

# Progress at UAA during 2008-2009 & Looking toward the future 2009-2010



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## Continued growth at UAA

--Nearly 20,000 students attend UAA campuses

--Nearly 2,100 degrees and certificates awarded 5/2009

--UAA employs 3,200 faculty and staff, Anchorage's 6<sup>th</sup> largest employer

## Progress across UAA

--Opening of the new ConocoPhillips Integrated Science Building (CPISB)

--\$7 million gift from an anonymous donor—the largest cash gift ever received by the University of Alaska—is funding a new needs-based Seawolf Opportunity Scholarship for up to 50 students a year. One million dollars of the gift is helping us open the CPISB on schedule this fall.

--Groundbreaking for the new Health Sciences Building

--Opening of the new Betti Cuddy Atrium in the Lucy Cuddy Hall

--Creation of Alaska's first and only green district with the signing of the U-Med Green Agreement

## Program Success

--College of Business and Public Policy won international recognition for its programs and maintained accreditation from the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business.

--All three levels of nursing programs received reaccreditation by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission.

--College of Education was nationally recognized in 12 of 13 programs by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education and partner Specialized Professional Associations.

--Seawolf Athletics had a record breaking year athletically and academically

--The Music Department launched the new Opera Ensemble and Anchorage Opera Apprenticeship program, the only undergraduate-level program of its kind in North America.

--Confucius Institute at UAA opening in September is one of only 58 in the United States

--UAA is designated a "Military Friendly School," ranking in the top 15% of all colleges, universities and trade schools nationwide, according to *GI Jobs* magazine.

## Student Achievements

--First-ever Marshall Scholar: **Kelcie Ralph**

--Fourth Truman Scholar in last four years: **Deana Glick**

--U.S. Department of State 2009 Critical Languages Scholarship in Advanced Chinese: **Melanie Parrett**

--Congress Bundestag scholarships: **Jessica Allman** and **Renata Ballesteros-Lopez**. This is the fourth consecutive year that students of **Dr. Natasa Masonovic** have won this prestigious scholarship.

--UAA's first National Consortium for Measurement and Signature Intelligence Research (NCSIR) scholarship grants from the NSF: **Alex Bonnacaze, Carly Craig, and Deana Glick**

--2009 Export Council of Alaska Award: **Jacquelynn Engebretson, Melanie Parrett, Erick Romig, and Rosalyn Thompson**

--Top Forty Under 40: UAA sophomore **Chelsey Homan**

--Grand Gold award from the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE): **Isaiah Woods** film "Villagers in the City"

--Editor's Prize at Fourth Genre: Master of Fine Arts student **Megan Nix** for her essay "Swim, Memory."

## Faculty and Staff Honors

--**Dr. Herb Schroeder** received the National Action Council for Minorities in Engineering 2009 Founder's Award.

--KPC professor **Alan Boraas** received the Log Cabin Award from the Kenai Chamber of Commerce for his work with the Kenaitze Indian Tribe and their language preservation program.

--**Carol Swartz**, Kachemak Bay Campus director, was honored as a Woman of Distinction by the South Peninsula Haven House.

--Kodiak College faculty and staff members **Barbara Brown, Evelyn Davidson, Thia Falcone** and **Debbi Canavan** were selected as 2009 NISOD Excellence Award recipients for their work piloting a variety of student success projects.

--**Chancellor Fran Ulmer** was inducted in to the Alaska Women's Hall of Fame and also honored with the 2009 ATHENA Award.

### **Research at UAA – much of which directly benefits Alaska and Alaskans**

--**Dr. Paddy Sullivan, Dr. Jennifer Burns, Dr. Lil Alessa, Dr. Jeffrey Welker** and **Dr. Andrew Kliskey** have together received seven National Science Foundation (NSF) awards for nearly \$4 million, most of it with an emphasis on climate change issues in high latitudes.

--**Dr. Christiane Brems** and The Behavioral Health Research and Services Center received a \$1 million grant from the Centers for Disease Control to develop the Arctic Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) Regional Training Center (RTC), the first of its kind in Alaska.

--UAA researchers led by **Birgit Hagedorn** of the Environment and Natural Resources Institute (ENRI) received an NSF grant for equipment for the Applied Science, Engineering, and Technology Laboratory (ASET)

--Ford Foundation awarded UAA and APU a renewal grant to continue the national Difficult Dialogues initiative, one of only six awarded throughout the country.

--Institute of Social and Economic Research (ISER) published several major reports, including, "How Hard is it for Alaska's Medicare patients to Find Family Doctors?"; "Structural Analysis of the Alaska Economy" and "The Changing Economic Status of Alaska Natives, 1970-2007."

--**Tim Hinterberger** received three-year project funding from the National Institutes of Health; all WWAMI faculty members with research components in their workloads are now funded at either the national or international level.

### **Support for UAA**

-- Industry partners, Native corporations and alumni joined with the Rasmuson Foundation to create the **Herbert P. Schroeder** Endowed Chair of ANSEP.

--16<sup>th</sup> annual Celebrity Chef Invitational raised \$105,000 for UAA's Culinary Arts and Hospitality program (\$20,000 more than last year!)

--Second year in a row student callers raised more than \$100,000 from UAA Alumni through the Phonathon.

### **Historical Landmarks**

--40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Kodiak College

--50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Mat-Su College last year

--passing of **Lewis E. Haines**, the first provost of UAA and a major contributor to UAA development

### **UAA Serving our Community**

--50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Statehood celebration: Forum of Young Alaskans & Alaska Week

--First ever UAA Day of Service at Beans Café organized by Governance

--Faculty and students presented a Climate Action Plan to Acting Anchorage Mayor Matt Claman. Students also helped with an assessment to reduce the city's carbon footprint.

--**Professor Kathi Trawver** developed a comprehensive data collection system for Project Homeless Connect to help reduce homelessness in Anchorage.

### **Looking to the Future**

#### **Accreditation**

UAA is scheduled for full-scale accreditation evaluation in 2010.

#### **Sports Arena**

We have begun the planning and design work with legislative funds and will work with our community partners to secure the funding necessary to complete the sports arena.

#### **Engineering**

We will continue to seek funding to meet the needs of dramatically increasing enrollment in our engineering programs, including funding for a new Engineering Building.

#### **Health Sciences Building**

We are beginning work on the Phase I of our Health Sciences Building with legislative funding. We will work to secure funding for Phase II design and planning.

#### **Student Success**

DegreeWorks, the powerful new set of degree auditing tools, will help us improve individual advising.

#### **Sustainability**

We will be "Building a future for UAA and the Great Land through environmentally wise, economically sound, and socially responsible actions."

#### **Service**

We have designated 2009-2010 as a Year of Service and are encouraging students, faculty and staff to continue to use their talents and abilities to serve our community.