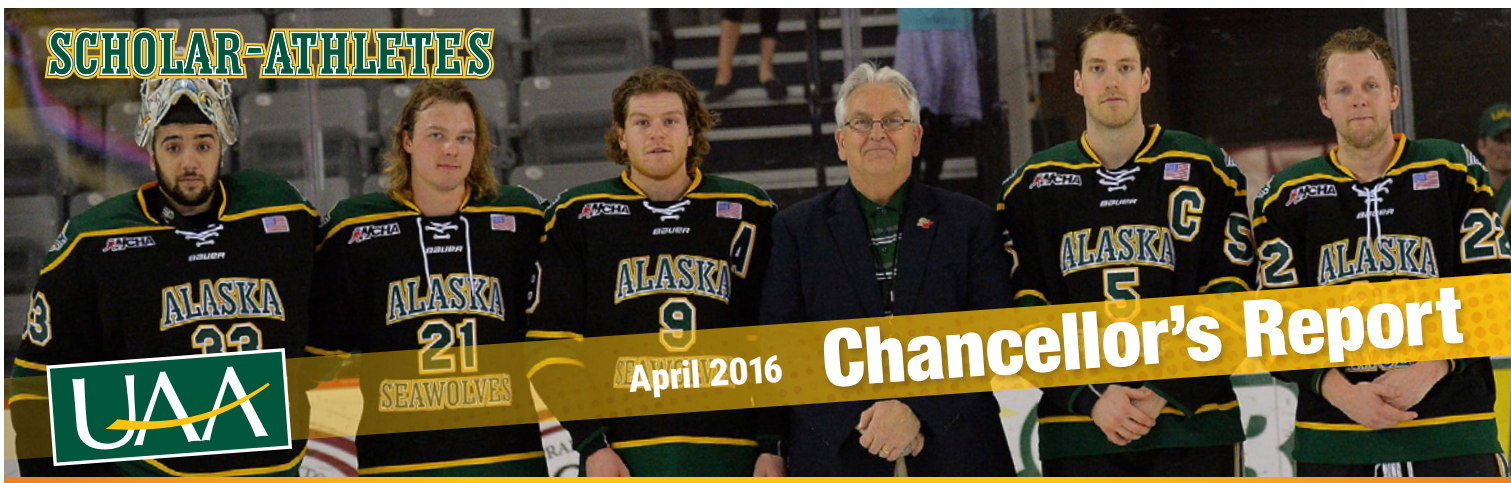
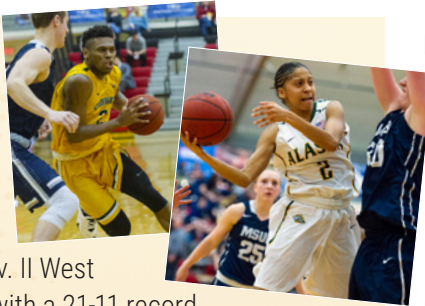


SCHOLAR-ATHLETES



Dear Board of Regents,

It's been another remarkable season for the UAA men's and women's basketball teams. The men—ranked No. 10 in the NCAA Div. II West Region—finished the season with a 21-11 record.



The women's team finished the regular season as 2016 GNAC Champions and made their 15th overall NCAA West Region Tournament appearance in early March. I'm so proud of all our student-athletes and their accomplishments, both on the court and in the classroom.

Final candidates for the Community and Technical College (CTC) dean position visited campus at the beginning of March. We expect to make an announcement for the new CTC dean in the coming weeks. We are also in the process of searching for a new director for the Institute for Social and Economic Research (ISER). Gunnar Knapp, who's worked at ISER for 35 years and served as its director since 2013, will retire June 30.

The University of Alaska budget continues to concern many of our faculty, staff and students. In March, we began a series of conversations—Coffee with the Chancellor. There, members of our campus community can ask questions or speak directly with me and members of my Cabinet about the budget. We also launched a blog and website where people can share ideas about the FY17 university budget. I'm eager to hear from our faculty, staff and students about how we might better weather these times of fiscal hardship.

Best regards,

Tom Case, Chancellor

Five UAA students are among the 11th-annual Western Collegiate Hockey Association (WCHA) Scholar-Athlete Award recipients for 2015-16, which recognizes students who have completed at least one year of residency at their present institution prior to the current academic year. They must also have a grade-point average of at least 3.50 on a 4.0 scale for the previous two semesters or three quarters. The UAA students (in above photo) are Tad Kozun (sophomore), Blake Leask (senior), Olivier Mantha (sophomore), Austin Sevalrud (senior) and Blake Tatchell (senior).

UAA sent six teams to the 2016 United States Universities Western Region Championship debate tournament in Southern California the first weekend in March. The Seawolves dominated the field, sending three of their teams to the final round, sweeping three of the top five individual speaker awards and winning the championship. The UAA debate team also recently received a \$40,000 gift from the Atwood Foundation to support its Fiscal Future Debate Project. What an impressive group of students!



Veronica Martinez, a student majoring in Engineering, minoring in German, has been awarded the 2016-17 Congress-Bundestag Scholarship. Martinez is our ninth recipient of this prestigious scholarship, which provides for a year of study and internship in Germany. Martinez has been selected as one of 75 participants for the fellowship program from among a competitive pool of more than 700 applicants.



Dr. Gunnar Knapp, fisheries economist and director of the UAA Institute of Social and Economic Research, received the 2016 Marine Research Award from the Alaska Sea Life Center in Seward. The honor recognizes a scientist, team or institution acknowledged by peers to have made a breakthrough contribution to any field of scientific knowledge about Alaska's oceans.

Dr. Han Donker, professor of accounting at the University of Alaska Anchorage, recently received the University of Alaska Foundation's 2016 Harold T. Caven Professorship. The two-year professorship includes a \$20,000 award. This award will enable Donker to continue his research into the corporate values of Native corporations. Alaska Native corporations are the most successful Native-owned companies found in the world. Donker is hoping to export the knowledge behind their success to indigenous groups outside Alaska.

UAA, UAF and Washington State University are partnering for Alaskans to earn chemical engineering degrees. The 2+2 agreement allows Alaska students to earn two years of core requirements at UAA or UAF, and complete the final two years in Pullman, Wash., at WSU. The program comes with no additional cost to UAF and UAA and will begin accepting students for fall 2016. This partnership is the newest to help deliver quality academic programs, including partnerships in law with the University of Washington and Willamette University, pharmacy with Idaho State, occupational therapy with Creighton, and University of Washington WWAMI in medicine.

On Feb. 24, teams of alumni and friends returned to campus for the 3rd-annual Alumni ParTee: 9 in the Spine. The cross-campus mini-golf event kicked off UAA's annual Winterfest with a course designed by 20 student and community groups. All proceeds benefited the UAA Alumni Association scholarship fund.

Providence Health System Alaska fulfilled its most recent pledge of \$1.5 million to support UAA's School of Nursing expansion, totaling \$3 million since 2003. Providence has also made gifts totaling \$100,000 to the Center for Rural Health and the Center for Community Engagement and Learning.

Alaska Airlines fulfilled—seven years early—a \$1 million pledge the company made in 2013 when it established the Alaska Airlines Scholar Athletes Endowed Scholarship.

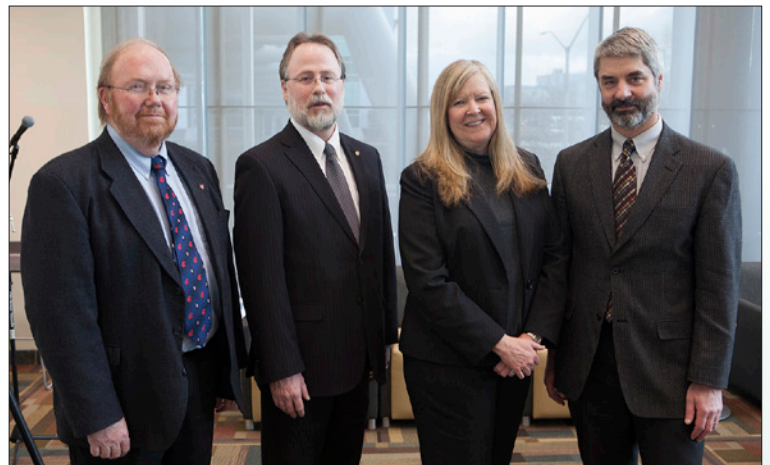
Shell Exploration and Production Company and Udelhoven Oilfield System Services looked to the future by giving \$150,000 and \$100,000 gifts, respectively, to the Alaska Native Science and Engineering Program.



Dr. Gunnar Knapp



Dr. Han Donker



WSU Director of Chemical Engineering and Bioengineering James Petersen, UAA College of Engineering Dean Fred Barlow, WSU College of Engineering and Architecture Dean Candis Claiborn and UAF College of Engineering and Mines Dean Douglas Goering attended the announcement of the 2+2 Chemical Engineering degree program.



Participants at the Alumni ParTee: 9 in the Spine golf extravaganza teed off for fun times through the Spine hallways across the main campus.