

UAA Chancellor's REPORT

Dear Board of Regents,

It's been an outstanding year at UAA. On May 4, UAA celebrated the 2,420 graduates of the Class of 2014. In all, UAA conferred 85

CERTIFICATES ASSOCIATE DEGREES BACCALAUREATES POST BACCALAUREATES GRADUATE CERTIFICATES and two doctoral degrees. The 2,420 graduates of the Class of 2014 EARNED A TOTAL OF DEGREES

This year, we conferred Honorary Doctor of Letters degrees on WILLIAM AND MAREN FORKMAN AND ALEX (LILLIS) & ANTHONY HANG OBYLLIS & ASTOR (USKEY) STEPHEN PETERSON AND MARTIN UIMBY STAN ANOVER IS

IT GAVE ME GREAT PLEASURE TO ANNOUNCE THESE AWARDS TO THE COMMUNITY AND TO CONGRATULATE THE AWARDEES AND THE FACULTY AND STAFF WHO MADE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO THANK THE IMPRESSIVE FACULTY AND STAFF POSSIBLE.

PLEASE SEE THE ATTACHED PAGE FOR LIST OF AWARDEES

THE COLLEGE DIRECTOR "ARB" OLSON THIS MONTH RECEIVED THE COLLEGE ENROLLMENT AWARD FOR THE LARGEST INCREASE AMONG ALL COLLEGES IN THE STATE AND STAFF ALSO RECEIVED A RECORD SEVEN AWARDS FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO STUDENTS AND SUPPORTING THE UNIVERSITY. WE THANK DIRECTOR "OLSON" FOR HER TIRELESS SERVICE TO UAA AND WISH HER THE BEST ON HER RETIREMENT.

THE OPENING OF THE ALASKA AIRLINES SEASON WAS THAT BOOSTED BY THE CHAMPIONSHIP IN FOOTBALL. THE SEASON HAS RISEN TO A PROGRAM RECORD. THE COLLEGE REPORTS DIRECTOR'S RANKING STANDINGS PLACE UAA IN THE TOP PERCENT OF ALL COLLEGES IN THE DIVISION. PRO

Best regards,



UAA taking the lead

2014 Chancellor's Awardees are:

Teaching Excellence

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Excellence in Academic Research-Creative Activity

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Staff Excellence

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Diversity Excellence

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Promoting Student Achievement

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Community Engagement and Service

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IN PROGRESS

UAF's skyline is changing dramatically this summer as nearly 450 tons of steel have been put into place for the new engineering facility. The 260-foot crane rising above Tanana Loop added to the excitement as the building began to take shape.

The new Wood Center dining expansion opens mid-July. The addition will house a new dining area and kitchen, which connects to the existing food court on the second level and a new coffee shop on the ground floor.

Significant deferred maintenance and access improvements will take place in and around the Gruening Building May through August, including a roof replacement.

New stairs will be installed from the Taku parking lot to the Fine Arts Complex. These will replace the existing

ACHIEVEMENTS

UAF's 92nd commencement ceremony

largest individual donations in UAF's history.

The recipients of the 2014 Emil Usibelli Distinguished Teaching, Research and Service Awards were announced at a Fairbanks reception in May. Associate Professor of Philosophy and Humanities Joseph Thompson received the teaching award, Professor of Ecology and Ecosystems Roger Ruess received the research award and Research Professor of Soil Microbiology and Science Education Elena Sparrow received the service award.

The Rasmuson Fisheries Research Center board members selected six fellowship recipients for the 2014–15 academic year. This marks the 20th year the center has awarded fellowships to the School of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences students. This year's awards totaling \$233,169, include tuition and a stipend to support graduate student research.

UAF students raised \$27,500 by connecting with more than 230 donors this spring as part of the biannual phonathon. This effort brings the total amount raised by student callers this academic year to more than \$75,000 from more than 600 donors.

A new process that purifies Alaska pollock liver oil has resulted in a commercially produced diet supplement. Alex Oliveira, associate professor with the Alaska Sea Grant Marine Advisory Program in the School of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences, developed the molecular distillation process. American Marine Ingredients, a subsidiary of American Seafoods Co., adapted Oliveira's process and recently released the product, 54% Omega-3 with vitamin D3 in capsule form.

THROUGH THE LENS:

UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA FAIRBANKS

June

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Associate Professor of Biology (and San Francisco Giant's fan!)
Dave Tallmon and Cathy at her retirement party.

Connor Farewell

UAS Professor of Geology Cathy Connor is retiring after about 30 years at UAS. Connor has made a substantial contribution to the field in Southeast Alaska and engaged countless students in undergraduate research. A gathering was held in her honor during the Space Grant Symposium on the Juneau campus April 25.

Twenty-five Years of Fieldwork in Southern Southeast Alaska

On the Ketchikan campus April 8, Campus Director Priscilla Schulte along with faculty Martin Stanford and John Autry made a presentation on their 25 years of anthropology fieldwork in southern Southeast Alaska. Students in Schulte's Anthropology 289 / 493 classes accompanied by native elders have explored a variety of sites, including culturally modified trees, rock art, trappers' cabins and village sites.

Radzilowski on the Roaring Twenties

Ketchikan Associate Professor of History John Radzilowski presented a paper at the conference "The Roaring 20's in Poland: History, Literature, Culture and the Arts," sponsored by the University of Illinois, Chicago on April 7-8. "Orphans of the 'New Poland': Polish Americans, the Second Republic, and the Creation of a Diasporic Identity, 1919-1929," addressed how the negative experiences of re-emigration to Europe after World War I shaped a new ethnic identity among first and second generation Polish immigrants.

Jan Straley Publishes New Work

Sitka Associate Professor of Marine Biology Jan Straley is the lead author on a forthcoming publication in Endangered Species Research entitled, Depredating sperm whales in the Gulf of Alaska: local habitat use and long distance movements across putative population boundaries. The article can be viewed online at: www.int-res.com/journals/esr/esr-forthcoming

UAS Faculty Promote Minecraft in the Classroom

Course faculty say it could help engage students in science, technology, engineering and math.

A graduate education course is showing teachers from across the state how to implement the game Minecraft in their classes. Course faculty say it could help engage students in science, technology, engineering and math. 1 Tf 18 0 0 18 3117.8(e)-mWw T*(plemengage