



# Chancellor's Report

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## UAS Alumna is 2015 Visionary Award Winner

*Erin Tripp: Perseverance Theatre Actress, 2013 Outstanding Graduate in Liberal Arts, 2015 Visionary Award winner*



Alumna Erin Tripp was honored as an Alaska Native who perpetuates and preserves culture through artistic endeavors with a Visionary Award at the Anchorage Alaska Native Heritage Center in November. Tripp was nominated for Tlingit language videos she posted on YouTube. Other 2015 Visionary Award Winners were Byron Nicholai, Samuel Johns, Holly Nordlum and Allison Warden. In 2013, Tripp was named the Outstanding Graduate in Liberal Arts. Tripp has acted in several plays with Perseverance Theatre and played the daughter in their first play of 2016, the world premiere “Our Voices Will be Heard”, by Tlingit playwright Vera Starbard. The production, about breaking the cycle of domestic violence in an Alaska Native community, ran in Juneau and Anchorage in January and February.

## Exploring Commercialization: Seaweed Aquaculture Partnership

The University of Alaska Southeast is working with Premium Oceanic (PO) on getting a permit from the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) for a commercial seaweed hatchery. The hatchery is planned for the first floor of the Anderson Building (on Auke Bay across from the main Juneau campus) to promote a seaweed aquaculture business enterprise for coastal Alaska communities, especially in southeast and southcentral Alaska.

Experimental outplantings are underway at a site just outside Auke Bay off Coughlan Island. Premium Oceanic has recently been working with oyster growers in coastal Alaska from Ketchikan to Kodiak Island for setting up commercial production of seaweeds. The overall idea is to help willing participants in coastal locations set up individual, small farms for the culture of various seaweeds of economic value. PO will work with participants to buy and market any seaweed produced. UAS will perform basic and applied research on the propagation and culture of several seaweed species that might be usable as commercial products and create a commercial seaweed hatchery which will provide “seed” for the individual “farmers”. PO will be underwriting most of the UAS effort as part of its investment toward the goal of making seaweed aquaculture a viable and profitable new business in Alaska.

Professor of Chemistry and Biochemistry Michael Stekoll is the Principal Investigator for the project.

## UAS on the List for the Nation’s Top Integrative Studies Programs



The UAS Bachelor of Liberal Arts (BLA) degree program was recently named among the top 37 integrative studies programs in the nation by BestColleges.com in association with the Johnston Center for Integrative Studies. The UAS BLA is among the most affordable programs on the list,

which includes programs from notable institutions such as Emory University, Evergreen State College, Bennington College, and Seattle University.

## School of Management Pursues Professional Accreditation

The School of Management business programs have been approved for candidacy status with the Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP). ACBSP’s mission statement is “ACBSP promotes continuous improvement and recognizes excellence in the accreditation of business education programs around the world.” The ACBSP accreditation standards are modeled on the Baldrige National Quality Program and its Criteria for Educational Performance Excellence.

The program accreditation process for the Associate of Applied Science in Business Administration (A.A.S) and Bachelor of Business Administration (B.B.A) with emphasis areas in Accounting, Human Resource Management, Management and Management Information Systems is scheduled to start during the Spring 2016 semester.

This specialized accreditation provides an opportunity to affirm the quality of UAS programs and determine beneficial enhancements moving forward with online business programs serving the state of Alaska.

The A.A.S. and B.B.A. already have regional accreditation through the UAS Institutional accreditation by Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU).

## School of Management Faculty in San Francisco

Colleen McKenna and Charla Brown, both from the UAS School of Management, recently attended the Accreditation Council for Business Schools & Programs (ACBSP) Western Region Annual Conference held in San Francisco, CA. Charla Brown was awarded Wilson Funds by the Provost and presented as part of the Best in Region competition on the topic of utilizing text messaging to enhance student and faculty engagement. Additionally, Colleen and Charla gained valuable insight that will benefit the school’s current candidacy with the Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs.

## Professor Jeremy Kane's Ceramics Exhibit "Surface"

Art faculty Jeremy Kane's ceramic work was featured in the exhibit entitled "Surface" at the Juneau-Douglas City Museum. An opening reception was held during Gallery Walk on Friday, December 4 from 4:30 – 7:30 pm. The works were on display through the end of January. Jeremy gave a lecture at the museum about the processes he uses for creating wood, soda, and gas-fired ceramics.



Jeremy Kane's wine cups on display. The starred ones were sold.

## Ben Huff Photos in New York Times and Exhibit in Portland



Desolate view from the Dalton Highway. Photograph by Ben Huff.

Several photos by Juneau campus photography faculty Ben Huff were used in a feature travel article, "Driving Alaska's Dalton Highway" in the Nov. 6, 2015 edition of the *New York Times*. On the same day, Huff's The Last Road North exhibit opened at Newspace Center for Photography in Portland. At the opening, Huff presented twenty pictures, ranging in size from 16x20 to 32x40 inches. Made between 2008 and 2013, the pictures depict a complicated landscape and a road which serves as the physical and psychological line between wilderness and oil in Alaska. As part of the additional programming around the exhibition, Newspace hosted a panel discussion with Huff, author Barry Lopez and critic John Freeman which focused on art, environment and community.

## Biology Undergrad Receives National Award to Attend Conference

Henry Masters, a senior student in the Biology Bachelor of Science program, was one of six award recipients in a national competition that funds Native American undergraduate students to attend the 2016 annual meeting of the Society for Integrative and Comparative Biology in Portland, OR. Marine Biology faculty Carolyn Bergstrom mentored Henry through his Undergraduate Research and Creative Expression award in spring/summer of 2015 as well as an individual research course (BIOL 498) in fall 2015. He presented a poster of his resulting work at the American Fisheries Society Alaskan Chapter meeting in Homer, AK, November 2-6 2015, where he also received an Alaskan Native Travel Award to attend. The poster was titled: Morphological Variation of Introduced Brook Trout (*Salvelinus fontinalis*) in the Salmon Creek Watershed in Juneau, Alaska. A video of Henry's research can be viewed on the UAS YouTube channel.

## Math Faculty Present Special Session

Math faculty Andrzej Piotrowski and Megan Buzby attended the Joint Mathematics Meetings (JMM) of the Mathematical Association of America (MAA) and the American Mathematical Association (AMS) in Seattle in early January. Andrzej co-organized a special session on Distribution of Zeros of Entire Functions and gave a talk titled Multiplier Sequences for the Legendre Polynomial Basis. He also represented the Alaska Alpha chapter of Pi Mu Epsilon, the national mathematics honor society that UAS joined in April 2014, and served as a judge for the undergraduate research poster session.

## Straley Edits Rickett's Book of Essays

Associate Professor of Marine Biology Jan Straley's edited compilation of essays, *Ed Ricketts from Cannery Row to Sitka Alaska*, has been published by Shorefast Editions and is now available through Taku Graphics ([www.takugraphics.com](http://www.takugraphics.com)). More information about the publication and about this remarkable man and his work can be found at [www.shorefasteditions.com](http://www.shorefasteditions.com).

