UA Statewide Employees Honored at Annual Luncheon

Nineteen University of Alaska Statewide employees were honored this week with service award presentations, and three others were named outstanding employees of the year. The ITS Help Desk and Training Department was named the outstanding university department of the year.

The outstanding employees were Cathy Earp, a payroll technician in Human Resources; Susan Freel, accounting manager for UA Foundation Accounting; and Mary Lee, student assistant in ITS Administrative Services.

Two employees were honored for 25 years of service to the university. They are David A. Rohwer, who was first employed in 1976 as a computer operator with UACN and is currently the manager of production services in the Operations Services Department of ITS, and Michelle Wood, also employed first in 1976 as an accounts clerk with Statewide Accounting Services and is currently an accountant with Fund Accounting.

Honored for 20 years of service were:
- Chirk C. Chu, first employed in 1981 as an accounting tech with UAF Grants and Contracts. He is now Security Officer in the System Services Department of ITS.
- Laura L. Letuligasenoa, currently a network communications specialist for the ITS Office of Network Services. She received the outstanding employee award in 1998.
- Jeannie D. Phillips, who began working for the university as a clerk stenographer at KUAC-FM/TV. She has been the Board of Regents’ officer for the past eight years.
- Carla L. Yurkovich, risk management analyst for Statewide Risk Management. Carla served on the Statewide Administrative Assembly for four years, and received the outstanding employee award in 1997.

Fifteen-year awards went to Ian Hegdal, manager of network engineering, and to Steve Smith, UA’s chief technology officer. Steve first came to the university trying to figure out how to send library books to rural Alaska. When he got it figured out, he was promoted and made responsible for the university’s library systems. It was good training for his statewide responsibilities where he’s kept the balls of Banner, Bandwidth and Browsers in the air without completely shutting down the business of the university.

Honored for ten years of service were Laura Morisky, an administrative assistant with Administrative Services in ITS, and Pat Pitney, who has been director of the combined offices of Budget Development and Institutional Research since 1998.

Nine employees were given their five-year service awards:
- Shawn V. Armstrong, a senior network engineer in ITS.
- Kerry Digou, currently a system programmer with Network Engineering.
- James R. Johnsen, the university’s chief of staff since 1998.
- Ricky King, manager of the MicroLan Support Group.
- Linda J. Milliken, program manager of the College Savings Program and the UA Scholars Program.
- Rhonda J. Ooms, a labor analyst with the Statewide Office of Labor Relations.
- Jamo Parrish, university general counsel since 1996.
- Robin I. Porter, administrative specialist for the Professional Development Career Planning Program in the Office of Human Resources.

Far left: From the ITS Help Desk, Greg Merdes, Michelle Buhr, Lori Merdes, Larry McGrady and Kenneth Coon. Help desk employees not shown are Martin Miller, Matthew Miranda and Shana Schertz. Top: Susan Freel and Cathy Earp were given a round of applause and awards for being outstanding employees. Among the red roses is Jeannie Phillips, and below is Carla Yurkovich. Both were recognized for 20 years of service to the university.
Transitions...

Neumayr Named Interim Vice Chancellor at UAF

J. Mark Neumayr, senior associate general counsel for UA, has been named Interim Vice Chancellor for Administrative Services at UAF. He succeeds Frank Williams who is resuming his full-time duties as director of the Arctic Region Supercomputing Center. He has held a dual appointment as ARSC director and vice chancellor for administrative services since 1999.

Neumayr joined the UA General Counsel’s Office in 1982. He attended the University of South Dakota where he received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration and his Juris Doctorate from the University of South Dakota School of Law.

Beth Behner is now acting director of labor relations in Human Resources, and a search will be conducted to fill the position permanently. In addition to labor issues, this unit also will be the primary resource for employee relations issues, according to Janet Jacobs, executive director of Human Resources.

Jacobs also announced that Jeanine Senechal, director of compensation, has been named the Affirmative Action officer.

Vince Yelmene is the new Network Communications Specialist with the Network Control Center group. Vincenote is located at the University Lake Building on the UAA campus. Vince comes to UA with experience working for several ISP's throughout Alaska.

John Pile's door prize of a survival kit was immediately put to use after the Employees' Luncheon. No one has seen John since.

For Sale or Trade

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From Michelle Ritz 474-6322: Arctic Man Special-2000 RMK 700, 2" paddle, 1240 miles, handwarmers, hole-shot ski plate, cobra windshield, low end clutch performance, SLP boost bottle, SLP can (BRAAAP!), cover, windshield bag, two helmets (two sets of goggles), Scott soft grips, immaculate condition.

2-Place Aluminum Karavan trailer, 8.5 x 10, tilt, oversize tires, ski-runners, sealed lighting, ski bars, gravel/salt shield, tongue jack, mounted spare, many extras. Never ridden in town and only ridden in deep snow. Bought from Polaris Junction in Delta and all maintenance has been done by them and all documentation is on record. Yearly check-ups included. Replaced Hi-FAX at end of last season. Also have the spare factory windshield. $6995 OBO for the package $5200 for the sled. Will not sell trailer separately.

From Amanda Wall, 457-9300: 1998 Yamaha Exciter Jet Boat, 270HP, twin engine, twin jet, Kenwood stereo/CD, 60 hours. Includes trailer and cover. Excellent condition. $10,950 OBO.

From Jennifer Bowers at 6281: Wants to purchase an air purifier.

From Kristen Clare, 337-3175: Pentax 35mm manual camera, includes regular and zoom lenses, flash and bag. $225.

From Betty Studebaker at 470-4025: LARGE Knaack tool box, on wheels, front opening doors, with drawers. $250.00

From Margi Schwartz at 488-4107: Want to Borrow: Metal Detector to find survey pins.

From John Dickinson at 457-2824: 1997 GMC SLE 4x4 Pickup - Z71 Excellent inside and out, 34,000 miles, two-tone paint, CD, bed liner, bug screen, V8, auto, air, cruise, split bench seats, two sets of rims: $14,500 OBO.

From Robin Porter, 474-0777 (leave message): 1986 Jeep Laredo; $3,600 or best offer; MUST SEE. 146,000 miles; Approx. 15,000 mi. on rebuilt components: engine 2.8 liter 6cyl.; transmission; carburetor; axles; etc. long list. Have all maintenance receipts. Fully loaded except power windows & locks.

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