska Civil Rights Month and Black History Month through January and February respectively.

Join us for resource fairs, nationally prominent speakers, panel discussions, interactive programming, music, theatre and don't miss our awesome Seawolf athletes in action!

Best Regards,

Tom Case
Tom Case, Chancellor



The first cohort of UAA-Creighton's online doctoral program for occupational therapy graduated five Alaskans in December.

The Alaska Sports Hall of Fame established a new award, the Pride of Alaska, and named UAA's Women's Basketball program the first winner of the award.



UAA ranks among the top 5 percent of all D-II institutions and received a school-record 13th place in the Learfield Sports Director's Cup standings. This marks the third time in program history—all in the past three seasons—that all three of UAA's fall sports have earned NCAA finishes in the same year.

Promoting Innovation: UAA professors **Kenrick Mock and Bogdan Hoanca** became the first to be inducted into UAA's new "Patent Wall" for the patent they earned for their sign-on computer security authentication process, and 13 researchers were awarded seed money to advance their work during the first INNOVATE Research Awards.



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Faculty, staff and students take leading roles: Honors College student Brian Franklin has been accepted to Harvard Business School's MBA Program.

Journalism and Public Communications senior Heather Aronno earned second place in the William Randolph Hearst Foundation's annual Journalism Awards Program's Radio Competition.

Fifteen UAA Environment and Natural Resources Institute (ENRI) faculty fellows, research scientists and graduate student researchers provided 22 presentations at the American Geophysical Union Fall Meeting 2011—the largest conference of Earth and space scientists from around the world.

Kenai Peninsula College (KPC) director Gary J. Turner was named the 2012 Person of the Year by the Soldotna Chamber of Commerce.

Student caller Shaquanna Hall brought in the largest gift to date from the UAA phonathon program, \$10,000.

Stay on Track campaign: Fifty-four students at Mat-Su College have made the Stay on TRACK promise to complete 30 credits a year, choose a major, see an advisor and finish their degree in four years. Anchorage campus professors Kathi Trawver and Robert McCoy received incentive plan money for connecting students with the Stay on Track campaign.

Institutional leadership: UAA is one of only five institutions nationwide selected to participate in the RAILS (Rubric Assessment of Information Literacy Skills) project during the 2011-2012 academic year.

Grants, research and public policy benefiting Alaskans:

Center for Behavioral Health Research and Services received \$145,000 to serve as the evaluator for the Home Again project, a partnership between the Rural Alaska Community Action Program, Inc. and Anchorage Community Mental Health Services, Inc. and funded by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.

Dr. André Rosay, Justice Center director, will discuss Justice Center research, including the ongoing Alaska Victimization Survey, as keynote speaker for the Alaska Senate Judiciary Committee Crime Summit in January.

Breaking enrollment records: For the first time in its 48-year history, KPC's enrollment in one semester exceeded 3,000 headcount (academic and non-credit) with 3,002 students enrolled fall 2011.

National prominence: The Two-Year College English Association of the National Council of the Teachers of English named KPC the winner of the 2012 Diana Hacker TYC Award for Outstanding Programs.

Prince William Sound Community College adjunct faculty member Katrina Church-Chmielowski received the Distinguished Service Award from the National School Boards Association.

Recent development news... ConocoPhillips Alaska, Inc. submitted a \$2.2M pledge payment for the ConocoPhillips Arctic Science and Engineering Endowment.

Alaska Native Science and Engineering Program (ANSEP) received \$300,000 from Udelhoven Oil Field System Services, Inc., \$34,000 from ExxonMobil Corporation, and \$25,000 from Wells Fargo. Alyeska Pipeline Service provided \$35,000 to support ANSEP's 2012 banquet and contributed \$10,000 to support the Alaska Native Program Scholarships at KPC. Udelhoven also contributed \$200,000 toward the Herb Schroeder Chair.

Northrim Bank donated \$125,000 in honor of the Institute of Social and Economic Research (ISER) 50th Anniversary Celebration and gave an additional \$7,500 to the Eagle River campus.

The Council of Alaska Producers pledged \$110,000 to support a visiting professor of public policy. This is their second pledge of this size toward this program since 2010.

A single anonymous donor contributed \$100,000: \$50,000 for the Planetarium, \$25,000 for Opportunities for Lifelong Education Programs (OLE!) and \$25,000 to the Cooperative Extension Program.

First National Bank Alaska gave \$53,000 to support scholarships for the CBPP Communities in Schools Program, ISER 50th Anniversary Celebration, Dental Assisting Clinic, the Institute of Social and Economic Research and the UAA Journalism Internship Program.

Flint Hills Resources, LLC contributed \$40,000 toward the Experimental Economics Laboratory.

LifeMed Alaska, LLC contributed \$30,000 to Excellence in Health Science Simulation. Alaska Kidney Foundation has pledged a grant for over \$30,000 to support UAA School of Nursing scholarships.

New scholarships and professorship established

- ◆ Alaska Society of Professional Land Surveyors donated \$26,000 to establish the Alaska Society of Professional Land Surveyors Endowed Scholarship.
- ◆ The Lynch family made a memorial donation to establish the Kathy Lynn Lynch Scholarship in Nursing.
- ◆ Family and friends of John Gay have made generous contributions to establish the John Russell Gay Memorial Science Scholarship.
- ◆ A legacy gift from Dixie L. Light will establish the Dixie Light Endowed Scholarship to promote the completion of a baccalaureate degree in Nursing by registered nurses who are residents and licensed to practice in Alaska.
- ◆ Dr. Louis Kralick donated \$40,000 to establish the Louis L. Kralick, M.D. Alaska WWAMI Professorship in Biomedical Science.

Icicle Seafoods, Inc. contributed \$300,000 to promote fishing industry and seafood market research and career development, bringing Icicle's total donations to over \$1M.



Geomatics students will be able to conduct 3-D image analysis in a new state-of-the-art lab with the help of trainers from DAT/EM Systems International and their donation of 16 licenses of their SUMMIT Evolution professional software valued at \$312,000.

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UAA is promoting the **ExxonMobil Pick.Click.Give.** matching gift through its community campus markets and radio advertisements in the Anchorage market.