

UAA

- UAA rated 68th Best University in the West by US News and World Report. 68th out of 1,421 institutions in the West Region (Source: IPEDS data).
- Two UAA students received U.S Student Fulbright Scholar Awards for 2014-15. To-date, nine UAA students have received Fulbright Scholarships.
- The Seawolf Debate Team is ranked 11th in the world by the World Debating website.
- UAA Athletics Ranked in Top 5% of All Division II Schools with 4 conference championships, 25 All-Americans, one national champion. UAA student-athletes earned a combined 3.187 overall GPA.
- UAA was recognized as a Military Friendly School by G.I. Jobs for the fifth consecutive year for its strong support of military students and veterans on campus.
- UAA's Air Force ROTC Detachment 001 was named Best Small ROTC Detachment in the Northwest.
- UAA continues to improve student access and advising with the first E-catalog going live in June 2014, providing faculty, staff and students early access to the next year's academic bulletin; MapWorks, introduced as a pilot in Fall 2010 and expanded in 2011 to include more students has proven effective in improving retention among participating students; and UAA's new Division of Student Access, Advising and Transition, and mandatory advising, are expected to produce improved performance.
- UAA produced 76,191 student credit hours (SCH) via courses that were 0% to 50% location based, contributing 20.6 percent to the total student credit hours delivered on all UAA campuses, up 2% from AY13 and up 7.5% from AY08. While total student credit hour production dipped in AY14, eLearning SCH increased 7.2 percent. The College of Health experienced a 16.8% increase in eLearning and the College of Arts and Sciences experienced a 16.6% increase.
- UAA's focus on safety, involving multiple units, resulted in a 57% drop in reportable injuries between FY11 and FY14. UAA's Title IX team presented training sessions attended by more than 500 faculty and staff and also managed a site visit by the Office of Civil Rights in fall 2014.
- Political Science Professor Landry Signe received national and international distinction in 2013-14. Shortly after joining UAA's faculty, he was named the 2013 Atlantic Dialogues Emerging Leader by the German Marshall Fund of the United States and the OCP Foundation of Morocco. In February he received the Claude Masson Award, the most prestigious award given by the Quebec government.

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- Aron Crowell, affiliate professor in anthropology, was named the 2014 recipient of the Smithsonian's Education Achievement Award, which recognizes excellence in serving the nation through educational programming, exhibits, publications and digital media.
- UAA's intellectual property portfolio continues to grow with 36 invention disclosures (up from three in FY11), 15 patents pending and a total of four patents issued.
- UAA has been selected by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Science and Technology Directorate to lead a new national Center of Excellence (COE) for Maritime Research. This COE will provide solutions to maritime security problems in Arctic waters, to support U.S. Coast Guard and other DHS missions. This highly competitive designation is expected to bring funding of \$17.5M.
- UAA received grant awards totaling \$34.9 million in all NCHEMS categories, including Research, Instruction, Public Service, Student Services, Academic Support, Scholarship/Fellowship and Institutional Support. The total for FY14 represents a 5.3 percent increase from FY13.
- UAA Alumni Relations opened a new Alumni Center in the UAA/APU Consortium Library in February. The UAA Alumni Association now has 11 chartered alumni chapters located in Alaska and around the country.
- Kenai Peninsula College's Kenai River Campus celebrated the grand opening of two new facilities, the Career and Technical Education Center (\$15.25 million total project cost) and Residence Hall (\$17.8 million total project cost).
- UAA broke ground and "topped out" the new Engineering and Industry Building slated to open in fall 2015.
- ISER received a \$288,000 donation from the estate of Roxolana Pomeroy, for the Harold E. Pomeroy Public Policy Research Endowment.
- Ted and Gloria Trueblood donated an unconditional gift of \$100,000 to the UAA's College of Engineering to support Excellence in Arctic Engineering.

UAF

- UAF achieves goal set by Board of Regents in 2007 to double the number of engineering graduates; the class of 2014 included over 100 engineering baccalaureate graduates.
- UAF continues to expand its Honors Program; in fall 2014, 200 students are participating.
- UAF eLearning offerings and usage is up considerably. In the past year, UAF eLearning & Distance Education added 47 new courses for online delivery, bringing the total developed to more than 300 courses. UAF eLearning student credit hours (SCH) have increased for the

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seventh consecutive year. For academic year 2013-2014, eLearning SCH were up more than 5% over AY2012–2013, and in fall 2014, SCH are up 16% compared to fall 2013.

- Over the past three years the enrollment in the Bachelor of Emergency Management program has doubled, to more than 150 students, and this steep upward trend is continuing. The BEM is a 100% online degree program, and typically enrolls individuals employed in emergency services fields and the military.
- Undergraduate research has become a major part of the baccalaureate experience at UAF. More than 40% of 2014 baccalaureate graduates have had substantial research or creative arts experience, and the proportion continues to grow.
- As part of UAF's efforts to enhance the on-campus student experience, public-private partnerships were developed to build a climbing wall, terrain park, and a major dining expansion to the Wood Center student union. The dining expansion project was the first major capital building project built in the UA system without any state funds.
- UAF – the Alaska Center for Unmanned Aircraft Systems was selected in December 2013 as one of six FAA test sites nationally for unmanned aviation systems.
- UAF Vice-Chancellor Mike Sfraga was selected as one of two distinguished scholar leaders for the newly announced Fulbright Arctic Initiative, the largest Fulbright program ever.
- The Arctic Research Vessel (R/V) Sikuliaq has been launched and has begun its mission as part of the University-National Oceanographic Laboratory System. The National Science Foundation funded \$200 million construction project was managed by UAF; UAF will also manage the operation of the vessel.
- UAF-International Arctic Research Center (IARC) researcher Hajo Eicken has received a \$4.2 million grant from the National Science Foundation to support environmental arctic change research. The grant will help implement a science support structure for the interagency Study of Environmental Arctic Change, which will serve the needs of science communities and a wide range of stakeholders, including Arctic residents, the private sector, agencies and decision makers.
- UAF/UAS - \$23M over five years from the National Institutes of Health for the BLaST program to support minority student biomedical research opportunities. The grant creates a partnership between UAF's biomedical researchers, veterinary medicine, College of Rural and Community Development, and UAS campuses and Ilisagvik Tribal College.
- UAF/UAA/UAS secured a five year \$20 million phase four NSF Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCoR) grant in FY 13 to conduct biological, physical and social research into the adaptive capacities of Alaskan communities to respond to environmental and social changes.

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- UAF/UAA/UAS secured an \$18.8 million phase three IDeA Network for Biomedical Research Excellence (INBRE) award in July 2014 to support biomedical research and student training focused on the interface of health, disease and the environment in people and animals.
- UAF/UAA/UAS/UA - \$8.1M federal U.S. Department of Labor Trade Adjustment Assistance Community College and Career Training (TAACCCT) for mining workforce training initiatives.
- UAF – activity within the Office of Intellectual Property Commercialization has increased substantially since FY13: executed non-disclosure agreements are up 128%; technology licensing agreements more than doubled; and UAF researchers received their first royalty check in July 2014.
- Since FY13, UAF has received 4 gifts of \$1 million or larger and the Legacy Society has grown by 7 generous members who have included UAF in their estate plans. In FY14, UAF raised more than \$13 million. Of special note, the late Marjorie and Leonard Wright contributed more than \$2.5M in support of scholarships. It is one of the largest individual gifts made to UAF. Additionally, annual giving increased \$125,000 in FY14 over the previous year to total over \$525,000. More than 4,800 alumni and friends gave to the university in FY14, representing a 13% increase over FY13. For FY15, has raised over \$3.5 million to date.

UAS

- Online programs now make up over 50% of all UAS academic offerings, including the online BBA, Bachelor's degrees in Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, and Associate degrees.
- Completed sale of Bill Ray Center in downtown Juneau as a means of consolidating space and reducing costs. This move reflects continuing implementation of the UAS Campus Master Plan.
- The new UAS Honors Program and the Undergraduate Research and Creative Expression Award (URECA) programs continue to grow as a means of promoting student retention.
- AKLN (Alaska's Learning Network), managed for UA by the University of Alaska Southeast, is expanding opportunities for high schools students to study courses needed for Alaska Performance Scholarships, particularly in math and English. AKLN is also training teachers who can provide Advanced Placement (AP) opportunities for Alaskan students.
- Hecla/Greens Creek Mine renewed its investment in UAS Mine Mechanic program in the amount of \$300K. This includes funding for the Hecla/Greens Creek Academy which allows students to complete required mine safety and related training and to participate in on-site mine visits and internships.

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- Implemented new Maritime and Multiskilled Worker program in Ketchikan in partnership with Vigor Alaska.
- Secured approval of new Certificate in Medical Assisting with support from SE Alaska health employers.
- Worked in cooperation with UAF and UAA in developing the EPSCoR Southeast Alaska Test Case study area in Berner's Bay as part of UA-wide research collaboration.
- UAS faculty offered UA's first online MOOC focusing on innovative use of educational technologies.
- Enhanced UAS mission through adding new emphasis area in Alaska Native languages and cultures within Bachelor of Liberal Arts degree.
- Construction and opening of the Freshman Housing-enhancing housing options on core campus plus increasing campus activities in support of improved student retention.
- UAS received new funding for PITAAS-"Preparing Indigenous Teachers and Administrators for Alaska's Schools"-- \$2.38M over 3 years.
- UAS joined UAF and UAA in an \$18.8 million phase three IDeA Network for Biomedical Research Excellence (INBRE) award in July 2014 to support biomedical research and student training focused on the interface of health, disease and the environment in people and animals.
- UAS joined other UA units in securing an \$8.1M federal U.S. Department of Labor Trade Adjustment Assistance Community College and Career Training (TAACCCT) for mining workforce training initiatives. The UAS Center for Mine Training expands career pathways for high school students by offering online "Introduction to Mine Training" course statewide. The Center is exploring development of an expanded hands-on mine training portal in Juneau to serve Southeast Alaska training needs.
- UAS uses \$2.5M TAACCCT grant in Fisheries Technology to pilot innovative UA-wide collaboration in offering certificate and associate level programs in Alaska salmon enhancement and fisheries management. Courses offered both online and in local campuses. The program is based in Sitka Campus but offered from Ketchikan to Bethel.
- The UAS Ketchikan campus received \$6.6M over five years from federal Title III funds to increase the number of Alaska Natives and rural Alaskans who complete courses and training programs and to renovate existing career-technical education facilities into regional maritime training facility.
- Increased summer course offerings to help students complete their degrees in shorter time frames.

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- Increased the number of participants in the Honors Program, providing high-achieving students personalized academic advising and mentoring, as well as opportunities for independent studies and to work closely with faculty members in research and creative activity.
- Completed phase one of a comprehensive process of updating its Space Utilization Plan, plotting a path for future student success.

Systemwide

- The university made a strategic decision in FY13 to once again earn revenues for the Land Grant Trust Fund (LGTF) by offering natural resources for sale. The first such effort involved developing a plan to sustainably harvest timber in southeast and interior Alaska. UA is on track to meet its FY15 revenue target. F&LM's contractors completed two harvests in 2014 with two more to commence in 2015. Two additional sale areas will be offered for bid in 2015.
- The university is partnering with private land and resource management entities to reduce overhead costs associated with natural resource extraction and to achieve improved profit for the LGTF. One example is the joint management agreement entered into with AHTNA Corporation for sale of gravel at Broad Pass. Working together has made a positive return on investment possible (triple the target amount set for this project), enhanced our relationship, and achieved improvements for access to other property owned by both.
- In the last twelve months, the university entered into leases for oil and gas seismic testing and one lease for exploration.
- The University of Alaska Fisheries, Seafood & Maritime Initiative (FMSI) Leadership Team is striving to obtain the global recognition of UA programs' collaboration singularly as a 'halo program' by identifying itself as the University of Alaska Marine Institute.
- Support of an Industry Advisory Committee that includes 5 state agencies, 17 UA campuses, regional training centers (RTC's), and other entities. The goals of the plan are to enable Alaska's maritime sector to remain economically vibrant, ensure that Alaskans are qualified to fill these skilled and well-paid positions, and to increase the number of Alaskans in this workforce.