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MESSAGE *from the* BOARD CHAIR

Greetings,

On behalf of the University of Alaska Foundation and the UA Foundation Board of Directors, I am pleased to share several updates from this past year. The Board’s work was mission oriented and continued to advance the UA Foundation in meaningful ways in support of the UA system.

One very key milestone was the hiring of the UA Foundation president, who also serves as the chief development officer for the UA system. Having served in the interim role since July 2024, Tlisa Northcutt became permanent in May 2025. We are fortunate that she has spent the majority of her


 career with UA and knows the foundation and the system well. **She is also a UAA alumna (*95).**

She and her husband, Scott, have two daughters who currently attend UAF and UAA. On behalf of the UA Foundation Board of Directors, I congratulate Tlisa on this well-earned accomplishment.

I am filled with gratitude for the continued dedication and engagement of our UA Foundation Board of Directors, committee members and the broader UA community. Each of our board meetings serve as a powerful reminder of the shared commitment we have to champion the students in their UA journeys and advance education, research, workforce and opportunity across Alaska.

Through board and committee meetings, our Board has been engaged in supporting philanthropy at UA. Over the past year,

the Board has had the opportunity to learn more about UA’s philanthropic priorities, including the Troth Yeddha’ Indigenous Studies Center at UAF, the Indigenous Gathering Space and the Alaska Leaders Archive at UAA, and the Cyril George Indigenous Knowledge Center at UAS.

 At our fall board meeting, we learned about the **Troth Yeddha’ Indigenous Studies Center** and how it will serve as a central Alaska Native gathering place with classes, services and activities that affirm Alaska Native culture and contributions across Alaska. Several private fundraising events have been held in support of this priority. The project’s private philanthropic support has been matched by the UA Board of Regents for which we are appreciative.

In Juneau this past spring, the Board attended a showcase for the UAS Cyril George Indigenous Knowledge Center at the Egan Library, where the center will be located. Cyril George was a respected Elder in Southeast Alaska and a devoted advocate for Alaska Native languages and culture. The 2,000 square foot center will reflect the rich visual language of Northwest Coast art that conveys place, people and tradition. It is a place where community and university efforts will meet, uplifting and supporting the knowledge carried in homes, tribal halls and community programs. At the heart of the effort is the preservation and

revitalization of Alaska Native languages. As part of the Board’s tour, we spoke with students, viewed their art, and received a Tlingit language lesson from recent Emmy Award Winner X̱uneɪ Lance Twitchell.

This past year, UAA shared two different priorities with the Board: the Alaska Leaders Archive in the UAA/APU Consortium Library, a collaboration with Ted Stevens Foundation, and the UAA Indigenous Gathering Space. These visionary projects will be connected by a river-like path flowing from the Social Sciences building to the library, symbolizing the journey of knowledge and community. Once completed, the integrated space will serve as a vibrant educational and cultural hub, welcoming students, educators and visitors to engage with the rich tapestry of Alaska’s cultures and the leadership legacy that has shaped our state. It will offer opportunities for learning, reflection and connection, honoring the voices and histories that continue to guide Alaska’s future.

The Board and UA Foundation leadership continue to work closely with the Association of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges (AGB). Through our partnership, we have had the opportunity to connect with peers and partners throughout the U.S., deepen our knowledge of education, exchange ideas and learn best practices.

As we look to the future, the Board and I are confident in the leadership and staff, confident in UA and full of fresh energy and vision in our shared mission as we move forward together.

With gratitude,

Meg Nordale
Chair, UA Foundation Board of Directors



Top left: X̱uneɪ Lance Twitchell, professor of Alaska Native languages at the University of Alaska Southeast, provides a Tlingit language lesson during a showcase of the Cyril George Indigenous Knowledge Center in March 2025. Photo by Maggie Demers.

Top right: The UAA Indigenous Gathering Space showcase was held as part of the UA Foundation Board of Directors event in May 2025. Photo by James Evans.

Bottom right: UA Foundation board members and representatives attended the annual Association of Governing Boards Foundation Leadership Forum in January 2025.



MESSAGE

from the

UA Foundation

PRESIDENT

Dear Friends,

It is my privilege to serve you as the UA Foundation president and chief development officer for the UA system. The accomplishments shared in this report are only made possible because of UA's generous donors—thank you!

It has been an honor to work closely with the UA Foundation Board of Directors and committee members over the past year, both as interim and permanent president and chief development officer. Our board and committee members provide exemplary leadership and dedication—they are truly an inspiration.

The UA system has experienced the recent transition of several esteemed leaders. It is with gratitude that we acknowledge chancellors Sean Parnell (UAA) and Dan White (UAF) for their leadership to UA and service on the UA Foundation Board of Directors.

In addition to what Chair Meg Nordale shared in her letter, I would like to provide some updates from the UA Foundation and UA system. A significant scholarship process improvement project is underway across the system that will greatly benefit students.

The UA Foundation and dedicated system-wide colleagues, including Financial Aid and Admissions, have worked for over

a year to determine how we might all better serve UA's student population and more positively impact their educational journey through scholarships.

To better support students, UA has adopted a new scholarship management system and policy. One of the most exciting features is the automatch system, which automatically connects students with scholarships they qualify for, no extra searching required.

In addition, students can complete a personal profile to unlock even more opportunities tailored to their unique background, interests and goals. These improvements reflect our commitment to making scholarship access more flexible, personalized and impactful for every student.

Thank you for joining us to advance the mission of UA. Your involvement and support makes the difference today, impacting Alaska's future workforce and leaders of tomorrow.

Sincerely,

Tlisa A. Northcutt, CFRE

UA Foundation President

UA Chief Development Officer



EXECUTIVE

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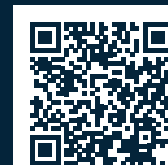
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Chief Financial Officer

David Woodley

Chief Data Officer



MEET THE ENTIRE UA
FOUNDATION TEAM

A Story of TRANSFORMATION in Alaska's EDUCATION LANDSCAPE

“This program doesn’t just build a teacher workforce, it empowers future educators to see themselves as changemakers rooted in their local identities and stories. That is how we build a stronger, more resilient Alaska.”

Six years ago, a spark of hope was lit in rural Alaska with just \$25,000 and a bold vision. Faced with rapid teacher turnover in Bristol Bay’s Indigenous communities, the Bristol Bay Foundation and regional superintendents voiced a shared concern: students were struggling to find stability in their educational journeys. They needed educators who not only stayed but also understood and reflected the communities they served.

This challenge gave rise to the Bristol Bay Teacher Retention Partnership, a groundbreaking initiative born from collaboration between the University of Alaska Anchorage, the Bristol Bay Foundation and four school districts in Southwest Alaska.

Two innovative superintendents, Bill Hill and Ty Mase, inspired the original vision for a graduate program designed to improve rural teacher retention by building on the real world work teachers do in their classrooms and communities. Their idea quickly gained momentum as a powerful partnership was formed, guided by the leadership of Aleesha Towns-Bain, UA Foundation Board member and president and CEO of the Bristol Bay Foundation; Tonia Dousay, Ph.D., dean of the UAA School of Education; Tim Jester, Ed.D., professor in the Department of Graduate Studies; and the superintendents from across the Bristol Bay region.



The result was the **Bristol Bay Teaching & Learning Collaborative**, a program designed to train teachers and build bridges between educators and communities, between culture and curriculum. Jester led efforts to adapt the Master of Education in Teaching and Learning program to address the unique needs of teachers in rural Alaska. The educational path enhances the professional experiences of K-12 educators while fostering sustainable educational outcomes for the region’s students.

“As a university, our greatest impact lies in how we prepare educators to serve Alaska’s communities with care, cultural humility and commitment. This program doesn’t just build a teacher workforce, it empowers future educators to see themselves as changemakers rooted in their local identities and stories. That is how we build a stronger, more resilient Alaska,” said Dousay.

Rural students benefit from learning rooted in local community contexts, which builds teacher confidence in employing culturally responsive practices. Moreover, the program bridges the gap between Alaska Native students and families by integrating local traditions and values into education, ensuring it is meaningful and empowering for the students and their communities.

Several positive outcomes have come from the initiative:

- **Teacher retention:** Teachers in the three-year program have achieved a 98% retention rate while enrolled, well above the regional average of 59%. This stability is transformative for schools that have struggled with frequent turnover.
- **Stronger cultural competency:** Teachers who complete the program report significantly greater confidence and more meaningful local connections.
- **A scalable model:** The program’s success has led to its adoption in the Chugach, Galena and Lower Kuskokwim school districts, with ongoing discussions to expand its reach throughout Alaska.

By integrating culturally responsive practices and experiential learning, the program has transformed teacher retention and professional development opportunities in the region. The initiative strengthens the educational fabric of rural schools, honors Indigenous knowledge systems and aligns with UA’s mission to inspire learning, advance knowledge and serve communities.

“Bristol Bay Foundation prioritizes creating positive experiences for Alaska Native students in their classrooms to help them succeed in post-secondary education and beyond. I am grateful for our Bristol Bay superintendents’ innovative approach to addressing challenges in our education system. This initiative is a bright spot that we hope will continue to grow,” said Towns-Bain. ■



Top: An Elder shares Yup’ik language, stories and traditional values with students and teachers during the 2023 summer Culture Camp.

Bottom: An Elder leads a traditional skin-sewing session for teachers during the 2023 summer Culture Camp in Togiak, Alaska.

**Photos courtesy of Bristol Bay Foundation.*

HIGHLIGHTS *of* GENEROSITY



THE GIFT OF GOLD

Over the decades, Roger Burggraf worked in some of Alaska’s historic mining areas, using methods that ranged from traditional panning to metal detecting. The UA Museum of the North is designing a new exhibit on the history of Alaska gold mining that will honor his generous contribution of gold, including ore samples, fines and a variety of eye-catching nuggets.

“We are honored to accept Roger’s amazing gold collection,” said UAMN Director, Pat Druckenmiller. “His donation is very exciting for a couple of reasons. First, it has scientific and geological value because it includes beautiful gold examples from across Alaska. But it also has an undeniable ‘awe factor’—amazing nuggets that generate excitement and wonder in everyone who sees it. The new gold exhibit will be very popular with museum visitors.” ■



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Roger Burggraf holds a gold nugget. Photo by Roger Topp.



Former UAA Chancellor Sean Parnell; Lily Stevens Becker, daughter of Sen. Stevens and executive director of the Ted Stevens Foundation; and ConocoPhillips Alaska President Erec Isaacson. Photo by James Evans.

THE STRENGTH OF COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

In Nov. 2024, UAA announced a generous \$2 million donation from ConocoPhillips Alaska to the Ted Stevens Foundation to create the Alaska Leaders Archive at the UAA/APU Consortium Library. The Alaska Leaders Archive project was launched in 2023 with the gift of the records of Sen. Ted Stevens to UAA by the Ted Stevens Foundation. The Stevens collection is one of the largest congressional archives in history. The records document the transition of Alaska from a territory to a state and the important legislative accomplishments of Sen. Ted Stevens during his 40 years of public service. Construction of the Alaska Leaders Archive at the UAA/APU Consortium Library began in July, 2025.

“We are excited to partner with the Ted Stevens Foundation as a lead donor to preserve and share our state’s history through the Alaska Leaders Archive,” said Erec Isaacson, president of ConocoPhillips Alaska. “This is an opportunity to equip future generations of Alaskans with the historical foundation to understand the challenges, triumphs and lessons of those who came before them. ConocoPhillips Alaska is proud to be part of this significant project, which will empower future leaders and ensure that Alaska’s rich history is preserved for years to come.” ■

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The home of the late Mary F. Croxton. Photo by DMD Real Estate Photography.

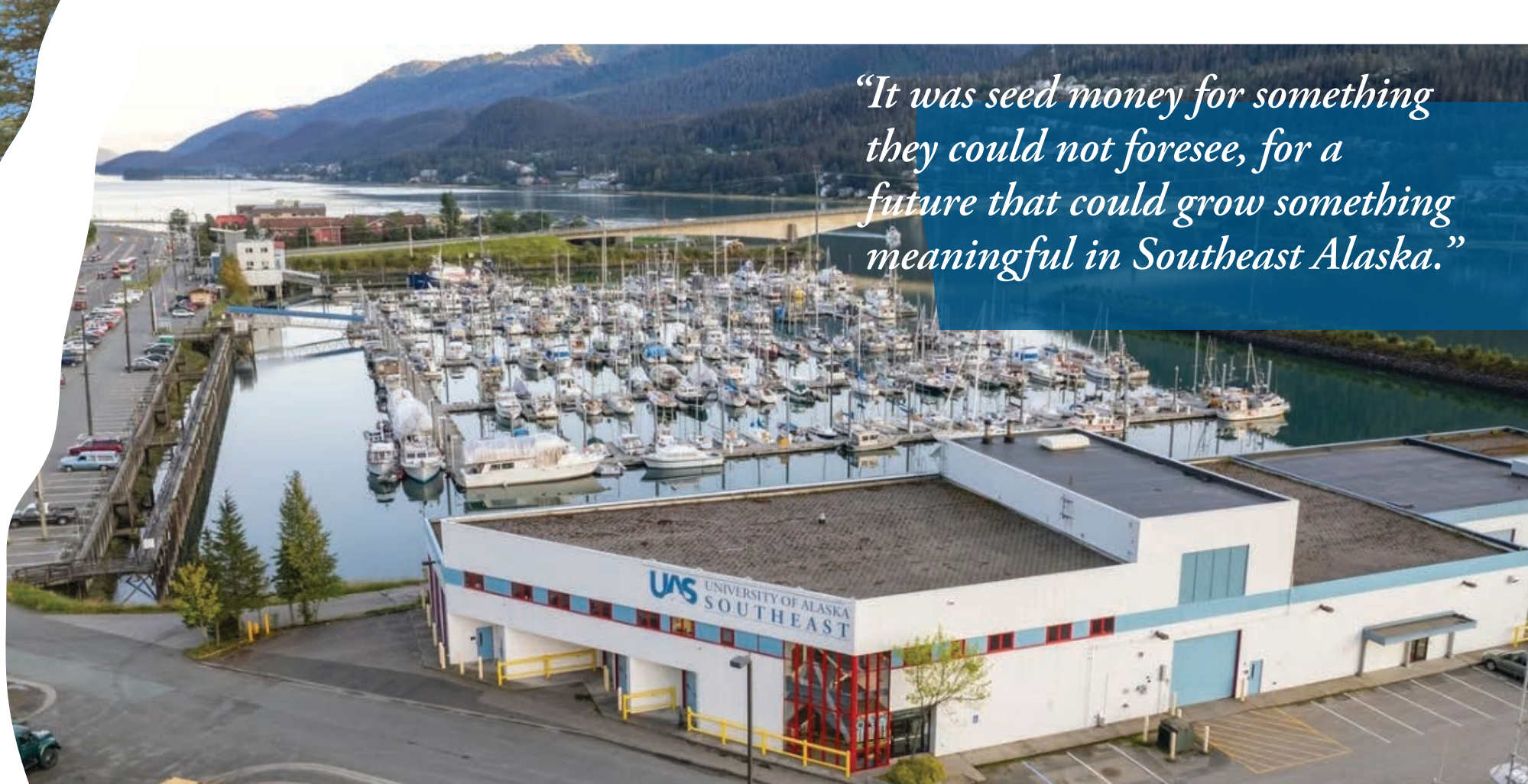
MORE THAN A HOUSE

The late Mary F. Croxton, an Alaskan artist and adventurer, left a lasting legacy through the gift of her estate, including her home. Her gift honors three generations of her family’s deep love for Alaska and the remarkable life of her sister, Ruth, a former Miss UAF and trailblazing pilot. Proceeds from the sale of the house go to the Croxton Family Fellowship at UAF.

The fellowship supports graduate students whose academic program or research focuses on anthropology, Northern studies, biology, wildlife management, elementary or secondary education, the fine arts, or museum education, and/or museum collection-based research in archaeology, ethnology or history. The fellowship, which the Croxton family started in 1982, is intended to increase the body of knowledge about Alaska and train future academics and professionals who will contribute to the Croxton family’s shared passion for all that Alaska has to offer.

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“The Croxton family shared a profound commitment to Alaska with everyone, including me. Mary’s gift to their family fellowship is a fitting testament to the gratitude her family felt for all that Alaska provided them,” said Brent Hudson, master guide and family friend. ■



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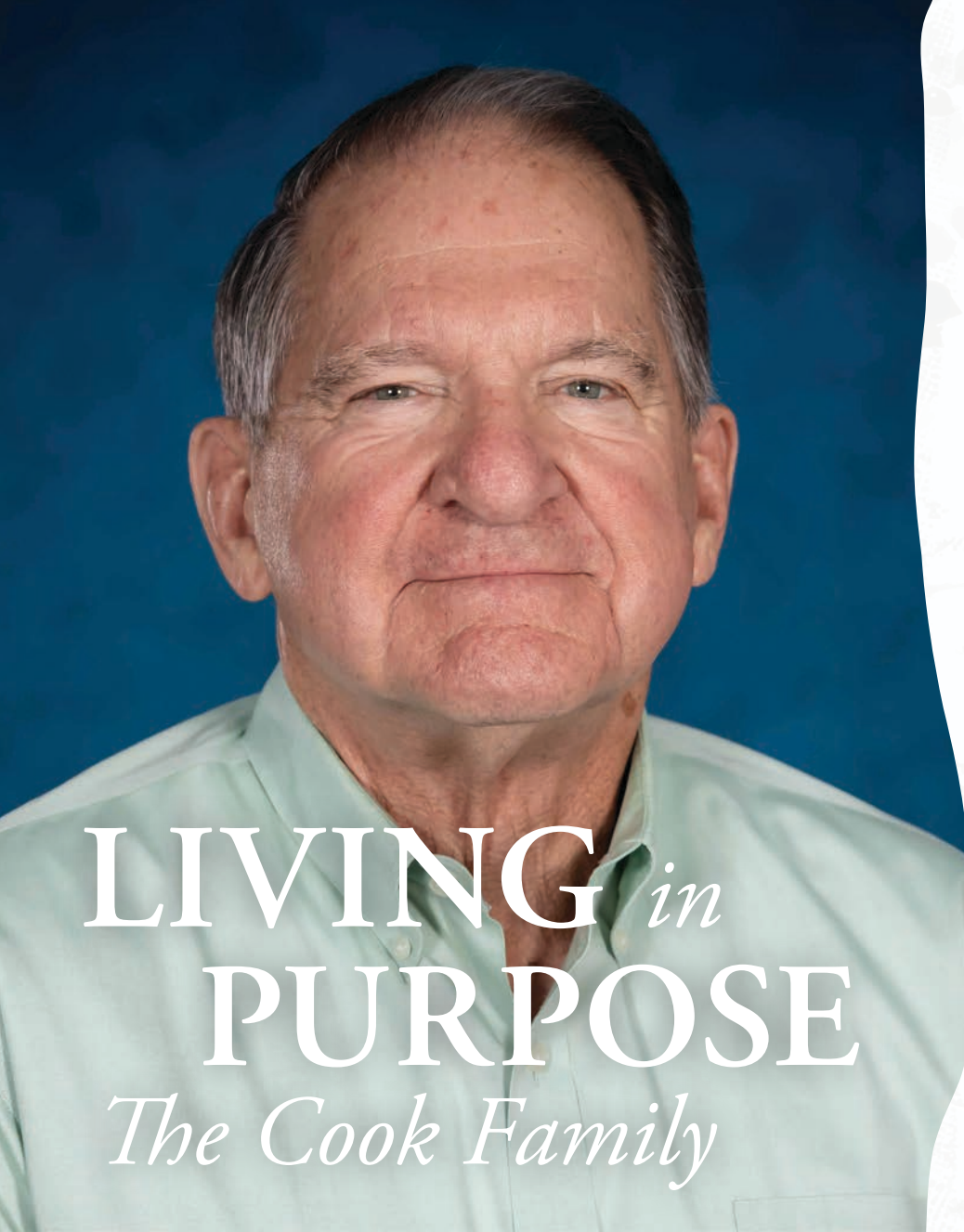
A LASTING LEGACY FOR SOUTHEAST

A planned gift from former Regent and longtime Alaska resident Eric Forrer will establish a new professorship at the UAS School of Career and Technical Education, ensuring long-term support for hands-on, workforce-ready education across Alaska. The visionary gift reflects the donor’s belief in the power of skilled trades and applied learning to transform lives and communities. By creating this endowed faculty position, the gift will help UAS attract and retain expert educators who will inspire and equip generations of students to thrive in high-demand fields critical to Alaska’s future.

“A savings account that was established by my parents to support our family back in the 1950s and left to me wasn’t just a gift—it was seed money for something they could not foresee, for a future that could grow something meaningful in Southeast Alaska, something that certainly outlasted my parents and will outlast me, serving the place that shaped us,” said Eric Forrer. ■

***Top right:** An aerial view of UAS' Center for Technical Education in downtown Juneau.*

***Bottom right:** Trevor Fritz, assistant professor of power technology, works with a UAS student.*



LIVING *in* PURPOSE

The Cook Family

Born and raised in Fairbanks, Jeff Cook has always believed in the power of coming home — not just to a place, but to a purpose.

After earning his business degrees from the University of Oregon, he returned to Alaska in 1968 with his wife, Sue, to raise their four children and build a life rooted in service. What followed has been more than five decades of leadership, philanthropy and unwavering commitment to Alaska.

In his early career, Jeff realized that building a strong community isn't just

about business, it's about people. "If you want to recruit and retain people, you need a good university, good schools and good health care," he said.

At the heart of Jeff and Sue's story is their family and the legacy of their daughter, Chrissy Alberts, who died after a seven-year encounter with metastatic cancer. Chrissy's story has inspired the family's most meaningful endeavor — to ensure that Alaskan's are able to receive more local, life-saving health care.

After Chrissy's diagnosis in 2017, Jeff joined the American Cancer Society's Real

Left: Jeff Cook

Center: Jeff and Sue Cook's family in 1989 in Kauai, including Jeff's parents, far left, and his sister, fifth from the left.

Right: Jeff and Chrissy in 1992 on a Riverboat Discovery cruise.

**All photos courtesy of Jeff Cook.*

Men Wear Pink campaign, ultimately becoming the top fundraiser in the nation, raising more than \$120,000.

Passionately inspired by Chrissy's memory, that same spirit now drives a \$6 million campaign that Jeff is leading, in coordination with the Greater Fairbanks Community Hospital Foundation, to acquire a positron emission tomography (PET) scanner. Potentially life-saving equipment, a PET scanner is critical for early cancer detection.

In addition to health care, the University of Alaska has been very important to the Cook family over the years. While in college at the University of Oregon, Jeff's summers working in construction provided him with financial stability, but he never failed to notice the students around him who struggled financially. This experience drew him to support the University of Alaska and eventually led to his appointment as a regent in 1977, while in his early 30s.

In 1990, Jeff became a representative on the UA Foundation Board of Directors (formerly trustees), serving until 2007. Reflecting on the energy and momentum of the university at that time, he said he found himself among a dynamic group of people that he really enjoyed.

The Cook family's generosity is felt throughout the university, from KUAC



to the Georgeson Botanical Garden, to the College of Business and Security Management, and the UA Museum of the North. In 2018, Jeff and his family established the Cook Family Endowment in honor of his parents, Earl and Pat, to provide unrestricted support to the UA Museum of the North.

When asked the reason behind the unrestricted nature of the endowment, Jeff said that he has seen many needs, both at the university and at the hospital, that aren't specific. He feels that giving more general-purpose gifts to an organization is much needed and "incredibly helpful for them to have latitude."

Many stories, accolades and accomplishments with Jeff's name attached have been shared throughout the years. Through it all are the valuable lessons that Jeff has learned along the way.

His life has centered on three pillars: faith, family and community. Raised in a household where giving was a way of life, he recalls, "All along, Mom and Dad modeled philanthropy and giving. We were all involved in Scouts and different community activities where you learn to give and to work with each other."

When asked what he hopes his grandchildren learn from his example, he doesn't hesitate: "Life's greatest gifts are

family, friends and faith. And faith can be actively practiced in many ways, just a belief in something bigger than yourself. Everything else is just frosting on the cake, and if you have frosting, you should share it!"

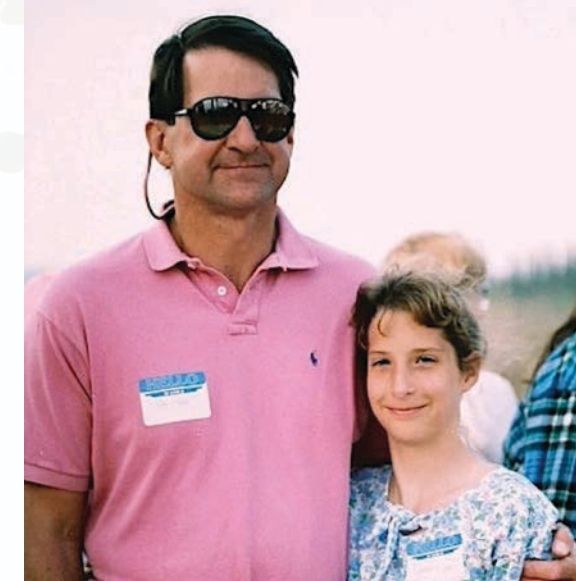
Over the years, Jeff's world has been expanded through the generosity of others. "That is what enriches your drive, meeting people and getting to know them and their stories."



One such story is that of his longtime friend **Grace Schaible**, whose estate he helped steward. "It was an honor to see so many of her possessions go to impact the university," Jeff said.

Throughout his lifetime, Jeff has stepped into roles and taken on duties that others have shied away from. His journey into community engagement began with a humble role as secretary of the Board of Realtors, "a job that nobody wanted," he laughed as he shared. But it opened doors, culminating in a memorable meeting with President Reagan in 1982. "Sometimes it is the little things, or just taking on the things that nobody else wants to do, but doing it for the right reasons."

Jeff emphasizes the importance of focus and intentionality, whether serving on a board or giving as a donor. "Pick two or three things



to do and don't get so spread out that you can't do those things well," he advises.

He knows the younger generation's giving plays out differently from his own, with numerous online giving platforms and more information available about various causes. And that's OK. "Whether it is direct philanthropy, or volunteering, or generally showing compassion," he says, "it's all meaningful."

He also recommends that people engage in things they are passionate about and also benefit the community. Jeff firmly believes that this approach is "more impactful in the long run."

Dr. William R. Wood, president of the University of Alaska from 1960 to 1973, once shared something that has stuck with Jeff: "It is up to each of us to leave the place a little better than we found it."

Through his life, Jeff has remained grounded in the values instilled in him by his parents—the values of community, integrity and the belief that giving back is not just a responsibility, but a privilege. His story is not just one of titles and milestones, but of dedicated service, generosity, enduring relationships and a deep love for Alaska.

He came home to Alaska in 1968. And through every chapter since, he has helped make Alaska a better home for all of us. ■

50+ YEARS *of the* UA FOUNDATION

The University of Alaska Foundation celebrates more than 50 years of generosity, vision and enduring partnership. Rooted in the University of Alaska's history, the UA Foundation has played a vital role in advancing education and opportunity across the system.

The following timeline provides just a few highlights from the 50 Years of the UA Foundation...

FIRST ELECTED BOARD OF DIRECTORS

November 25, 1974

Robert Anderson	Frank Peratrovich
Ruth Barrack	Elmer E. Rasmuson
Brian Brundin	Richard Reeve
F.O. Eastaugh	C.W. Snedden
Robert Hiatt (President)	Ronald W. Wendt
Robert Hilliard (Treasurer)	Charles Wingrove
John C. Hughes	William R. Wood
Thomas J. Miklautsch	Robert H. Zeigler
Terris Moore	

UA FOUNDATION CHIEF EXECUTIVES

Robert Hilliard	1975-1980
<i>Director of University Relations</i> <i>(Executive Secretary)</i>	
Dixie Welch Brown	1980-1985
<i>Now Dixie Coggins</i>	
Scott Taylor	1985-2006
Mary Rutherford, CFRE	2006-2011
Carla Beam	2011-2015
Megan Riebe, CFRE	2016, <i>acting</i>
Susan Behlke Foley	2016-2020
Megan Riebe, CFRE	2020, <i>acting</i>
Tod A. Burnett	2020-2024
Tlisa A. Northcutt, CFRE	2025 to present



*First meeting of
the UA Foundation
in 1974*

1974

The UA Foundation was established in May by Regent Brian Brundin and his law partners, John C. Hughes and Richard Gantz. The UA Foundation was created to steward and maintain UA's private support in keeping with donor intent and to keep privately donated funds separate from the state funds held by UA.

\$825 first gift

The first gift to the UA Foundation was \$825, made on August 5, 1974, by Ernest Patty, who was UA's president from 1953 to 1960.

YEAR	ANNUAL FUND GIFTS		OTHER ANNUAL GIFTS	
	RESTRICTED	UNRESTRICTED	O'NEILL SCHOLARSHIP	OTHER SCHOLARSHIPS
1974 - 75				
JULY				
AUGUST		825		
SEPTEMBER				
OCTOBER		200		
NOVEMBER		11	3,557	
DECEMBER	2,005	6,561	5,730	4,385
JANUARY	65	440	25	35
FEBRUARY	100	50	160	10
MARCH		150		10
APRIL	30	439	100	100

**First Gift To
Foundation**

MID 1970S

Board leadership included representatives from Southcentral, Southeast, Northern and at-large regions, reflecting a commitment to statewide service.

UA was reorganized into three main universities, each led by a chancellor.



Partners at the firm of Hughes (second from left), Thorsness, Gantz (center), Powell and Brundin (far right).

LATE 1970S

Fundraising expanded to include KUAC, Fairbanks' public television and radio station, as well as alumni giving.

The UA Foundation Board of Trustees, now called the UA Foundation Board of Directors, grew to include some of Alaska's most prominent citizens, with the goal of increasing private support.

By 1979, the UA Foundation held more than \$250,000 in gifts and bequests.

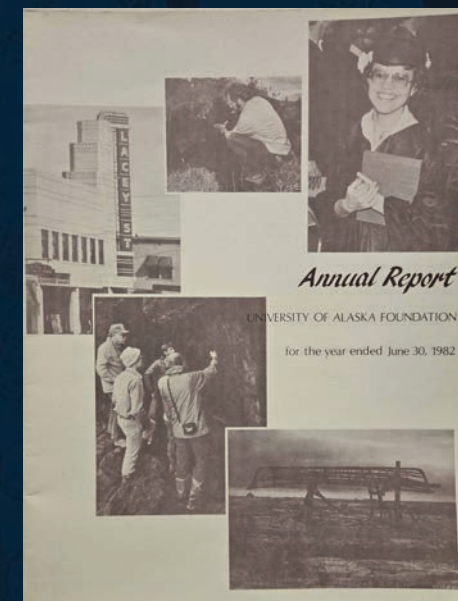


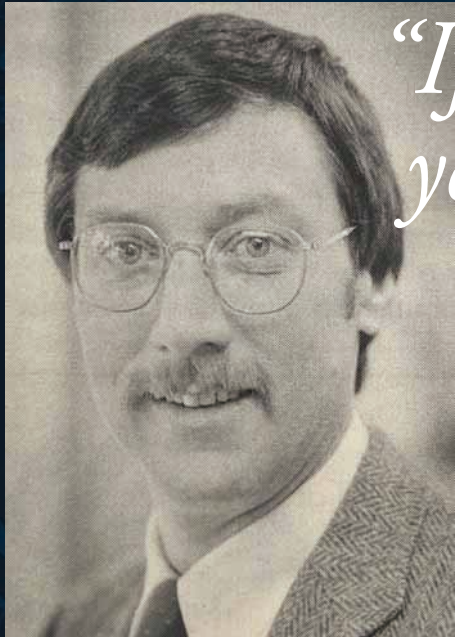
EARLY 1980S

The UA Foundation launched its first major fundraising initiative in 1981, led by Dr. William Wood, resulting in the Alaska Research Development Project.

ANNUAL GIFTS SURPASSED *\$1 million* FOR THE FIRST TIME IN 1983

Dr. Sherman Carter, then vice president for finance and later UA's executive vice president, became the foundation board treasurer in 1979 and served until 1988. He brought extensive professional experience in nonprofit and university management to the foundation, helping to establish its first formal investment policy and management practices.





*“If you are here long enough,
you are part of history.”*

Scott Taylor, who served as the UA Foundation’s executive director from 1985 to 2006, continues to work for the foundation as a philanthropic advisor and has also served as the informal historian, consolidating much of the content provided in this timeline. In 2024, Taylor received an Achievement in Advancement Award, presented for outstanding work by individuals or groups in growing philanthropic support for the UA system. *Photo by Sam Winch.*



MID TO LATE 1980S



Key governance committees were formed, including the Executive Committee (1985) and Investment Committee (1987). The Investment Committee, chaired by Ed Rasmuson, placed the UA Foundation's endowment funds under the management of a professional investment firm.

**TOTAL ASSETS GREW
TO MORE THAN
\$9 million**



Ed Rasmuson. *Photo courtesy of Rasmuson Foundation.*

LATE 1980S TO EARLY 1990S

The three regional universities received separate accreditation.

The UA Foundation was reorganized to align with UAA, UAF, UAS and the system office.

Development offices were established at each university, while the UA Foundation focused on stewardship and fiscal expertise.

In 1991, the UA Foundation launched an effort to raise nearly \$1 million for the construction of a UA president’s residence on land adjacent to the Fairbanks campus, donated by Foundation Trustee Grace Schaible. The home was completed in 1994.

MID TO LATE 1990S

In 1995, the UA Foundation made its first grant of funds to UA to support the three development offices at UAA, UAF and UAS.

Board members began participating in spring fly-ins to Juneau for advocacy efforts, a tradition that continues today.

In 1997, the UA Foundation assumed management of UA's \$43 million Land Grant Trust Fund.

EARLY TO MID 2000S

University-wide development efforts became more integrated with the support of a \$500,000 grant from the Rasmuson Foundation to help update and streamline fundraising infrastructure across the university system.

**BY 2001, FOUNDATION
ASSETS EXCEEDED
\$100 million**



Former UA Regent and UA Foundation Board member Mary K. Hughes and her father John C. Hughes in 2008. *Photo courtesy of Mary K. Hughes.*

2017 TO 2024

The *For Alaska* campaign, the first comprehensive fundraising campaign for UA, launched in 2017 and concluded in 2024 with \$277 million raised from 21,777 donors.

2024

The UA Foundation celebrated its 50th anniversary, marking five decades of impact and an ongoing partnership with UA, UAA, UAF and UAS.

Together, the UA Foundation and UA remain committed to building on their strong foundation, stepping confidently into the next 50 years of purpose and possibility.



Celebrating 50 years



UA president's residence



RECOGNITION FOR EXCELLENCE

The *For Alaska* campaign earned two Council for Advancement and Support of Education Circle of Excellence Awards:

- Gold in marketing for the fundraising microsite *UniversityForAlaska.com*
- Bronze in fundraising for multi-year campaigns with more than 25 staff

These honors reflect the generosity of UA's donors and the dedication of university partners throughout the eight-year philanthropic campaign.



**VISIT OUR AWARD-WINNING
CAMPAIGN WEBSITE**



Celebrating FOR ALASKA Campaign Success

*Photos from the For Alaska campaign celebration event held in Anchorage in December 2024.
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FY25 UA Foundation BOARD of DIRECTORS

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Anna Atchison
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Todd Greimann
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Cattle, LLC

Dave Karp
Saltchuk

Benjamin Roth
SBS Retirement
Consultants, LLC

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Stoel Rives LLP

Shauna Hegna
Koniag

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At-Sea Processors Association

Cheryl Siemers, Ph.D.
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Providence Alaska

Pat Pitney
University of Alaska

Daniel White, Ph.D.
University of Alaska Fairbanks



Top left: UA Foundation Board Vice Chair Jennifer Schrage, UA Foundation President Tlisa Northcutt and U.S. Sen. Dan Sullivan during a visit to Washington, D.C. for the AGB Foundation Leadership Forum in January 2025.

Top right: UA Foundation President Tlisa Northcutt, U.S. Sen. Lisa Murkowski and UA Foundation Board Vice Chair Jennifer Schrage during a visit to Washington, D.C. for the AGB Foundation Leadership Forum in January 2025.



Center: The UA Foundation Board of Directors received a tour of Áak'w Tá Hít, the new hub for environmental science at UAS, in March 2025.

Bottom: Representatives from UA and the UA Foundation attended a 30th anniversary event that raised funds to support UAA culinary arts students.



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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

UA Foundation FINANCIALS

(as of June 30, 2025)*

FOUNDATION DONORS

TOTAL DONORS	ALUMNI DONORS	NEW DONORS
5,617	1,764	2,492

SCHOLARSHIPS

SCHOLARSHIP DOLLARS AWARDED	NUMBER OF SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED	STUDENTS AWARDED SCHOLARSHIPS
\$6.78M+	3,673	2,366

TOTAL ASSETS

TOTAL UA FOUNDATION NET ASSETS	POOLED ENDOWMENT FUND 1-YEAR NET RETURNS	AMOUNT DISTRIBUTED TO UA FY25
\$604,447,039	9.7%	\$26,571,516

Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$	3,500,000
Interest and Dividends Receivable		884,095
Contributions Receivable, Net		9,398,739
Other Receivables		19,838
Other Investments		54,448,846
Pooled Endowment Funds		534,921,356
Remainder Trusts Receivable		723,909
Other Assets		550,255
Total Assets	\$	604,447,039

FUNDS DISTRIBUTED

Athletics	\$	447,864
Business and Management		1,975,170
Campus Support		2,492,011
Community and Technical College		635,722
Education		53,734
General Support		798,327
Health		809,546
Liberal Arts and Social Science		1,259,028
Science and Engineering		6,441,555
Student Aid		6,411,510
Student and Public Support		5,246,998
Total Funds Distributed	\$	26,571,516

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