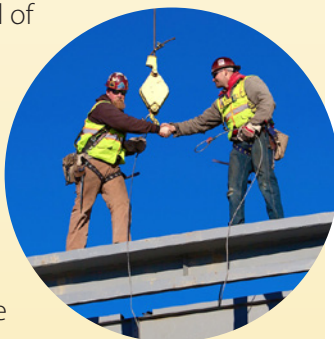


Dear Board of Regents,

A Seawolf sweep of the Great Northwest Athletic Conference (GNAC) championships by men's and women's cross country running teams for the third straight year, Anthropology Professor Steve Langdon receiving the Bullock Prize—the largest single award made annually by the UA Foundation's Board of Trustees, and UAA being notified by the 49th State Angel Fund of a \$1.5M award to the newly established Seawolf Venture Fund, pending due diligence, are just some of the outstanding accomplishments at UAA this fall.

It's been nonstop in many ways, including the number of candidates on campus for provost and dean of the College of Health, College of Education and School of Engineering.

"Topping out" ceremony at Kenai Peninsula College's (KPC) Career and Tech Center.



I am pleased to provide this one-page snapshot of the partnerships, programs and achievements at UAA moving us toward increased student success and fulfillment of our mission to serve the state of Alaska.

Best Regards,

Tom Case

Tom Case, Chancellor



UAA men and women's winning cross country teams.

Engineering tour for advisors

UAA Chancellor's Board of Advisors received a briefing and tour of the School of Engineering. Carla Beam, vice president, University Relations and president, UA Foundation along with Chris Christensen, Associate vice president for State Relations offered advice on how best to advocate for the university. A legislative briefing and open house is scheduled for Dec. 4.



Stay on Track ice cream social

UAA Stay on Track "Meet your advisor ice cream social" drew more than 300 students who told staff their majors and if they knew who their advisors were. Advisors from throughout the university spoke with students.



The Third Annual Green & Gold Gala

Four hundred alumni and friends raised over \$78,000 for the UAA Alumni Scholarship fund and turned out to honor Alumni of Achievement Carol Comeau, Alumni Humanitarian Roald Helgesen and Emerging Alumni Leader Candice McDonald.



UAA moving forward...

Faculty and staff taking leading roles:

Carol Swartz, Kenai Peninsula College (KPC) Kachemak Bay Campus director and founder of the Kachemak Bay Writers' Conference, received the 2012 Governor's Award for the Arts and Humanities for her Distinguished Service to the Humanities.

Governor Parnell appointed **Dr. Susan Kaplan**, Administrative Dean for the College of Health, to the Governor's Council on Disabilities and Special Education (GCDSE).

Beth Rose, Assistant vice chancellor for Development, is named 2012 Outstanding Professional in Philanthropy by the Association of Fundraising Professionals, Alaska Chapter.

Governor Parnell appointed **April Gale Laktonen Counciller**, assistant professor of Alutiiq language and culture at Kodiak College and language manager at the Alutiiq Museum, to the Alaska Native Language Preservation and Advisory Council.

Professor Ryan Fortson, Justice faculty, received the Ben Walters Distinguished Service Award from the Anchorage Bar Association for contributions to the Anchorage legal community.

Kenai Peninsula Borough School District awarded **Sara Reinert**, Kachemak Bay Campus associate professor of mathematics, a "Golden Apple" for promoting math education throughout the district.

Collaboration for student success:

Patience Merculief is UAA's first Rural Student Transition Coordinator, providing outreach to juniors and seniors in high school from the Prince William Sound Community College region and support for first-year freshmen who are from rural communities throughout Alaska. This position was created through a donation provided by The Eyak Corporation (TEC).

Grants and awards:

Alaska Native Science and Engineering Program (ANSEP) received a \$1.25M National Science Foundation Grant for the Louis Stokes Alliances for Minority Participation Alaska Alliance, ANSEP's undergraduate program.

UAA received a \$504,968 Alaska Native Educational Equity program grant from the U.S. Department of Education.

The UAA/APU Consortium Library received \$394,308 for archival digital collections, statewide databases and services, and for the Alaska Library Network.

Kodiak College (KoC) and the WICHE group—community colleges from Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, Alaska and Idaho—received a grant to work with online labs in health care classes.

Programs:

For the fourth consecutive year, UAA was designated a "Military Friendly School."

UAA's new Retail Management Certificate program, in partnership with the Western Association of Food Chains (WAFC) retail grocery industry organization and western region community college partners, received a \$1.16M award to support workforce development for the retail grocery industry that includes three of the top four largest private-sector employers in Alaska.

Development:

UAA's Institute of Social and Economic Research (ISER) received a \$288,000 check from the estate of Roxolana Pomeroy for the Harold E. Pomeroy Public Policy Research Endowment.

The 20th annual Celebrity Chef Invitational raised \$39,000 for the Culinary Arts and Hospitality program and scholarships.

Providence Health System in Alaska made pledge payments totaling \$75,000 toward their \$1.5 million pledge to support the UAA School of Nursing expansion.

The Rasmuson Foundation contributed \$193,000 to support ANSEP's participation in a Regional Math and Science Student Cohort Intensive with Bethel Regional High School and Yuut Elitnaurviat.

General Motors Company contributed two vehicles, with an estimated value of over \$70,000, to the automotive technology program at UAA's Community & Technical College.

The Council of Alaskan Producers made a \$40,434 pledge payment to support the Visiting Professor of Public Policy.

Arctic Slope Regional Corporation contributed \$40,000 to Excellence in Alaska Native Community Advancement in Psychology.

The Rasmuson Foundation contributed \$12,192 to the Small Business Development Center.

Hilcorp Alaska LLC made an in-kind donation of IT equipment, valued at over \$10,000, to the Kenai Peninsula College.

An anonymous donor made an Aurora Level gift (\$10,000–\$24,999) to support the First Generation Student Scholarship.

University Relations note:

For the second year in a row, Mat-Su College is the recipient of the Annual International Davey Silver Award for Mat-Su College's freshly updated 30-second commercial, "A Day in the Life."

Join us for a preview of UAA's branding campaign at the UAA holiday party December 13. *Save the date.*



A collaboration between mechanical engineering professor Steffen Peuker, engineering students and industry professionals developed three education units to be taught in a **new thermal system design lab** made possible by cash, equipment and in-kind donations from industry partners. No university funding was used.



UAA was proud to host the launch of Vic Fischer's memoir, **"To Russia With Love,"** co-written with Charles Wohlforth and published by UA Press.



Kodiak College marine biology faculty Switgard Duesterloh is helping teachers in elementary and middle school science classes in the Kodiak Island Borough School District create interest and awareness in science careers in a borough-funded partnership.



An employee at the Marinette Marine Corp. puts a final coat of paint near one of the rear propellers of the R/V Sikuliaq the day before it was christened. Hundreds of people endured wind and rain Oct. 13 to attend the launch ceremony for the 261-foot vessel, which is owned by the National Science Foundation and will be operated by the School of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences.

Achievements

Institute of Arctic Biology neuroscientists have identified what they think is the ancestral trait that allowed for the evolution of air breathing in vertebrates. They presented their research at the annual meeting of the Society for Neuroscience, in New Orleans.

The Matanuska Experiment Farm completed improvements and efficiency upgrades thanks to an \$800,000 deferred maintenance project. The farm, part of the School of Natural Resources and Agricultural Sciences' Agricultural and Forestry Experiment Station, has served agricultural needs of Alaskans since 1917.

A new partnership between the Athletics Department and Access Alaska aims to open doors at Alaska Nanooks sporting events for fans who might not otherwise attend. Under the agreement, the Alaska Nanooks will choose a variety of sports events each year and draw on student-athletes to serve as hosts at each one. The project launched with the Oct. 20 hockey game, where the rifle team served as hosts.

More than 125 people participated in the Alaska Wood Energy Conference in Ketchikan in October. Cooperative Extension coordinated the conference, which focused on community use of wood biomass. Co-sponsors included the Alaska Energy Authority and UAF's Alaska Center for Energy and Power.

UAF celebrated Food Day with the second Iron Chef Cook-off, featuring chefs from the School of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences, the School of Natural Resources and Agricultural Sciences, and the Community and Technical College's culinary arts program.

The CTC paralegal studies program hosted a community celebration of its 20th anniversary in October. The associate of applied science program, certified by the American Bar Association in 2001, trains students for jobs assisting in delivery of legal services under the supervision of a practicing lawyer.

Alaska Book Week was highlighted on campus Oct. 8, with activities including author readings, an opportunity for prospective authors to meet with the UA Press acquisitions editor and special selections of books by Alaska authors available in the bookstore.

In Progress

UAF launched a new marketing campaign Nov. 12. The campaign features a new tagline, "Naturally Inspiring," and will target prospective students 18 – 24 years old. The campaign includes traditional media such as TV, radio and print ads, as well as a variety of electronic ads, and more than 75 new street banners throughout the Fairbanks campus. Other campaign launch activities include a new website with updated institutional identity guidelines.

The Center for Alaska Native Health Research was awarded \$5.3 million to continue study of obesity, genetics, nutrition, cancer and resilience in Alaska Natives. The five-year grant is the final in a series of National Institutes of Health grants to build biomedical research infrastructure.

The second Fittest Winner competition is underway through Dec. 11. Participants include 431 staff and faculty members on 48 teams who record amounts of exercise and weight loss every week; the spring 2013 competition will include students. Fittest Winner is one of several UAF programs to promote healthier habits among faculty, staff and students to help lower health care costs.

What's Next

"Hibernation and the Science of Cold" will open Dec. 15 at the Museum of the North. This special exhibit features the research of UAF scientists into the ways animals survive the harsh Interior Alaska winter.

The Chancellor's Gala will take place Feb. 2 in the Westmark Gold Room. The gala celebrates partnerships between the university and the Fairbanks community and raises funds for a community beneficiary and a university program. This year the gala proceeds will support the Circle of Hope Breast Cancer Project at Fairbanks Memorial Hospital and the dental assistant and dental hygiene programs at CTC.

through the lens: recent images

UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA FAIRBANKS

December 2012



On a hydraulic lift next to the Student Recreation Center, Jeff Montgomery with Industrial Electric works on connecting new solar panels to the building's electrical system. Once fully functional, the panels should supply about 4 percent of the building's electrical demand.



Photos, clockwise from left

A firefighter with the University Fire Department douses one of the bonfire piles with gasoline before Starvation Gulch activities.

Students and officials take part in the ribbon-cutting ceremony at the Sustainable Village residence facility.

2012 Arctic Innovation Competition winners Rick and Marie Stafford, with Chancellor Brian Rogers, left, Brennen Chamberlin, Frank Paskvan, Ping Lan and Mark Herrmann, dean of the School of Management, which sponsors the competition. Photo by J.R. Ancheta.



In the 2012 Brice Alaska Goal Rush tournament in the Carlson Center, the Nanooks beat second-ranked North Dakota 2 – 1 to claim the title.

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Political Science Faculty Glenn Wright in Uganda, Summer 2012

Preparing the groundwork for a study on forest conservation in developing countries

This past summer, UAS Assistant Professor of Political Science Glenn Wright spent three months in Uganda, preparing the groundwork for a study on forest conservation in developing countries. There, he worked with a group of ecologists, mathematicians, and social scientists to test an experiment which will be used to study why some groups of people can effectively conserve forested lands while others seem unable. The experiment takes the form of a game where players attempt to manage a “forest” made up of wooden blocks. Next year, Glenn will return to Uganda with his colleagues to carry out the experiment in four rural sites, and a second team will go to Bolivia to carry out the same experiment. Results should help us understand how to encourage conservation in settings like Uganda and Bolivia, where deforestation is a serious problem.



Glenn Wright and Ugandan participants in a forest conservation experiment.

Hayes Appointed to Humanities Forum Board

Appointment occurred during its annual October meeting in Anchorage

The Alaska Humanities Forum board of directors named its new executive committee at its annual October meeting in Anchorage. The board also welcomed three new board members: Ernestine Hayes, an assistant professor of English at the University of Alaska Southeast; Mike Chmielewski of Palmer, chief operating officer at Radio Free Palmer and Pauline Morris of Kwethluck, a secondary teacher at Ket’acik Aap’alluk Memorial School.

Walker Wins WOW International Award



Creation honors breast cancer victims and survivors

Facilities carpenter and wearable art artist extraordinaire David Walker received the Wellington International Award at the World of Wearable Arts international competition this year in New Zealand. His creation honored breast cancer victims and survivors. The prize was \$5000 plus travel to and from the show and competition in 2013. Walker has placed in the top 3 in most of the Wearable Art fundraisers for the Juneau Arts and Humanities Council.

Hill in D.C.

Inuit Studies conference at the Smithsonian Institution

Associate Professor of Anthropology Erica Hill travelled to Washington D.C. to attend the Inuit Studies conference at the Smithsonian Institution. Erica presented a paper called “Towards an Arctic Prehistory of Place.” She spent two days doing research in the Smithsonian anthropology collections looking at 19th century Yup’ik and Inupiaq ivories, painted wooden bowls and ladles. She also attended an Inuit art exhibition at the Canadian Embassy and visited the “Circle of Animals” art installation by Ai Weiwei at the Hirshhorn Museum.

UAA Health Partners to Sitka and Juneau – November 14-15

UAA nursing and health programs leadership visited Juneau on Nov. 14 and Sitka on Nov. 15 to meet with UAS faculty and staff and also to participate jointly in meetings with SE Alaska healthcare employers. The goal is to develop common awareness of education and training needs and strategies across the UA system to meet those needs. With Alaska’s Health Care and Social Assistance industries expected to grow by more than 30 percent by 2020, these connections will be increasingly more important.



Author Karsten Heuer and Filmmaker Leanne Allison



One Campus One Book and Final Evening at Egan Presentations

Yukon College faculty member Randall Tetlich of the Gwitch'in First Nation was on the UAS campus as an Elder in Residence November 5-9. Mr. Tetlich visited several classes, including the UAS freshman seminar and philosophy studies, the Woch.een club at the Native Rural Student Center, and PITAAS (Preparing Indigenous Teachers and Administrators for Alaska Schools) students. He was the featured speaker at a well attended Evening at Egan, Friday November 9. Mr. Tetlich is widely respected as an esteemed teacher, community healer, and tradition bearer, and is featured in the 2012 UAS One Campus One Book selection, *Being Caribou* by Karsten Heuer.

Mr. Tetlich is from a family of 16 children, and was raised in the village



Randall Tetlich

of Old Crow with the Vuntut Gwitchin tribe. Growing up and as a young man, he lived a traditional life. He was taught by his own elders with stories, and it's his expertise to teach in the same way. The knowledge that he came to Juneau to share comes from many generations before him.

UAS hosted wildlife biologist and author Karsten Heuer and filmmaker Leanne Allison Thursday and Friday November 15 and 16. Heuer is the author of *Being Caribou* and Allison is the producer/director of a film by the same name. Leanne Allison was on hand for a screening of her film, also called "Being Caribou," Thursday, Nov. 15, at the Egan Lecture Hall. They visited UAS classes and joined other activities on campus. Heuer was the featured speaker at the final Evening at Egan of the 2012 Season on Friday November 16, at the Egan Library.

Heuer and Allison are the recipients of many honors for their film and books, including Best Environmental film at the Japan International Wildlife Film Festival and at the Telluride Mountain Film Festival, as well as Grand Prize at the Banff International Mountain Book Festival and U.S. National Outdoor Book of the Year. The children's version of *Being Caribou* has won awards as well.