

FALL 2024
COMMENCEMENT



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THE LEGEND OF THE SEAWOLF



UAA's athletic teams were not always called the Seawolves. The original team name was the "Sourdoughs," a reference that many only associated with a kind of bread. Wanting a replacement, UAA's first athletic director and basketball coach Bob Rachal went to the library in search of inspiration, looking for something formidable and distinctive from Alaska's rich cultural history. He found what he was looking for in the Tlingit legend of Gonakadet, also known as Wasco or Sea Wolf. The man/creature in the legend was strong, generous and humble. He also had the power to transform. What better character to represent an athletic team? Rachal had found what he was looking for and used the image that accompanied the story as the first Seawolf logo in 1977.

ONCE A SEAWOLF, ALWAYS A SEAWOLF.





UNIVERSITY *of* ALASKA
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COMMENCEMENT

FALL CLASS OF
2024

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2024

1 P.M.

ALASKA AIRLINES CENTER

The University of Alaska Anchorage awards degrees and certificates in commencement ceremonies held each December and May as directed by the Board of Regents of the University of Alaska Statewide System of Higher Education. All degrees and certificates are conferred by the authority of the Board of Regents.

THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER

Oh, say, can you see,
 By the dawn's early light,
 What so proudly we hailed
 At the twilight's last gleaming?
 Whose broad stripes and bright stars,
 Through the perilous fight,
 O'er the ramparts we watched,
 Were so gallantly streaming?
 And the rockets' red glare,
 The bombs bursting in air,
 Gave proof through the night
 That our flag was still there.
 Oh, say, does that Star-Spangled Banner yet wave
 O'er the land of the free
 And the home of the brave?

Francis Scott Key

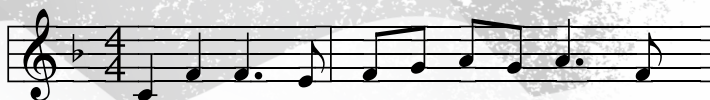
ALASKA'S FLAG SONG

Eight stars of gold on a field of blue,
 Alaska's flag, may it mean to you;
 The blue of the sea, the evening sky,
 The mountain lakes and the flow'rs nearby;
 The gold of the early sourdough's dreams,
 The precious gold of the hills and streams;
 The brilliant stars in the northern sky,
 The "Bear," the "Dipper," and, shining high,
 The great North Star with its steady light,
 O'er land and sea a beacon bright,
 Alaska's flag to Alaskans dear,
 The simple flag of a last frontier.

UAA ALMA MATER

Affectionately ♩ = 66

Mark Wolbers



1. U A A, we love thy moun - tain peaks, your
 2. U A A, re - spect the spe - cial worth, of
 3. U A A, pre - serve your o - pen doors, a



wood - ed land, graced_ with_ trails and creeks. Oh,
 each and all, let - ting truth in - fuse the Earth. Oh,
 sec - ond chance, giv - ing hope to dreams and more. Oh,



U A A, re - call the yield - ing night, the
 U A A, be - come the schol - ars home, a
 U A A, help those who seek your light, the a -



gain - ing day, learn - ing strikes the shad - ows bright.
 place of books, knowl - edge is our fu - ture gold.
 cad - e - my, show - ing all we learn for life!

MUSIC

University Singers

Joey Butcher and Krista Seetomona

Directed by Dr. Mari Hahn, Professor of Music

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Processional..... Pomp and Circumstance
Audience, please remain standing

Alaska Native Dancers..... Lepquim Gumilgit Gagoadim Tsimshian Dancers

Presenting of the Colors..... UAA Air Force ROTC Color Guard

The Star-Spangled Banner..... Joey Butcher

Alaska’s Flag Song..... Krista Seetomona

Congratulations from the Faculty..... Jacqueline Cason
Faculty Senate President

Recognition of Emeritus Status
Honorary Degree and Meritorious Service Awards..... Provost Denise Runge
UA Board of Regents

Student Speaker..... Iqlas Dubed
B.A. Political Science

Chancellor’s Message and Speaker Introduction..... Chancellor Sean Parnell

Commencement Speaker..... Judge Morgan Christen

Recognition of Deployed and ROTC Graduates..... Chancellor Sean Parnell
Col. Dustin Hansen, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson

Presentation of Candidates for Graduation..... Provost Denise Runge

Welcome from the Alumni Association..... Jacob Chambers
B.B.A. ’14 and M.B.A. ’19

UAA Alma Mater..... Joey Butcher and Krista Seetomona

Conferring of Degrees and Certificates..... UA Board of Regents

Recessional..... Audience, please rise

2024 EMERITUS

The position of emeritus is the highest honor that can be bestowed upon a full-time professor or staff member who has retired after a minimum of 10 years of faithful service to the University of Alaska.



Nelta Edwards
*Professor Emerita of Sociology
College of Arts and Sciences*



Cindy Knall
*Professor Emerita of Medical Education
College of Health*



Stephanie Olson
*Professor Emerita of Dental Assisting
College of Health*



Stephen Rollins
*Administrator (Dean) Emeritus
UAA/APU Consortium Library*



Lora Volden
*Staff Emerita
Student Affairs*

HONORARY DEGREE AWARD

KYLE HOPKINS

Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters

Born and raised in Alaska, justice-oriented journalist Kyle Hopkins earned his B.A. in journalism and political science from UAF and has since demonstrated exceptional expertise in uncovering critical issues through in-depth reporting.

Hopkins worked at small newspapers across the state before taking a role at the Anchorage Daily News (ADN) as a multimedia reporter, where he wrote breaking daily news and enterprise stories for a decade prior to taking a role with KTUU as an investigative reporter and digital director. During his tenure at KTUU, he oversaw enterprise reporting and received a national Edward R. Murrow award. He returned to the ADN in 2018 as special projects editor and senior reporter, a position he continues to hold. From 2021-23, Hopkins served as an inaugural member of the ProPublica Distinguished Fellows. He also served as an executive producer and consultant for the ABC television series “Alaska Daily.”

In 2020, Kyle and the ADN received the Pulitzer Prize for Public Service for the “Lawless” series exposing Alaska’s unjust public safety system in collaboration with ProPublica’s Local Reporting Network. In addition to his Pulitzer Prize, Hopkins has received numerous awards for his work, including the National Magazine Award for Community Journalism, the Dart Award for Excellence in Coverage of Trauma and several SPJ Ethics in Journalism Awards.



HONORARY DEGREE AWARD

HEATHER LENDE

Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters

Heather Lende is a distinguished Alaska author and community leader with significant contributions to literature and public service. She earned a B.A. in history from Middlebury College and an M.F.A. in creative writing from UAA. Lende is the author of several bestselling and critically acclaimed memoirs, including *Find the Good, If You Lived Here, I'd Know Your Name*, and *Take Good Care of the Garden and the Dogs*. Her books focus on her experiences and observations in Haines, Alaska.



In addition to her writing, Lende has held various roles within the literary and local community. She had a long running column in the Anchorage Daily News, served as a contributing editor for Woman's Day magazine and wrote approximately 400 obituaries for the Chilkat Valley News. Lende has been recognized with the Alaska Governor's Award for Distinguished Service to the Humanities, the Alaska Center for the Book's Contribution to Literacy Award, the Alaska Library Association's Alaskana Award, numerous Alaska Press Club Awards, and the Episcopal Bishop of Alaska's Bishop's Cross Award. She was the Alaska State Writer Laureate from 2021-24. She has been active with the Center for the Narrative and Lyric Arts and the North Words Writers Symposium.

Lende's past and present community involvement includes volunteering and serving as a board member for Hospice of Haines, the Chilkat Valley Community Foundation, the Haines Borough Public Library and KHNS community radio. Additionally, she volunteered as the Haines High cross-country coach for 17 years and served on the Haines School Board and the Haines Borough Assembly.

MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD

MICHAEL HAWFIELD

Meritorious Service Award

Mike Hawfield is a faculty emeritus who retired in May 2016 after eight years as a full-time associate professor and 10 years as an adjunct professor at Kenai Peninsula College. Though the title of emeritus is usually bestowed only on full professors, UAA guidelines allow the honor to be awarded “in exceptional circumstances” for those who “have a record of outstanding service to the academy.” Hawfield was found to be one of these exceptional circumstances and awarded the title of emeritus.



Prior to his time at KPC, Hawfield taught at Lynchburg College, Indiana University South Bend, the University of Notre Dame and Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis. Throughout his career, he authored several books and chapters, more than 100 history articles, and book reviews.

Hawfield holds a master’s degree in history and has been awarded a number of history-related honors. In 2013, he was appointed by former Governor Parnell to the Alaska State Historical Commission. That same year, the Alaska Historical Society awarded him the 2013 President’s Award. Just two years later, the Homer Public Library honored him with its Life-long Learner Award. He has served on the Homer Hospice Board of Directors, as executive director of Museums Alaska and as director of the Pratt Museum in Homer.

WELCOME

JUDGE MORGAN CHRISTEN

Commencement Speaker

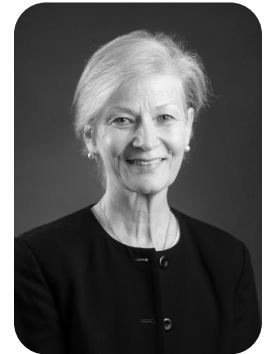
Meritorious Service Award

Judge Morgan Christen serves on the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. Prior to her appointment to the federal bench in 2012, Judge Christen served as a Justice of the Alaska Supreme Court and as a Superior Court Judge in Anchorage.

Judge Christen was born and raised in Washington. She traveled abroad extensively in earning her baccalaureate degree from the University of Washington, and holds a Juris Doctor degree from Golden Gate University School of Law. After law school, Judge Christen joined the firm Preston Gates (now K&L Gates) where she practiced civil litigation. She was appointed to the Superior Court of the State of Alaska in 2002.

Judge Christen has contributed a great deal to Alaska through both her judicial service and as a volunteer in the community. She has served as a mentor, teaching students through Anchorage Youth Court and other civic programs. She served on the boards of the Alaska Community Foundation, Rasmuson Foundation, Anchorage Big Brothers/Big Sisters and United Way of Anchorage. She has chaired the Pacific Northwest selection committee for the Rhodes Scholarship, and has been an active member of Rotary. Judge Christen received the Light of Hope Award for work on behalf of Alaska's children. She is also a past recipient of the Alaska Supreme Court's Community Outreach Award, the Anchorage Chamber of Commerce Athena Award and the YWCA Women of Achievement Award.

Judge Christen's service to Alaska exemplifies integrity, professionalism and a deep commitment to our state and its communities.



WELCOME

IQLAS DUBED

Student Speaker

Fall 2024 undergraduate student commencement speaker Iqlas Dubed's story is marked by resilience, transformation and a deep commitment to making a difference. Originally from Ethiopia, she immigrated to Anchorage with her family in 2012 as a refugee and has called it home since.



Dubed first enrolled at UAA as an Alaska Middle College student during her sophomore year at Bettye Davis East High School, citing the experience as one of the most unique aspects of her undergraduate education. The foundation she built through the program gave her the freedom to explore academic interests without immediately choosing a major.

"Instead of taking a complete gap year, I was able to dedicate a full academic year to taking a lighter course load, which allowed me to thoughtfully explore and determine my long-term academic goals without falling behind," said Dubed.

After weighing her options, Dubed decided to pursue a bachelor's in political science with a minor in history, driven by a deep interest in reforming systems of justice and a desire to improve Alaska's legal landscape. "I've always been passionate about law and justice reform, especially in Alaska," she said. In addition to her studies, she credits her involvement with the Civic Engagement Academy and her involvement in the community for giving her valuable hands-on experience and deepening her understanding of legal systems. She plans to attend law school after graduation with the long-term goal of starting a nonprofit in Alaska focused on criminal justice reform, advocacy for defendants' rights and re-entry programs for formerly incarcerated individuals.

Despite early struggles with finding a sense of community on campus, Dubed became deeply engaged at UAA. She started as a senator for USUAA student government and advanced to Speaker of the Assembly, a pivotal role that helped her overcome her fear of public speaking. Additional public speaking experiences — presenting on a panel at the Alaska Just Transition Summit and speaking at the Spring Alaska Society for Technology in Education Conference — gave her the confidence to apply for the commencement speaker role.

Dubed's particularly grateful for the support system that helped her achieve this milestone: her parents and sisters, UAA faculty members and the peers she met along the way. "Without their support and encouragement, none of what I've accomplished at UAA would have been possible," she said.

Her message to the graduating class is simple but powerful: embrace your unique journey. "Through my own journey from a shy student to an active campus leader, I learned that our greatest strength often lies in our uniqueness," said Dubed. "My message encourages graduates to see their individual stories not as obstacles to overcome but as powerful tools for building bridges, fostering understanding and contributing meaningfully to their communities."

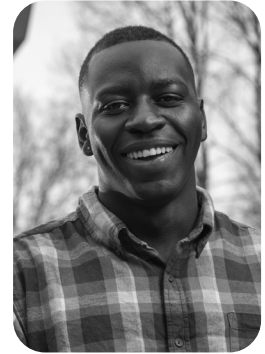
WELCOME

MOHAMED NIAGNE

*Graduate Student Speaker**

If there is anything civil engineering and project management alumnus Mohamed Niagne is passionate about, it is support structures – in engineering, and especially in relationships.

During Niagne's time at UAA as an undergrad, fellow students in the Alaska Native Science and Engineering Program (ANSEP) are what made campus feel like home. After graduating, a fellow College of Engineering (CoEng) alumnus referred Niagne to his current position at the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities where he designs roads. And at that job, a colleague inspired Niagne to return to UAA to pursue graduate studies in project management.



"My time and the people at UAA were very crucial to helping me understand and appreciate all the work I would be doing," said Niagne. "Now I'm part of society and I believe UAA gave me the best opportunities to make that impact and do that work."

According to Niagne, the project management education supports his civil engineering experience, giving him the organizational skills to be a more efficient engineer. Ultimately, Niagne's goal is to continue using his talents to bring better services, like clean water and energy, to communities around the world while finding safer methods to tap into natural resources.

Born in Côte d'Ivoire, West Africa, and raised in Senegal, West Africa, Niagne and his family moved to Anchorage, Alaska in 2010. Even at a young age, it was apparent that his future lay in engineering.

"My parents hated getting me toys," said Niagne. "I'd play with them for a bit, but my favorite part was breaking them down and putting them back together. They'd get upset, but it was a great learning process. Eventually they stopped getting me toys though."

After enrolling at UAA in 2013, Niagne quickly expanded his support network, serving as vice president of the Greek Council, brother of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, vice president of the American Indian Science and Engineering Society, peer mentor at ANSEP and member of the African American, Hispanic, Asian, International and Native American students program. Even now, he remains heavily involved at his alma mater through his continued work with ANSEP and CoEng.

Niagne credits his enthusiasm for immersing himself in community and improving the world around him to his grandfather. All the traits he aspires to come from watching his grandfather take an active leadership role in Côte d'Ivoire, exhibiting patience, wisdom and optimism.

"If you want change, it has to start with you. My grandfather showed me that," said Niagne. "That wisdom is what inspired me to give back to this town, community and state."

*Mohamed Niagne spoke during the Graduate Degree Hooding Ceremony on Saturday, Dec. 14, 2024.

WELCOME

Dear Seawolves,

Congratulations to the fall graduating Class of 2024! Today, we are proud to celebrate you! Commencement is a momentous occasion and a milestone in your personal and academic journey. You have worked hard to get here. Your education and the dedication you have shown have equipped you to handle anything in pursuing your future goals.

This year, you are a part of the 70th anniversary of the University of Alaska Anchorage. What began in 1954 has grown to become Alaska's largest university. UAA creates opportunity through education and is a place where people, like you and from around the world, come to advance their lives, careers and dreams.

Commencement marks a new beginning – a bright future – for you, our newest graduates. Our Seawolf family of more than 70,000 alumni are here to support you. You can be proud to call yourself a UAA graduate, and I am certain that you will make a positive impact.

Congratulations!



Sean Parnell, Chancellor
University of Alaska Anchorage



WELCOME

Dear UAA Class of 2024,

Congratulations! Today, you join the ranks of thousands of proud University of Alaska alumni who are building, leading and innovating for Alaska's future.

Graduation is a remarkable accomplishment. I am immensely proud of all you have achieved during your time at UAA and the dedication and hard work that have brought you to this significant milestone.

This realization of your potential empowers you to transform your life, seek new opportunities and achieve more than you ever imagined. The challenges you have overcome to complete your programs have prepared you to contribute to Alaska's economy and communities.

Alaska needs your insight, creativity and enthusiasm like never before. Our state counts on you to apply your skills and talents in your selected fields. You are our educators, engineers, healthcare experts and entrepreneurs – and your education at UAA has equipped you to be the leaders of tomorrow.

And while today is about you, there are many people you'll never be able to thank enough. As much as the university leadership, faculty and staff celebrate your success, nothing can compare to the support of your families, friends and loved ones.

Remember, you are never alone in your journey: you have a network of alumni, faculty, staff and supporters cheering for your success. I encourage you to make an effort to plug into those networks as you stay connected, curious and engaged with the world around you.

Once again, congratulations, Seawolves! I wish you all the best as you take on new challenges and opportunities. I know that you'll positively impact our state and world.

Sincerely,



Pat Pitney, President
University of Alaska



ACADEMIC TRADITIONS

Robes, Mortarboards, Hoods

An academic legend tells of a wise old Greek who dressed his students in mason’s sackcloth robes with mortarboards because, “Their destiny is to build. Some will build cities, some will build lives – perhaps one of them will build an empire; but all will be builders on the solid foundation of knowledge.”

Whether or not the ancient Greek dressed his students in sackcloth and mortarboard, the academic robes worn today by graduates and faculty trace their beginnings to the mid-12th century, when small groups studied under the tutelage of a scholar (often a monk or priest). These students chose to dress in a robe similar to that of their teacher. Through the centuries, this traditional scholarly dress did not change much. Each individual scholar donned special colors, fur and fabrics, as did his students. In contrast to those Old World customs, today’s academic robe has a basic organization that allows you to identify even more about the scholar.

Today’s scholars are the university faculty. They wear academic robes with colorful hoods reminiscent of the medieval monk’s cowl. The size and colors of the hood tell the observer what discipline the scholar pursued and from which college or university he or she graduated.

UAA master’s degree graduates will be wearing their hoods today, for they have gone beyond the bachelor’s degree to learn more and become scholars. The University of Alaska Anchorage’s colors are gold and green, hence these colors on the hood. The velvet trim on the hood signifies the scholar’s field.

Academic Regalia Colors by College

College of Arts & Sciences	Anthropology	Golden Yellow
	Biological Sciences	Golden Yellow
	Clinical Psychology	Golden Yellow
	Creative Writing and Literary Arts	Brown
	English	White
	Interdisciplinary Studies (M.A.)	White
	Interdisciplinary Studies (M.S.)	Golden Yellow
	Clinical-Community Psychology (Ph.D.)	Dark Blue
	College of Business & Public Policy	Business Administration
Global Supply Chain Management		Golden Yellow
Public Administration		Peacock Blue
College of Engineering		All Disciplines
College of Health	Dietetics	Gold
	Nursing	Apricot
	Public Health	Salmon Pink
	Social Work	Citron
School of Education	Education	Light Blue

Some colleges and universities use the soft beret, but the prevailing style of cap is the traditional square mortarboard, decorated with a long tassel. You may notice some faculty wearing a soft beret-style cap.

It does not matter whether the tassel is worn on the left or right of the mortarboard, but it is often customary to change the tassel to the other side after receiving the diploma.

While you may not be able to identify the origins of each specific academic robe and hood appearing in today's commencement ceremony, you can reflect that from the certificate graduate in his black gown to the Doctor of Philosophy, students and professors alike are paying homage to more than 800 years of academic tradition.

University Mace

The grand marshal carries the University of Alaska Anchorage mace in the commencement procession and places it in a stand on the stage during commencement ceremonies to signify the importance of the occasion. The UAA Alumni Association commissioned the mace in 1990 and two talented UAA employees created it. Dr. Vern Oremus, former dean of UAA's previous College of Career and Vocational Education, used a lathe to create the wooden staff and head. Professor of Art Mariano Gonzales designed and produced the sterling silver torch at the top of the mace. The mace symbolizes UAA as a university of distinction and is traditionally entrusted to the faculty in recognition of their critical role in the education of our students.

CLASS OF 2024

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

DR. JENNY MCNULTY, DEAN

*Cum Laude, **Magna Cum Laude, ***Summa Cum Laude

DOCTORATE DEGREES

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Clinical-Community Psychology

Dale M. Golden
Emilie M. Loran
Michael D. Vigil
Rebecca M. Young

MASTER'S DEGREES

MASTER OF ARTS

Anthropology

Aren M. Rosholt

Interdisciplinary Studies

Nell Baker

MASTER OF SCIENCE

Biological Sciences

Jordyn E. McNeil

Clinical Psychology

Emily M. Cohen
Jeffrey L. Crews
Hailey A. Holland
Elizabeth K. Profit
Daniela Rincon-Ruiz
Riley A. Russell
Amber J. Schmidt
Sofia K. Sytniak

Interdisciplinary Studies

Kathleen M. DeMichele
Michael D. Lindemann

GRADUATE CERTIFICATES

Children's Mental Health

Kimberley B. Burnett
Ja'leie D. Edwards
Hailey A. Holland
Carolyn K. Loeffler
Suzanne D. McMullian
Daniela Rincon-Ruiz

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Rye M. Hendrickson***
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Amber L. Perry***

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Ezekiel J. Talton

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MarQuan I. Rosier

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Jasmine M. Etuckmelra
Naja A. Ferrer**
Aja Fitz-Ritson*
Katelynn E. Flaherty*
Donald A. Goodlin*
Lisa P. Her
Lindsay C. Holland
Wanlaya P. Jarupakorn
Amina A. Karief**
Julia E. Kruljac
Kassandra L. La Page*
James M. Lanier*
Caleb J. Larsen
Caitlin Q. D. LeClair
Hailey N. R. Lennon*
Savannah R. Ley
Madison L. McCormick*
Mystrie N. Murray
Cameron R. Selfridge*
Cindy Tabares

Theatre

Linda S. Young*

BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS

Art

Francis Ian F. Anino**

BACHELOR OF MUSIC

Music

Hiram R. Benitez
Koree S. Guzman

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Biological Sciences

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D'Lynn M. Gleason***
Cheng Her***
Erica M. Johnson
Tamara K. Kiefer***
Ainsley G. Ladd**
Meiglan V. Ray
Athena Lee Anne San Juan

Environment and Society

Jonathan P. Douglass

Geological Sciences

Dylan F. Avirett
Gabriella G. Efirid
Alexander P. Garcia
Anna I. Young

Interdisciplinary Studies

Erik F. Suydam

Mathematics

Annmarie C. Iya
Gretchen L. Larsen***

Natural Sciences

Abigail M. Harvey
Liam P. Hoye*
Bogdan Ilnitski
Breanne R. Smith
Preston C. Villumsen

Psychology

Koreana S. Barnedt
Nicole L. Bedwell**
Kaitlin G. Cowell
Zuhail M. Elnour
McKinzie M. Parker***
Ntxheeyees C. Yang

ASSOCIATE DEGREES

ASSOCIATE OF ARTS

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Amy M. Berlin
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D'Monte J. Bond
Emily R. Bordelon-Groshong
Philip E. Brevogel
Talisha Burmeister
Karolyn G. Ceron
Cheryl A. Church***
Angela M. Colavecchio
Marcus C. Colvin
Kyle M. Contreras
Daniel D. Cox**
Karl J. Cranston-Simmons**
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Addison R. Elsik
Darren Matthew B. Enriquez***
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Salem M. Grow**
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Kala I. Jenkins
Grant R. Kinney
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Elorm S. Mansu
Candace E. McCutcheon
Lacy M. McKeown
Francesca Miranda
Francesca M. Mordini*
Kimberly Nifong***
Jennifer M. Page
Tyann Payne**
Meghan R. Pollak***
Paisley M. Protzman
Hira S. Raja
Kimkoa D. Robinson
Blossom M. Roe*
Jason E. Scott
Hannah J. Sheridan
Alexander I. Soboleff
John D. Spoelman*
James E. Stewman
Ilysandra Thorise G. Sy*
Ezekiel J. Talton
Madeleine A. Taylor**
Tyler L. Thenell

TeShonda L. Thomas
Alexandria R. Toledo
Dakota A. Walker*
Rebekah R. Watkins*
Kaci G. Wimberly
Dylan Wynn

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE

General Sciences

Katelynn E. Flaherty*
Samuel T. Funk
Katelynn M. Smith
Ebru Turker

OCCUPATIONAL ENDORSEMENT CERTIFICATES

Applied Behavior Analysis

Lisa P. Her

Graphic Design

Meghan J. Adkins
Karolyn G. Ceron
Hosanna Hale
Marie C. Mills
Esther J. Yun

Professional Writing

Kiara P. Arlint
Nick J. Aufderheide
Crystal Jane C. Laganson

CLASS OF 2024

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

DR. TONIA DOUSAY, DEAN

*Cum Laude, **Magna Cum Laude, ***Summa Cum Laude

MASTER'S DEGREES

MASTER OF EDUCATION

Special Education

Sue C. Lee
Gina L. Wetzel

Teaching and Learning

Erin S. Galles
Emma J. Park
Brian Sierra

GRADUATE CERTIFICATES

Language and Literacy Education

Tonya N. Beach
Cassandra M. Christopherson
Ariane R. Clark
Sonya R. Cook
Elise L. Davis
Dylan C. Freeman
Amanda E. Friendshuh
Aimee R. Haugsven
Amanda Kuebler
Lena E. Niekamp
Madison P. Preuett
Christopher M. Shelborne

Principal

Michelle M. Brennan
Cassandra L. Green McLaren
Stephanie R. Watkins

Special Education

Bethany R. Brown
Elisabeth L. White

POST- BACCALAUREATE CERTIFICATES

Early Childhood Education

Alyssa H. Albright

ASSOCIATE DEGREES

ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE

Early Childhood Development

Jordan E. Hickel
Aileen K. Mayfield
Saphire R. Untalasco

OCCUPATIONAL ENDORSEMENT CERTIFICATES

Infant and Toddler Development

Sharlay Mamoe
Angela R. Tulloch

CLASS OF 2024

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS AND PUBLIC POLICY

DR. TERRY NELSON, INTERIM DEAN

*Cum Laude, **Magna Cum Laude, ***Summa Cum Laude

MASTER'S DEGREES

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

General Management

Christopher T. Ledgerwood
Harrison D. Morgan
Melody Murdock

MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

Clara C. Baldwin
Joshua K. Hoggan

MASTER OF PUBLIC POLICY

Izabella R. Block

MASTER OF SCIENCE

Global Supply Chain Management

Nathaniel D. Hall
Kevin A. Tusi

GRADUATE CERTIFICATES

Executive Leadership

Michael W. Risinger
Valerie B. Robideaux

BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Economics

Siolopau Fasimalo
Keeler K. D. Larick*
Anna M. Padrick*

BACHELOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Accounting

Christopher G. Hinther
Tristan E. Hosman
Jen Y. K. Johnson*
Dianna K. Lo*
Jerel Naito*
Zachary G. Smith**
Burak A. Turker**
James C. Watkins*
Lindsay K. Windel
Tou Xiong*

Economics

Neil A. Jones

Finance

Victoria M. Duggan***
Amanda A. Griffith**
Majlinda Hukali*
Annalise S. X. Jameson
GUY STEVE Mvele
Graylin R. Simes
Japheth S. Taylor*

Global Logistics and Supply Chain Management

Michael C. Gause
Matthew P. Mittlestadt**
Chase W. Subitch*

Management

Matthew Allen
Reece Burnett
Jack J. Chlumak*
Beverley E. Egbejimba
Brooke B. Farmer
Courtney Farrell
Antoinette M. Finnigan***
Michaela L. Francisco**
Michael C. Gause
Jeemeng Her
Tristan E. Hosman
Chase T. James
Evan C. Janish

Carson S. Klever
Evan M. Klinkhart
Shaylene M. Nuesca*
Hannah O. Postlewaite
Lauren R. Riske
Ivy E. Smith
Lexus M. A. Smith
Alycyn J. Spies
Noah R. Streit
Ahlana D. Swisher
Christopher Angelo A. Torres
Matthew M. Townsend
Zarif A. Türker**
Emily Weldon

Marketing

Gabriel L. Bowlin-Stacy
Yesenia R. Calizo*
Feng-Yao Chang*
Antoinette M. Finnigan***
Michaelangelo R. Guintu
Thanee Lee
Aurana Poorahong
Mariah L. Sullivan

ASSOCIATE DEGREES

ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE

Accounting

Alec R. Acevedo

General Business

Evelyn J. Robbins**
Amber N. Wehring*
Chaeun Won*

OCCUPATIONAL ENDORSEMENT CERTIFICATES

Alaska Native Business Management

Paisley M. Protzman

Bookkeeping

Allison S. Lightle
Lynda J. Lorenson
Tara McCann
Cycelia A. McMorris
Megan E. Petersen

Business Analytics

Victoria M. Duggan

CLASS OF 2024

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

DR. KENRICK MOCK, DEAN

*Cum Laude, **Magna Cum Laude, ***Summa Cum Laude

MASTER'S DEGREES

MASTER OF SCIENCE

Civil Engineering

Teresa Santoferrara

Project Management

Lucian J. Blake

Rose M. Masui

Mohamed L. Niagne

BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Computer Science

Kiva G. Ketcham

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Civil Engineering

Warren D. Garner

Keon Hee Jang

Nikka-Angela C. Macaraeg

Dianny A. Melgar**

Charlene A. Pugay

Computer Science

Nemed A. Aleman-Ramos

Shanelle I. Almario***

Garrett J. Archer

Moro W. M. Bamber*

Asia K. Brooks

Joseph R. Groth

David G. Kim

Mary G. Kollander*

Gaozong Lo*

Dawson L. Nash*

David P. Rodriguez

Youji J. Seto**

Clifton T. Terwilliger

Xue Vang

Electrical Engineering

Lucas A. Button

Gregory A. Driscoll

Gunnar C. Ihde*

Vang H. Xiong**

Geomatics

Kiva A. McCarthy*

Nicholas J. E. Parker

Hunter D. Ralls

Amanda Robbins

Jacob A. Spath

Joshua S. Spath

Mechanical Engineering

Kevin D. Angarita Roman

William W. L. Cashmore***

Sean G. Clapp

Cole T. Fritzel

Garrett S. Hassell**

Carson H. Kline

Diondra J. Lawhead

Maxwell C. Osborne***

Hunter M. Shedlock

Sebastian J. Tunley

OCCUPATIONAL ENDORSEMENT CERTIFICATES

Geographic Information Systems

Theresa M. Vertigan

CLASS OF 2024

COLLEGE OF HEALTH

DR. DEBBIE CRAIG, DEAN

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MASTER'S DEGREES

MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Public Health Practice

Marlis R. Boord
Olivia S. Bridges
Quacyya M. Cuaresma
Dominique A. Lawrence
Cassie C. Sheridan

MASTER OF SCIENCE

Dietetics and Nutrition

Kathryn Y. Foster

POST-BACCALAUREATE CERTIFICATES

Pre-Medical Studies

Austin A. Black
Sun In C. Lee
Harriet L. Martin
Camryn N. Maxon
Abigail M. Moran
Jada N. Nguyen
Xiaolu Ning
Nicole E. Reid

Speech Language Pathology

Mikayla R. Powers
Karen Sims

BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Justice

Jessica H. Cooper
Amber R. Downs
Sarah Gowan***

Farrah L. Lieb
Briana L. Moffat
Martina S. Weddel*
Trinity J. Winkler

Legal Studies

Seung A. Baek*
Zaria W. Dickey
Maelani N. Johnson
Victoria E. Vargas*

BACHELOR OF HUMAN SERVICES

Marcia L. Harrison
Andrea Lawal
Carline A. Lew
Jessica L. Smith**

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Dental Hygiene

Marisa M. Albertson-Navarre
Novalyn G. Alvarez*
Valerie L. Beitter*
Sean R. Echaverry*
Christy L. Farthing
Alyssa Mae Juliussen*
Elise E. Kwon*
Taylor C. H. Olsen*
Miaya K. Tompkins***

Dietetics

Melissa M. Drake

Health Sciences

Jesse L. Boese
Tiernan M. Brenner-Gelvin**
Fiona B. Cerny
John Chester*
Dominique V. Cruz*
Kya J. Etheredge
Nichole J. Foster
Houa L. Khang
Lauren M. Krigbaum*
Michelle S. Lee
Mary Anna Parker
Kamilah-Rowelle F. Pingco*
Kate L. Robertson***

Danielle E. Sanders
Trevor B. Walden

Kinesiology

Aidan R. Bailey
Jocelyn A. Cervantes
Zachary C. Christensen**
Isabel P. Evans
Talia Folino***
Carson J. Helm*
Asa J. Kinnear**
Lavar E. Marshall
Lily A. Michels***
Juley H. Pak***
Tristan Rude
Emily E. Walker***

Medical Laboratory Science

Elizabeth L. Edwards
Victor J. Hernandez*

ASSOCIATE DEGREES

ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE

Dental Assisting

Nishona K. Deal
Delaney K. Duncan
Anna N. Pavila

Diagnostic Medical Sonography

Ryan D. Benedict
Alexandra W. Carlton***
Madeline R. I. Dennis
Allison E. Ellert***
Sara R. Eng
Alexis R. Hamburg**
Cariera L. Odenthal*
Rebekkah S. Standifer***

Fire and Emergency Services Technology

Santiago A. Cedano
Hayden L. Shults

Human Services

Heidi A. Christensen
Rebecca L. Kruse*
Cailyn P. McSwain*
Michelle D. Obar
Angelique M. Vickers*

Medical Assisting

Caitlin S. Alexie
Chase A. Armstrong**
Amani E. McCoy
Jennell N. White***
Maiger Yang

Paralegal Studies

Sage E. Alvarez**
Sarah E. Anderson
Abbigale R. Skonberg
Kaitlynn E. Towner*

Physical Therapist Assistant

Madison A. Berga**
Kristian A. Fangonilo*
Tracy C. Frink
Christine M. Funatake
Joehanna D. Heath
Eva Ryland***

Radiologic Technology

Abigail M. Sanborn

Speech Language Pathology

Zarinah V. B. Cruz*

Surgical Technology

Amanda E. Balmes
Kellie J. Bernstein***
Caitlin A. Davis*
Callie Fordahl*
Kinley L. Graves*
Jennifer A. Morris
Janae J. Nunley*
Dwan S. Pamaran
Tiffany K. Shirzadi**

CERTIFICATES

Dental Assisting

Catherine Adams
Delaney K. Duncan
Jorie M. Witt

OCCUPATIONAL ENDORSEMENT CERTIFICATES

Children's Behavioral Health

Rachael N. Larson
Cailyn P. McSwain
Gracie R. Minnick-Whaley
Krista E. Smith

Community, Conflict, and Communication

Randi L. Schroeder

Conflict Resolution

Seung A. Baek
Cailyn P. McSwain
Randi L. Schroeder

Gerontology

Kya J. Etheredge

Medical Office Coding

Christine E. Burke
Sarai L. Etheridge
Jennifer M. Jackson
Rheann M. Keenan

Pharmacy Technology

Katelynne J. R. Bainbridge
Lindsey G. Elgin
Azala Leen
Nancy Mixayphon
Raeanna L. Moss
Mariama Njie

Phlebotomist

Ashley B. Keyes
Savannah M. Tribou
Jennell N. White
Cassandra G. Workman

SCHOOL OF NURSING

DOCTORATE DEGREES

DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE

Nursing Science

Leah M. Coffman
Rachael Youngblood

MASTER'S DEGREES

MASTER OF SCIENCE

Nursing Science

Leanne J. Kim

BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Nursing

Ginger M. Anema*
Alliyah Jade A. Bautista
Katelyn R. Bell*
Makenna N. Besch*
William E. Bocast
Janine A. Bristol**
Maria D. Collins
Adrianna L. Connor
Madeline M. Evans
Laura R. Frost
Christopher Funderok
Kaycelyn Mhae M. Gajonera***
Sydney R. Haug
Jailyn S. Hitchings***
My L. Huynh*
Constance Johnson
Houa L. Khang
Hyang Eun Kim
Karissa A. Knagin
Justin A. Knight*

Mary K. Kotyk***
Jennifer K. Langley**
Carol Leonard
Cara Belle C. Macato***
Arianne R. Morrison***
Lindsey J. Neidlinger*
Haddy Njie
Brice N. Pavlicek*
Robin T. Robbins*
Alejandra Salazar*
Georgia A. Salmon*
Benjamin R. Tietge**
Rianna G. Titus**
Claire E. Torkelson
Kiara Janelle K. Villamor
Darcy A. Wallace*
Victoria A. Winn
Lorena C. Wright*

ASSOCIATE DEGREES

ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE

Nursing

Marinelle Jane M. Agustin
Rachel A. Azarsepandan
Jizelle-Ginia Catalan
Julia-Teresa M. Catalan
Erika Christen**
Gretchen A. Halberg
Devan K. Howard
Lane T. Inman
Charmaine R. Jones
Eleanora R. Mayo
Johana L. McMahan**
Tanya Sinenko**
Jennifer Soliday**

SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

MASTER'S DEGREES

MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK

Ja'leie D. Edwards
Carolyn K. Loeffler

CLASS OF 2024

COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE

DR. RAY WEBER, DEAN

*Cum Laude, **Magna Cum Laude, ***Summa Cum Laude

BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Communication

Isabelle A. Johnston*

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Applied Technologies Leadership

Micheal Bickmore
Alisa R. Bowman
William R. Dant
Arthur M. Foster (Awarded Posthumously)
Joshua T. Goodhart**
Braden T. Pickel
Minnie J. So

Aviation Technology

Noah Bird***
Bryan K. Coffey*
Hassan I. Dahir
Nazanin Khansari
Forrest McDonald**
Robert C. Peck III*
Hira S. Raja
Thomas R. Renner
Kendall M. Roberts
Allison R. Taylor

Construction Management

Jazmyn K. A. Lindquist***
William Marstall

Occupational Safety and Health

Benny Bowen
Talia Champion
Denise M. Hamilton

ASSOCIATE DEGREES

ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE

Air Traffic Control

Emma J. Ellsworth
Daniel B. Murphy
Tomas Niebles

Architectural and Engineering Technology

Elias J. Darrell
Janelcy O. Nisperos*
Chang Sun***

Automotive Technology

Carson R. Bundy*
Philip A. Christiansen

Aviation Maintenance Technology

Ryan Beach**
Nathan J. Goodwin**
Zachary Lounsberry**
Asam A. Munye
Arliss-Denzel V. Obedoza
Njord Rota
Kevin L. Shunk
Sergey P. Trofimovich*

Computer Systems and Networking Technology

Spencer G. Adams
Brayden Brossow
Quauhtemoc P. Suarez

Culinary Arts

Emily K. Bowron
Alexandra C. Devon
Christopher M. Forman*
Jalen A. Frederick
Richard A. Perez-Smith II
Ian G. Webster*

Diesel Power Technology

Thomas Foster

Occupational Safety and Health

John M. Wallace***

Professional Piloting

Jean Kashikov**
Hira S. Raja

CERTIFICATES

Aviation Maintenance Technology, Airframe

Rhea Allingham
Mitchell A. Anderson
Michael A. Connelly
Jordan Eckles
Nathan J. Goodwin
Joshua M. Griswold
Daniel Joubert
Maggie C. Keffalos
Pita Leakona
Zachary Lounsberry
Jack McDade
Owen P. Merrill
Arliss-Denzel V. Obedoza
Taylor Pintner
Njord Rota
Eduardo Salazar Jr.
Kevin L. Shunk
Sergey P. Trofimovich

Aviation Maintenance Technology, Powerplant

Jack McDade
Arliss-Denzel V. Obedoza
Antonio Strezoski

Diesel Power Technology

Boe S. Brown
Rylan C. Werner

OCCUPATIONAL ENDORSEMENT CERTIFICATES

CISCO Certified Network Associate

David F. Provost

Culinary Arts

Jason Hwang

IT Support Desk Technician

Xi Wong
Jordan Wright

Safety Specialist

Raven J. J. K. Kahula

Welding

Koji Vang

CLASS OF 2024

GRADUATE SCHOOL

DR. MARY JO FINNEY, DEAN

MASTER OF SCIENCE

Interdisciplinary Studies
Scott A. Kotulak

CLASS OF 2024

UNIVERSITY HONORS COLLEGE

DR. RAY BALL, INTERIM DEAN

*Cum Laude, **Magna Cum Laude, ***Summa Cum Laude

University Honors Associates and University Honors Scholars have completed all disciplinary college and University Honors College requirements with a cumulative GPA of 3.50 or higher. University Honors Associates and University Honors Scholars are wearing a green and gold twisted honor cord and an additional gold honor cord signifying traditional Latin honors.

† Global & Multicultural Studies Track, †† Leadership Track, ††† Research & Creative Activity Track

UNIVERSITY HONORS ASSOCIATES

COLLEGE OF HEALTH

ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE

Surgical Technology
Caitlin A. Davis* †

COMMUNITY & TECHNICAL COLLEGE

ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE

Architecture & Engineering Technology
Chang Sun*** †

GRADUATING WITH HONORS

UNIVERSITY HONORS

Associate and baccalaureate degree students who graduated with honors in summer 2024 and those students expected to graduate with honors in fall 2024 are wearing a gold honor cord. Throughout the program, they are recognized by the stars next to their names. Honors are indicated as follows:

Cum Laude*

Magna Cum Laude**

Summa Cum Laude***

To be eligible to graduate with honors, associate and baccalaureate degree-seeking students must earn a cumulative GPA of 3.50 or above at UAA. Additionally, a student who is earning an associate degree must complete a minimum of 15 UAA resident credits, and a student who is earning a baccalaureate degree must complete a minimum of 30 UAA resident credits. Honors are awarded to associate and baccalaureate degree students with UAA cumulative GPAs as follows:

*Cum Laude..... 3.50 to 3.74

**Magna Cum Laude..... 3.75 to 3.89

***Summa Cum Laude..... 3.90 to 4.00

DEPARTMENTAL HONORS

ANTHROPOLOGY DEPARTMENTAL HONORS

To graduate with Departmental Honors in Anthropology, students must be a declared anthropology major. In addition, students must satisfy all requirements for a Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology, maintain a GPA of 3.50 or above in program courses and complete a senior thesis project based on library, laboratory or field research resulting in a substantial, thesis-quality paper defended before the anthropology faculty.

Sasha N. Addison**

Rye M. Hendrickson***

BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES DEPARTMENTAL HONORS

To graduate with Departmental Honors in Biological Sciences, students must be a declared biological sciences major. In addition, students must meet the requirements for graduation with honors as published in the UAA catalog, meet the requirements for a Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Sciences in Biological Sciences, and earn a GPA of 3.50 or above in major requirements. During the senior year of their academic program, students must complete BIOL A499 Senior Thesis with a minimum grade of B. This includes completion of a thesis research project. Biological sciences faculty members must approve the project proposal and final written report.

Tamara K. Kiefer***

CIVIL ENGINEERING DEPARTMENTAL HONORS

To graduate with Departmental Honors in Civil Engineering, students must complete all requirements for a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering. In addition, the student must successfully complete 30 credits applicable to the civil engineering degree with a GPA of 3.30 and be an active member for at least one year of both a national and an on-campus student chapter of a professional engineering society that addresses issues relevant to the civil engineering profession. The student must also either complete a design or research project, including an oral and written report, or document a minimum of eight weeks' work experience in an engineering or engineering-related position, or pass the Fundamentals of Engineering Exam.

Warren D. Garner

COMPUTER SCIENCE DEPARTMENTAL HONORS

To graduate with Departmental Honors in Computer Science, students must be a declared computer science major, meet the requirements for graduation with honors as published in the UAA catalog, satisfy all requirements for a Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science in Computer Science and maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.50 or above in their major requirements. In addition, students must complete 12 upper-division credits required for the major in residence.

Shanelle I. Almario***
Youji J. Seto**

Moro W. M. Bamber*
Xue Vang

Dawson L. Nash*

CRIMINOLOGY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE DEPARTMENTAL HONORS

The Justice Center awards Departmental Honors for outstanding achievement in the study of criminology and criminal justice. To graduate with Criminology and Criminal Justice Honors, students must meet the requirements for a Bachelor of Arts in Criminology and Criminal Justice. In addition, students must earn a 3.20 or above cumulative GPA (including a minimum 3.50 Criminology and Criminal Justice Major GPA), and complete a Criminology and Criminal Justice GER integrated capstone, e.g., JUST A430 or JUST A434, with an honor grade (A).

Sarah Gowan***

Martina S. Weddel*

ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING DEPARTMENTAL HONORS

To graduate with Departmental Honors in Electrical Engineering, students must be a declared electrical engineering major and complete all program requirements for the Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering. In addition, students must be an active member of both a national and an on-campus student chapter of a professional engineering society, maintain a GPA of 3.50 or above in all courses applicable to the Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering, and gain approval for, complete, and present a design/research project prior to applying for graduation.

Gunnar C. Ihde*

Vang H. Xiong**

GEOMATICS DEPARTMENTAL HONORS

To graduate with Departmental Honors in Geomatics, students must be a declared geomatics B.S. major and complete all major requirements. In addition, students must maintain a GPA of 3.50 or above in all courses required by the major and a cumulative GPA of 3.30 or above, complete a minimum of 30 resident credits with academic letter grades, be an active member for at least one year of a national or an on-campus student chapter of a professional geomatics society, document a minimum of eight weeks work experience in an engineering or geospatial science-related position, or pass geomatics profession-related exams or certifications.

Kiva A. McCarthy*

HISTORY DEPARTMENTAL HONORS

To graduate with Departmental Honors in History, students must be a declared history major. In addition, students must meet the major requirements for the Bachelor of Arts in History, meet the requirements for graduation with honors as published in the UAA catalog, maintain a GPA of 3.50 or above in courses specific to the History major, complete HIST A377 Historiography with a grade of A and complete the senior seminar paper in HIST A477 with a grade of A..

Clarissa M. Davis*

Brandon L. James*

HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENTAL HONORS

To graduate with Departmental Honors in Human Services, students must be a declared human services major. In addition, students must meet the major requirements for a Bachelor of Human Services, and maintain a GPA of 3.50 in all upper-division human services courses.

Jessica L. Smith**

JOURNALISM AND PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENTAL HONORS

To graduate with Departmental Honors in Journalism and Public Communications, students must be a declared journalism and public communications major and complete the major requirements. In addition, students must maintain a GPA of 3.50 or above in courses applicable to the major and complete JPC A403 Communications and Media Research or JPC A492 Capstone Seminar with a grade of A or B.

Joseph W. Barranco

Eric J. Chase

Shyler J. Umphenour***

KINESIOLOGY DEPARTMENTAL HONORS

To graduate with Departmental Honors in Kinesiology, students must be declared a Kinesiology major. In addition, students must successfully satisfy all requirements for the Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology, meet the requirements for graduation with honors as published in the UAA catalog, maintain an overall UAA GPA of 3.50 and complete an advisor approved project.

Zachary C. Christensen**

Lily A. Michels***

Julye H. Pak***

MECHANICAL ENGINEERING DEPARTMENTAL HONORS

To graduate with Departmental Honors in Mechanical Engineering, students must be a declared mechanical engineering major and complete all program requirements for the Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering. In addition, students must maintain a GPA of 3.50 or above in all courses applicable to the Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering, and gain approval for, complete, and present a design/research project prior to applying for graduation.

William W. L. Cashmore*** Garrett S. Hassell** Maxwell C. Osborne***

MEDICAL LABORATORY SCIENCE DEPARTMENTAL HONORS

To graduate with Departmental Honors in Medical Laboratory Science, students must meet the requirements for a Bachelor of Science in Medical Laboratory Science and earn a GPA of 3.50 or higher in courses applicable to the degree requirements. Only UAA and transfer courses taken within the last seven years are included in the GPA for departmental honors. Students must also pass the honors elective course MEDT A402 Medical Laboratory Science Honors: Quality Assessment Project.

Elizabeth L. Edwards

POLITICAL SCIENCE DEPARTMENTAL HONORS

To graduate with Departmental Honors in Political Science, students must be declared political science majors. In addition, students must successfully satisfy all requirements for a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science, maintain a GPA of 3.50 or above in courses applicable to the major, complete PS A492 Senior Seminar in Politics with honor grades of A or B, and receive honors scores (based upon criteria established by the department) on a comprehensive examination for majors.

Aleksei G. Burton** Iqlas M. Dubed* Justin M. Gonzales***

PRO BONO SERVICE HONORS

The Justice Center awards Pro Bono Service Honors to those Legal Studies students who work toward improving access to justice by contributing significant volunteer service to approved Alaska legal aid agencies. Students graduating with Pro Bono Service Honors may be recognized by their purple honor cord.

Sarah E. Anderson Seung A. Baek* Abbigale R. Skonberg
Victoria E. Vargas*

HONOR SOCIETIES

DELTA ALPHA PI INTERNATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Delta Alpha Pi International Honor Society (DAPI) is an academic honor society founded to recognize high-achieving students with disabilities who are attending colleges (including community colleges) and universities as undergraduate or graduate students. Founded in 2004 at East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania, DAPI is open to undergraduate and graduate students with disabilities. Students initiated into Delta Alpha Pi International Honor Society must have completed 24 undergraduate credits and have an overall GPA of 3.10, or 18 graduate credits and a GPA of 3.30. Students must self-identify as an individual with a disability and demonstrate an interest in disability issues. Delta Alpha Pi International Honor Society (DAPI) is an opportunity for students with disabilities to be recognized for their academic accomplishments. The honor society helps facilitate leadership, advocacy and education for all students who choose to participate and help change negative perceptions associated with disabilities.

Rachel A. Azarsepandan
Garrett S. Hassell**
Francesca M. Mordini*
Lindsay K. Windel

Hosanna Hale**
Liam P. Hoye*
Mohamed L. Niagne

Denise M. Hamilton
Madison L. McCormick*
Hunter M. Shedlock

PSI CHI

Psi Chi, the National Honor Society in Psychology, is an affiliate of the American Psychology Association and the American Psychological Society. It was founded in 1929 for the purpose of encouraging, stimulating and maintaining excellence in scholarship and advancing the science of psychology. Membership is limited to graduate and undergraduate students who are making the study of psychology one of their major interests and who meet rigorous qualifications. Students in Psi Chi may be recognized by an intertwined platinum and dark blue honor cord.

McKinzie M. Parker***

LEADERSHIP HONORS

UNIVERSITY LEADERSHIP HONORS

Leadership Honors are awarded to recognize and honor the effort of an individual who has maintained academic excellence and whose leadership has significantly contributed to the University of Alaska Anchorage. The leadership contributions of these honorees have enhanced the educational mission of UAA and promoted individual and collective growth, thereby enhancing student life at UAA. Recipients of UAA Leadership Honors may be recognized by a crimson honor cord.

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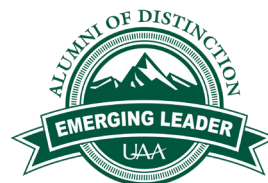
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ALUMNI OF DISTINCTION AWARD NOMINATIONS



The UAA Office of Alumni and Community Engagement and the UAA Alumni Association are now accepting nominations for the annual Alumni of Distinction awards. Established in 2010, the Alumni of Distinction awards recognize and celebrate alumni who have made important contributions in their communities and whose actions honor the legacy of excellence at UAA.



To view criteria and make a nomination, visit uaa.alaska.edu/alumniofdistinction. The deadline to submit a nomination is Jan. 15, 2025. Awardees will be announced in early March 2025 and will be celebrated in late March 2025 at the annual Alumni of Distinction Celebration.

Congratulations to the Class of 2024!

Dear UAA Graduates,

We are so proud of all that you have accomplished, and would like to extend a warm welcome to the UAA Alumni Association.

Being an alumni is about more than just holding a degree; it's about belonging to a community that will always be there for you, wherever life takes you. The relationships you forged during your time on campus are only the beginning of what will become a lifetime of connections with fellow graduates who are making a difference across industries and communities around the world.

As you transition from student to alumni, you are joining a vast network of individuals who share your passion for learning, growth and making an impact. Whether you are continuing your education, starting your career or taking time to explore new paths, know that your Alumni Association is here to support, encourage and connect you as you embark on this exciting new chapter of your life.

This next phase of your journey is filled with boundless possibilities, but you do not have to navigate it alone. The UAA Alumni Association is here to ensure that you always have a place to turn for guidance, inspiration and collaboration. We invite you to stay connected with campus and each other to share your experiences, offer your insights and contribute to a legacy of excellence that you helped create.

On behalf of the entire Alumni Association, we are thrilled to welcome you into this lifelong community. We look forward to seeing all the amazing things you will accomplish, and we hope that you will stay engaged and continue to be an active, valued member of Seawolf Nation.

Sincerely,



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