Marie Olson’s experiences as a young girl in Southeast Alaska have molded her vision of a richly diverse cultural experience at the University of Alaska Southeast in Juneau. She has supported UAS in many ways, including through the Native and Rural Student Center. She has also been the driving force behind the formation of the Native and Rural Student Center Scholarship. Once fully endowed, the fund will provide tuition and other financial assistance to students at UAS.

Thank you for giving to the University of Alaska (UA) through the UA Foundation. You make exploration possible and you help University of Alaska students to find their paths. Along the way, great things happen – lifelong friends are made, faculty and staff provide guidance and keep students on track, and lives are enriched through the entire educational experience. Students become alumni and, grateful for the support they received, they give back to help those on the path behind them.

Private support matters at the University of Alaska. In partnership with UA’s 16 campuses across the state, the UA Foundation works to increase the private philanthropic support that fosters excellence and paves the way for students, faculty, researchers, and staff to go farther and faster.

Lace up your boots, grab your walking stick and join us on a journey to discover the impact of your philanthropy. We invite you to visit www.alaska.edu/foundation/report to learn more about the donors and students featured in the 2014 annual report, and to view complete financial statements.

Thank you!

Susan and Carla

We determine the paths of our lives with a multitude of big and small choices we make along the way. Sometimes navigating these possibilities seems overwhelming, and although our decisions will absolutely determine the person we become, what path should we take? What gift should we give? What bad decision should we avoid at all costs?

As donors to the University of Alaska Foundation, you make the count possible. You allow individuals to explore multiple paths, to discover where such a gift can lead to them, and to map the course to their future. Your generosity provides for the exploration of alternatives, and improves the lives of all learners—students, faculty, staff, and the surrounding community. Thank you.

The stories in this year’s annual report celebrate those who have discovered a worthy destination, a natural calling, a true home, and, for all three, have developed deep gratitude.

Read more about each of them at: www.alaska.edu/foundation/report.

Are you inspired to support future generations of UA students? By including UA in your estate plans, you can help make it possible for generations of Alaskans to succeed. Many of our donors worked to create a future for their children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren—indeed, for all of us. Your generosity today will benefit generations of students to come.

Becky Patterson Bunde, a Professor Emerita who taught English for 30 years at Anchorage Community College and UAA, created a scholarship to help low-income students. She started with a $1,000 grant to the Alaska Native Education Program to provide assistance for tuition and related educational expenses. Eventually, the scholarship grew to include undergraduate students at UAA. Becky is also seeking additional $50,000 endowment for the fund. Retirement Account to the scholarship fund.

“Money doesn’t mean anything by itself,” Becky says. “But you can do something with it. College is important. College is about learning. Learning is important to me in my career and it will continue.”

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UAF :: James Pruitt ’73 and Cassidy Brewer ’18

The tradition of giving continued when Cassidy Brewer, a first-year business major, and student caller for the phonathon program.

UAF :: Leonard and Marjorie Wright ’58

Leonard and Marjorie Wright first came to Alaska in the summer of 1969 to work at a salmon cannery. He quickly fell in love with the state, returning the following year to enroll at UAF. In 2013 Jim remarked, “I decided I wanted to commit to a teaching career at UAF and Marjorie and I established a construction business. Both have since passed away – Leonard in 2007 and Marjorie in 2017. The firm continues to operate as a UAF tenant. Both have passed away, leaving the firm that was established in their names.

The philanthropic gift is among the largest made to individuals to UA.

UAF :: Erik Sheldon

Four years ago, Alaska Native Erik Sheldon suffered the emotional toll of a surgical procedure to remove his spleen. He struggled with substance abuse until an aunt took him aside and showed him the David Rockefeller Center for Philanthropy and Community Service at the University of Alaska Fairbanks, from which he graduated with a bachelor’s degree in 2012. While there, he became involved in UAF’s philanthropy program.

“I’m still learning to be a philanthropist,” Sheldon’s mother said. “I think it’s a problem I like to solve.”

UAF :: Micah Chelimo ’14

Born in Kenya, Sumitomo Pogo Mine presents a gift to Kinross Fort Knox and Sumitomo Pogo Mine.

UAF :: Kinross Fort Knox

In 1917, the Mining and Engineering Program was established at UAF, and its programs have trained mining engineers not only for Alaska but for companies throughout the United States and around the world – companies like Kinross Fort Knox and Sumitomo Pogo. Through partnerships and UAF, both companies have dedicated time and resources to the education of Alaska’s future engineers.

UAF :: Kinross Fort Knox

The foundation celebrated its 40th anniversary in 2014. The foundation manages the UA Foundation Pooled Endowment Fund totaling $319.4 million, which includes both endowed and unendowed funds that are restricted by donors to a specific purpose.

The foundation also manages 738 endowed funds and created 23 new endowments beginning in 2014. The foundation provides services to support UA’s land grant endowment of $146.2 million, as well as its campuses in raising private funds.

The foundation also manages the UA Foundation Trust Fund in support of endowed funds.

To learn more about how the foundation manages the UA Foundation’s financial statements, visit: www.alaska.edu/foundation/report.

The UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA FOUNDATION provides a variety of services to support UAF’s mission of discovery, teaching, and public service. The foundation also manages the UA Foundation’s financial statements, including the consolidated endowment fund total, the UA Foundation’s total assets, and the UA Foundation’s financial statements.

Thanks to the support of the foundation’s donors, the UA Foundation is able to support the university’s mission and provide a variety of services to support UA’s land grant endowment. The foundation also manages the UA Foundation’s financial statements, as well as the UA Foundation’s financial statements.

UAA :: Erik Sheldon

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UAA :: Kristin Brown ’13

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