



UAA hosts the 36th Annual Great Alaska Shootout. Along with host Seawolves, the women's field includes Georgetown, Nicholls State and UC Riverside. Seawolf men will host visiting squads from Denver, Green Bay, Harvard, Indiana State, Pepperdine, Texas Christian and Tulsa.



UAA celebrated Alaska Native and Native American Heritage Month in November.



Andrew Romerdahl, UAA alumnus and general manager at Pacific Tower Properties, is the first College of Business and Public Policy Weidner Chair.



UAA proclaimed a Smoke Free Day on Nov. 21 in support of the American Cancer Society's national Great American Smokeout campaign and UAA's Smoke-Free Task Force.

Dear Board of Regents,

Prioritization continues at the Anchorage campus, with faculty and staff-led teams working with colleagues to address concerns and keep the process moving. This important initiative will provide valuable information to help focus our efforts on serving the needs of our students and communities.

The Office of Student Affairs is undertaking a comprehensive campaign to help students register for spring 2014 by contacting more than 3,000 students and training staff and faculty to assist students. The office also organized Fall Preview Day for prospective students. More than 500 participants (57 percent more than last year) learned about UAA. More than 10 area schools bused students to the UAA event, including the Alaska Military Youth Academy, Bartlett, Service, Eagle River, South, Kenai, Nikiski, Soldotna, Skyview and Seward. We will keep you posted on results.

Seawolf athletes are having a spectacular year as we welcome Keith Hackett, UAA's new athletic director. Our cross country teams swept the individual and team titles at the Great Northwest Athletic Conference Championships. This marks the fourth consecutive sweep of the team titles and is the fifth consecutive title for the women's team, extending their GNAC record. Both teams head to NCAA Div. II Championships Nov. 23.

After 10 games played, the Seawolves hockey team is 5-4-1, the best record since 2008. Seawolves are 4-0-0 at home, winning their own Kendall Hockey Classic for the third time, with victories over defending NCAA runner-up Quinnipiac and Air Force.

With one week left in the regular season, UAA volleyball is still in contention for the GNAC title and its fourth playoff berth in five years, sporting a 19-9 overall record.

Both UAA basketball teams are off to fast starts. The Seawolf men are 5-1 and ranked No. 21 in the country thanks to a victory over No. 5 Minnesota State and a sweep of its own AT&T Jamboree in early November. The women's squad nearly knocked off Div. I Kansas State in a road exhibition game and has dominated its three fellow Div. II opponents by 29 points or more.



I invite you to join us at the games!
Best regards,

Tom Case
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UAA moving forward



About 25 students, faculty and staff participated in the annual Nighttime Safety Walk in October. They tested emergency phones, noted lights out and missing signage — all of which are being addressed.



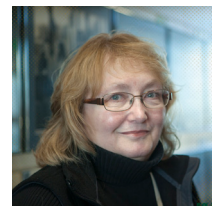
Alumni and students gathered for the ceremonial groundbreaking of the new Alumni Center, which will be housed in the Social Sciences Building, slated to open in 2014.



The Green & Gold Bike Share Program, a student-led initiative funded by UAA's Green Fee, kicked off with a "Bike Build-a-Thon."

Faculty and staff taking leading roles

Nancy Jane Shelby, Ph.D., professor and director of the Alaska WWAMI School of Medical Education, has been named to the Louis L. Kralick, M.D. Alaska WWAMI Professorship. Dr. Shelby will serve as the Kralick Professor for a term of three years.



Nancy Jane Shelby, Ph.D.

Landry Signé Ph.D., the newest professor in UAA's Political Science Department, received Stanford University's 2013 Recognition Award. Dr. Signé is a Banting Fellow at Stanford University's Center on Democracy, Development, and the Rule of Law.

Ryan-Jasen Anders Henne, M.Ed., is UAA's new director of the Department of Residence Life.

Michael Hawfield, Kachemak Bay Campus associate professor of history and political science, received the President's Award from the Alaska Historical Society.

Terri Cowart, Kenai River Campus Learning Center adult basic education instructor, received the Alaska Adult Education Association's Educator Award.

Student excellence

Kyle Demientieff-Worl, a junior pursuing a degree in anthropology with a minor in Alaska Native studies, received the Roger Lang Youth Leadership award from the Alaska Federation of Natives.

Program excellence

The College of Business and Public Policy celebrated the 10th anniversary of the Rasmuson Chair.

The Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities has approved the proposed Master of Science in Mechanical Engineering at UAA.

The Center for Research and Alaska Native Education, led by Paul Ongtooguk, assistant professor of education, opened in the College of Education in September.

Alumni excellence

UAA alum Aaron Leggett co-curated "The Dena'ina Way of Living" exhibit at the Anchorage Museum, which runs through Jan. 1.

The Green and Gold Gala, the most successful ever, raised nearly \$100,000 and honored Sophie Minich '89, Susan LaBelle '84 and Stephen Trimble '08.

Grant partnership

UAA is partnering with 12 other universities on a \$20.3 million grant from the National Institutes of Health to create a research network that will expand partner universities' capacity to put clinical research into practice to address health problems.

The University of Alaska Center for Economic Development was awarded a \$200,000 Rural Cooperative Development Grant and \$70,000 in funding through a Rural Business Opportunity Grant.

Research supporting Alaska communities

ISER has partnered with community stakeholders to create a single portal for researchers and the public to access Alaska's energy data at the Alaska Energy Data Gateway.

The September 2013 issue of the Alaska Justice Statistical Analysis Center Fact Sheet presents data on arrests for drug offenses made by Alaska police agencies for the period 2000 through 2011.



Vice chancellor and former Olympic shooter Pat Pitney represented the United States during the North Pole leg of the Olympic torch relay. Pitney is one of 14,000 people selected to carry the torch during its 35,000-mile, 123-day journey across Russia. The relay will culminate in the opening ceremonies of the 2014 Olympic Winter Games in Sochi, Russia, on Feb. 7, 2014. Photo courtesy: Sochi 2014 Organizing Committee.

ACHIEVEMENTS

A team led by UAF scientists was awarded a \$1.7 million National Science Foundation grant to study long-term and ongoing population trends in the Pacific walrus. The project brings together scientists from the U.S. and Canada with a range of expertise to study marine mammals whose sea ice habitat has been markedly receding in recent years.

The Alaska Federation of Natives recognized Alaska Native Language Center Director Larry Kaplan and Interior-Aleutians Campus Director Teisha Simmons. Kaplan received the Denali Award for his work on the Inupiaq language, and Simmons received the Hannah Solomon Award for increasing rural Alaskans' opportunities in higher education.

The Alaska Nanooks men's basketball team traveled in October to Barrow to scrimmage Post University of Connecticut. The scrimmage, which was played at the Barrow High School gymnasium, was organized with support from the Alaska men's basketball booster club. It was the fourth NCAA basketball game played in Barrow, and the first since Alaska Anchorage defeated Lincoln (Ill.) Christian 119-77 in 1994.

Author and alumna Mary Albanese recently donated a collection of her personal papers to the Alaska and Polar Regions Collections and Archives at the Elmer E. Rasmuson Library. The papers feature material she used while writing her book *Midnight Sun, Arctic Moon: Mapping the Wild Heart of Alaska*, as well as other manuscripts, screenplay drafts, publications, photographs, TV pilot episodes and sound recordings.

Mickey Renkerte won the \$10,000 first prize for this year's Arctic Innovation Competition for his idea of the Tape Boss, a dispenser with painting and caulking applications. The Arctic Innovation Competition is an idea contest created by School of Management faculty member Ping Lan, director of the MBA program.

Paleontologists published a paper this fall documenting the occurrence of a new group of dinosaurs in Alaska. In the past two decades, researchers have uncovered thousands of specimens on the North Slope now housed at the UA Museum of the North. Earth sciences curator Pat Druckenmiller partnered with Florida State University's Gregory Erickson to document the collection. Their National Science Foundation proposal received \$150,000 in 2012 to support two years of field research on the North Slope.

IN PROGRESS

Planning has begun for the Troth Yedha' Initiative, a multiyear project to develop the green space between the Museum of the North and Reichardt Building. Johnpaul Jones, architect of the Smithsonian Museum of the American Indian, presented designs on behalf of UAF at the Alaska Federation of Natives convention held in Fairbanks.

Preparations are underway for the Alaska deployment of EarthScope/USArray's national Transportable Array project. This project will produce high-resolution images of Earth's interior while increasing understanding of the origins of earthquakes and faults. Five test stations are currently operating in Alaska and the Yukon.

WHAT'S NEXT

Inside Out campus preview day will take place March 14. The campus open house for prospective students held in October saw a record number of nearly 250 prospective students and their parents attend, more than triple last year's fall numbers. This year's event included waiving application fees for attendees and offering on-site admission for the first time.

The Alaska International Piano-e-Competition will take place at UAF in summer 2014. Two dozen performers will be invited to Fairbanks to compete in the finals, out of more than 100 applicants who are expected to submit a performance piece electronically. Through advanced technology, including the use of pianos capable of transmitting the pianists' performances through the Internet, the competition will be seen around the world.

The Chancellor's Gala will take place Feb. 8, 2014, at the Westmark Fairbanks. This year's event will benefit the Harry and Sally Porter Heart Center and the Alaska International Piano-e-Competition.

THROUGH THE LENS: RECENT IMAGES

UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA FAIRBANKS

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Student firefighter Spencer McClean exits a burning building during a live training drill at the Fairbanks Fire Training Center in South Fairbanks. McClean was one of about 30 students participating in the University Fire Department's Tuesday-night drill Oct. 22.

UAF's fire science program, which provides hands-on training and practical vocational experience, will celebrate its 50th anniversary in July 2014.



Chancellor Rogers and other members of his cabinet agreed to use a wheelchair for a day as part of Disability Awareness Month, organized on campus by the UAF Office of Diversity and Equal Opportunity.



School of Natural Resources and Agricultural Sciences alumna Nina Schwinghammer fans the flames at the fire-building competition at Ballaine Lake. UAF photo by JR Ancheta.



Cast members rehearse a scene from Theatre UAF's production of *Nickel and Dimed* in the Salisbury Theatre.

Battleship is a popular intramural sport at UAF. Teams in canoes try to swamp each other's boats during a tournament in the Patty pool.

Photos, clockwise from left

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Evening at Egan “Deconstructing Racism” panel. L-R: Assistant Professor of Alaska Native Languages Xh’unei Lance Twitchell, facilitator, UAS faculty Sol Neely, Ishmael Hope, MK MacNaughton, Northern Light Church pastor Phil Campbell, Provost Rick Caulfield.

Evening at Egan Panel Discusses Language of Racism

The last of the Fall 2013 Evening at Egan lecture and presentation series was Friday, November 15 at the Egan Library on the Juneau campus. “Deconstructing Racism: Power and Privilege in our Community” featured a panel discussion with members of the community who have been facilitating local discussions on racial justice. Panel members were Rick Caulfield, UAS provost; Phil Campbell, pastor of Northern Lights Church (which has hosted several discussions on race and plans to host more); M.K. MacNaughton, a Juneau artist who got her introduction to social and racial issues in Juneau while working at the AWARE Shelter; Ishmael Hope, a storyteller of Iñupiaq and Tlingit heritage who was born in Sitka and lives in Juneau; Sol Neely, UAS Assistant Professor of English and Philosophy; and Xh’unei Lance Twitchell, UAS Assistant Professor of Native Languages. The goal of the panel was to discuss changes in community and society that reduce instances of racism, and give people language tools to create positive change.

“We’re so anxious to talk, because these things build up inside of us,” said facilitator Xh’unei Lance Twitchell. “The conversation doesn’t start here and it doesn’t end here. It’s important it occurs throughout our community on a regular basis. Our overall goal is the elimination of racism. That is what we’re committed to when we do this type of work.” Neely spoke on the way different languages and thought structures articulate understanding. In English, he pointed out, “seeing” connotes understanding. People say, “I see what you mean,” for example. In this instance, however, we need to listen, he said. And not just any listening – listening “born of a consciousness called hearing.” In Tlingit, he said, understanding is linked not just to hearing another, but to repeatedly hearing that person.

Photo credit: Mary Catharine Martin, Capital City Weekly

UAS JWAC Co-Host Al-Can Summit

The Juneau World Affairs Council held its annual Fall Forum on the Juneau campus Thursday-Saturday October 17-19.

The event began with a keynote presentation by Bill Morrison, emeritus Professor from the University of Northern British Columbia Thursday evening. Daytime presentations on Friday October 18 included topical panel discussions on climate change impacts and policy, opportunities for renewable energy exchanges between Alaska, B.C. and the Yukon, Alaska and western Canadian energy issues, and the impact of Arctic issues such as loss of sea ice to the indigenous people of the Arctic. UAS faculty members Eran Hood, Sanjay Pyare, Glenn Wright, and Brian Vander Naald made up the majority of a panel on climate change. Vice Chancellor Joe Nelson joined Canadian counterpart Tosh Southwick from Yukon College in speaking about First Nations issues.

For the Evening at Egan Friday, Morrison presented “The Sinking of the Princess Sophia: a Canadian-American Disaster.” Morrison co-authored the book, *The Sinking of the Princess Sophia: Taking the North Down with Her*. The tragedy of the Canadian ship near Juneau in 1918 was truly international. The disaster killed all 354 passengers and crew. Their stories show how interconnected the two northern territories were in the early days of their settled history.

Yukon College President Dr. Karen Barnes visited the Juneau campus to participate in the Juneau World Affairs Council/UAS Alaska-Canada relations forum. While in Juneau, she and Chancellor John Pugh signed a new memorandum of agreement about collaboration between their two institutions. That MOA will serve as an ‘umbrella’ agreement and will allow for attachment of program-specific collaboration agreements involving UAS and Yukon College students and faculty.



UAS Chancellor John Pugh and Yukon College President Karen Barnes sign an agreement to collaborate on programs and courses of study as Provost Rick Caulfield looks on, Sat. Oct. 19, 2013

New \$2.5M Grant Targets Fisheries Technology Jobs

The University of Alaska Southeast (UAS) Sitka Campus will receive \$2.5M for the growth and expansion of its Fisheries Technology degree program.

The grant will foster the training and job preparation of a fisheries workforce in communities from Southeast Alaska to the Bering Sea. The award, which extends over four years, will allow students in coastal communities the opportunity to complete their coursework without leaving home. The grant advances the University's Fisheries/Seafood/Maritime Initiative (FSMI), which involves collaboration with university and industry partners throughout Alaska.

To meet the goals of the grant, UAS will work with community campuses not only in Southeast Alaska but in communities like Kodiak, Homer, Bristol Bay, and Bethel. Employing a combination of online coursework and regional fieldwork, labs and practicums, students will be able to earn occupational endorsements, certificates, and degrees in Fisheries Technology. According to Sitka Campus Director Jeff Johnston, "This grant will allow us to prepare students for employment in Alaska's fisheries, seafood, and maritime industries. Industry-based internships that will feature competency-based assessments that have been developed in partnerships with employers and industry partners will provide 'work-ready' applicants to fill existing and anticipated job openings with qualified Alaskans." Seafood Products Association's Vice President of Product Services, Bruce C. Odegaard, stated in his support for this grant that "building the skills and competencies of workers entering the Alaska seafood industry is essential to ensuring the competitiveness of the industry in the growing global economy."

According to UAS Provost Dr. Rick Caulfield, "this grant focuses on creating a skilled Alaskan workforce for fisheries, seafood, and maritime industries. While based at UAS, the program involves statewide partnerships with employers and with UAA and UAF. We appreciate this vote of support for our Fisheries Technology program from the US Department of Labor and our industry partners."

The grant was made through the Trade Adjustment Assistance Community College and Career Training (TAACCCT) grant program under the US Department of Labor's Employment and Training Administration.

Biology Career Night

Biology faculty hosted a Career Night for Biology and Marine Biology Students on the Juneau campus October 30. Sheila Cameron (AK Department of Fish and Game), Bonita Nelson (National Marine Fisheries Service), Jeff Chen (Student Conservation Association) and Deborah Rydman (UAS) talked with more than 20 students about internships and other opportunities within their agency. The event kicked off with a pizza social and informal discussions. Alaska and Northwest recruiter Jeff Chen flew down from Anchorage and met with students during the week.

Sharing Our Knowledge Clan Conference

The "Sharing Our Knowledge" Tlingit clan conference was held Nov. 7-10 at Centennial Hall in Juneau.

More than 60 Native and non-Native presenters spoke on topics ranging from Tlingit art to civil rights to education, under a shared theme, "Our language is our way of life." The University of Alaska-Fairbanks' Alaska Native Language Center estimates there are between 400 and 500 Tlingit speakers today. UAS Assistant Professor of Alaska Native Languages X'unei Lance Twitchell says the updated number is closer to 200. Despite the enormous challenges of bringing Tlingit

back into everyday use in Southeast, the overall atmosphere of the clan conference was one of hope and determination, as teachers and students, elders and youth shared practical ideas and words of encouragement. The conference highlighted the challenges and rewards of language revitalization. Will Geiger, a student in Twitchell's intermediate Tlingit class, won the Tlingit spelling bee after getting through kanat'á (blueberry) and ch'áak' (eagle). Part of the difficulty with written Tlingit, as the bee illustrated, is that a formalized system of written words has only been in development since the 1960s, according to a paper presented by UAS retired faculty Richard Dauenhauer at the very first clan conference in 1993.

Photo credit: Juneau Empire



Will Geiger, a student in Lance Twitchell's intermediate Tlingit class emerged victorious after getting through kanat'á (blueberry) and ch'áak' (eagle) in the spelling bee at the Clan Conference.

Chordas Presents

English faculty Nina Chordas recently attended the Pacific Northwest Renaissance Society conference in Lacey Washington. She presented a session entitled "Poetic Transubstantiations: Shakespeare, Marvell, and Consumption in the Afterlife."

Vess Presentation on Impact of Plastics

Sociology faculty Lora Vess gave a talk at the downtown Juneau Public Library the evening of Nov.13. The talk was entitled "Edible Lies: A sociological look at plastic, chemicals, and food."