

UNIVERSITY of ALASKA

University of Alaska Anchorage

UAA in Anchorage is the system's largest campus, in the state's largest city. The nearly 19,700 full- and part-time students who attend in Anchorage or one of its five community campuses – Mat-Su College in Palmer, Kenai Peninsula College in Soldotna and Homer, Kodiak College or Prince William Sound Community College in Valdez – study a full range of courses and programs in education, engineering, health and social welfare, arts and sciences, and business and public policy. The university's Institute of Social and Economic Research is housed on the Anchorage campus. UAA also has a close association with the University of Washington Medical School through the program known as WWAMI.

University of Alaska Fairbanks

UAF is the only doctoral-degree granting institution in the state and is the system's research hub. Disciplines specific to the arctic's climate, people and animals are studied here at places like the Geophysical Institute, the International Arctic Research Center and the Institute of Arctic Biology. UAF's 9,700 full- and part-time students attend in Fairbanks or at a half-dozen community campuses under the UAF umbrella, including Dillingham, Bethel, Kotzebue, Nome, Interior-Aleutians and the Tanana Valley Campus.

University of Alaska Southeast

UAS, headquartered in the scenic capital city of Juneau, has a student body of 3,500 full- and part-time students. The campus offers intimate class sizes, an enviable faculty-to-student ratio and a classic liberal arts education offering degrees in marine biology, teacher education environmental science, and business management. UAS also oversees community campuses in Ketchikan and Sitka, also on the state's Panhandle.



University of Alaska Anchorage

Matanuska Susitna College - Palmer
Chugiak-Eagle River Campus
Prince William Sound Community College - Valdez
Kodiak College
Kenai Peninsula College - Soldotna
KPC Kachemak Bay Campus - Homer



University of Alaska Fairbanks

College of Rural & Community Development
Interior-Aleutians Campus - Fairbanks
Tanana Valley Campus - Fairbanks
Chukchi Campus - Kotzebue
Northwest Campus - Nome
Kuskokwim Campus - Bethel
Bristol Bay Campus - Dillingham



University of Alaska Southeast (Juneau)

Sitka Campus
Ketchikan Campus



Humble Beginnings

Alaska presents a formidable environment for a state university system: a land mass one-fifth the size of the continental United States; campuses up to 1,300 miles apart; and weather that would shut down Lower 48 schools.

But this vast landscape of thick temperate rainforests, spongy tundra, rugged coastlines, soaring mountain ranges and windswept northern shores is home to the University of Alaska, established in 1917.

We've Grown A Lot Since Then



When the old Alaska Agricultural College and School of Mines first opened its doors in Fairbanks in 1922, the campus had one, two-story frame building and six students.

Today, UA includes campuses from Ketchikan to Kotzebue, with roughly 30,000 students. Some are recent high school graduates, while others are older students returning to school part-time, juggling careers, families and school.

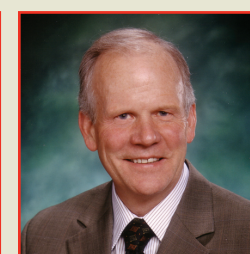
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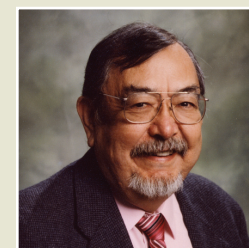
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The University of Alaska is hereby established as the state University and constituted a body corporate. It shall have title to all real and personal property now or hereafter set aside for or conveyed to it... and shall be governed by a board of regents... The board shall, in accordance with law, formulate policy and appoint the president of the university.

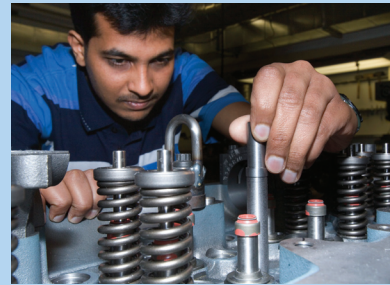
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EXPANDING OPPORTUNITIES

The University of Alaska offers over 500 degrees, certificates and endorsements. Programs include construction management, nursing, space physics, engineering, environmental science, marine biology, global logistics, teacher education, journalism, biological sciences, business, aviation, diesel mechanics, culinary arts, public policy – students have many options at UA.



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Some students come for a traditional undergraduate or graduate education, others for a specific class or skill to advance their careers. The university's Corporate Programs office specializes in collaboration with business and industry to provide training, with some courses offered at employer worksites.

INVESTING IN THE FUTURE

The UA Scholars program offers tuition scholarships to students in the top 10 percent of each high school's graduating class, with money generated by the university's Land Grand Trust.

The program keeps our best and brightest in state, slowing the trend of heading "Outside" for higher education. Since its inception in 1999, over 4,200 students have enrolled as UA Scholars, with more than 1,200 degrees awarded to date. Most remain in Alaska to work, raise their families and contribute to Alaska's future. The program has helped push Alaska's college-bound high school graduates who choose UA from 45 percent in 1996 to over 60 percent today.



LEADERS in Arctic Research

UA is at the forefront of research important to Alaskans, including applied energy research, climate change and its affects on the state's infrastructure, glaciers and permafrost, volcanoes and earthquakes. UA scientists focus on the wildlife and natural habitat in Alaska, as well as issues important to human health, such as diabetes. UA research revenues total \$155 million. Every \$1 of state money invested in research leverages nearly \$6 from other sources.

SUPPORTING OUR STATE

UA contributes \$1.1 billion to Alaska's private and public sector including payroll, student and visitor spending and support sector spending for goods and services.

(Source: *The Economic Impact of the University of Alaska, 2007 update. The McDowell Group.*)



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CELEBRATING STUDENT SUCCESS

The University of Alaska conferred the highest number of degrees ever in FY 2008 – over 3,500. That's good news for the state.

The majority of students who graduate from the University of Alaska choose to stay and work in Alaska. In 2008, 85 percent of employed graduates were working in-state. Students also reported little difficulty getting a job after graduation, with two-thirds of graduates saying that the process was easy or very easy after acquiring their certificate or degree.

(Source: *UA Graduate Survey, 2008 update. The McDowell Group.*)



UAA staff photo

ACCOUNTABLE

- Optional Retirement Programs have saved the state an estimated \$120 million in future liability.
- Health and pharmacy benefits are negotiated to keep rates low. Expanded disease management incentives result in reduced medical costs.
- Regular internal and external operating and program reviews ensure efficiency and reduced operating costs.

RESPONSIVE

- Enrollment in high-demand programs as defined by the state Department of Labor increased 11 percent since fall 2003, with 2,525 degrees awarded in FY08 alone.
- New programs in business, engineering, health, information technology, process technology, natural resources, teacher education, transportation and logistics respond directly to the needs of Alaska employers.
- Research programs are aimed at important Alaska issues, such as energy, global climate change, fisheries, behavioral health, volcanoes and earthquakes.

QUALITY PROGRAMS

- UA students in nursing, engineering, social work, accounting, teacher education and other programs with external exams score above the national average.
- UA graduates gain admission to top graduate programs based on the quality of their undergraduate experience.
- UA alumni report overwhelming satisfaction with the quality of education they received.

VOCATIONAL/TECHNICAL TRAINING

UA campuses, in collaboration with business and industry, design and deliver non-credit, certificate and degree offerings in a wide variety of career and technical programs, including

Welding
Paralegal
Pharmacy Technician
Automotive Technician
Information Systems

Construction Management
Culinary Arts
Dental Hygienist
Process Technology
Digital Art