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Elise Tomlinson, Interim Regional Director of Library Services, Egan Library with "The Ford" by Eustace Paul Ziegler

Original Ziegler Oil Painting Donated to Egan Library, UAS

An original oil painting on canvas by one of Alaska's most prolific artists, Eustace Paul Ziegler (1881-1969) has been donated to the University of Alaska Southeast Egan Library, Auke Lake Campus. "The Ford," is a large painting measuring 40 x 91 1/2 inches with an appraised retail replacement value of \$225,000.

The painting is on display in the Egan Library, conference room 210 and available for public viewing. "We are thrilled to have an original Ziegler painting in the Egan Library. His work is widely celebrated for beautifully reflecting early twentieth-century Alaskan frontier life," said Elise Thomlinson, Interim Regional Director of Library Services, Egan Library.

The painting was donated in memory of the pioneer spirit of Joe and Bessie Thomas that helped pave the way for "present day" Juneau. UAS Chancellor John Pugh said, "This is just one example of an amazing gift to the university. Because of the family's generosity, an Alaskan art treasure will be shared with the public and can be enjoyed by generations to come."

\$50,000 Memorial Estate Gift to endow the UAS Dr. Alfred E. Widmark Alaska Native and Rural Center Support Fund

The University of Alaska Southeast is honored to receive a \$50,000 memorial gift from the Emma G. Widmark Estate given in her father's name, Dr. Alfred E. Widmark, who was a strong supporter of the University and its efforts to support the advancement of Alaska Native People through education.

Alfred E. Widmark was born in Haines in 1904 and was one of the first Tlingits to serve as a member of the Alaska State Legislature (1961-62). Throughout his lifetime in addition to several State offices he served several terms as the Mayor of Klawock, was a past Grand

President of the Alaska Native Brotherhood, and was a member of the executive committee for both the Grand Camp of the ANB and the Tlingit-Haida Central Council. He was ANB representative and vice president to the National Congress of American Indians and served on the Sealaska Corporation board of directors. Mr. Widmark received an Honorary Doctorate of Humanities from the University of Alaska Southeast in 1979.

As requested, the gift will be used for the purpose of increasing access to education and/or improving educational opportunities for Alaska Native students by permanently endowing the Alaska Native and Rural Center (NRSC) Support fund. The NRSC offers programming and support services to promote student success in college through academic advising and support, assistance with registration / course selection as well as peer advising and mentoring.

"It is clear that one of the most important factors driving student success is the student's ability to find or create a home away from home on campus. The Native and Rural Student Center at UAS is that home away from home for many students every year. This gift will make a powerful and lasting impact," said Joe Nelson, Vice Chancellor of Enrollment Management.



Vice Chancellor Joe Nelson (left) meeting with students in the Native and Rural Student Center (NRSC).

Ketchikan Grant

The U.S. Department of Education awards \$611,204 to UAS Ketchikan Campus

The U.S. Department of Education has awarded \$611,204 to the University of Alaska Southeast Ketchikan Campus to strengthen educational opportunities for Alaska Native students. The Ketchikan Campus was among 11 campuses in Alaska and Hawaii to receive an award.

The U.S. Department of Education awarded a total of \$12.3 million in two-year grants to 11 campuses in Alaska and Hawaii to improve the academic quality, instruction and facilities for native students. The grants will carry out activities such as faculty development and exchanges, curriculum development, counseling services, and the purchase of library materials or laboratory equipment.

To be eligible for grants, an institution must have an undergraduate enrollment of at least 20 percent Alaska Native or 10 percent Native Hawaiian students.

First National Bank Alaska Donates \$26,000 in Continued Support for "Getting Ready for College"



L to R: Linda Gordon (wife of George Gordon, Director on the Board of First National Bank Alaska) Suzie Longacre (wife of Senior Vice President Doug Longacre) John Pugh.

For the sixth consecutive year, First National Bank Alaska has supported the Getting Ready for College program at the University of Alaska Southeast with a gift of \$26,000. The goal of the program is to educate students (grades 5-12) in rural Southeast Alaska on the positive lifetime economic impact of continuing their education past high school.

The program strives to help students prepare for success after high school by providing training and resources to students, their families and local education professionals. In 2011, UAS staff delivered the program to more than 1,500 students located in 17 communities throughout Southeast. This year the program will be extended to include Bethel.

UAS Vice Chancellor for Enrollment Management Joseph Nelson said, "The big message we hope to convey is that getting a college education is an investment worth making; people with a college education have better job opportunities, earn more money, and develop skills and knowledge that can never be taken away. However, what many families don't understand is that preparing for college doesn't begin during a student's junior or senior year of high school - it begins when a student first sets foot in school, and it continues through middle school and high school. We want students to know that a college education is worth the effort and that help is available to them. We are thrilled to have a partner like FNBA help us get out this important message."

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2012-13 Calendar of Events for UAS Development & Alumni Relations

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October 26 Beer & Wine Tasting, Prospector Hotel, Juneau
A fun friend- and fund-raiser! Sample beers and wines while networking with Alumni & Friends.

November 1 Etiquette Dinner, Juneau Campus
Enjoy a multiple-course meal while practicing etiquette skills and learning the art of mixing and mingling. Learn the proper table manners that you may have missed as a kid – important skills for lunch interviews, impressing your date, dinner at the boss's house, formal affairs, and more! Limited to 25 students. Remaining seats filled with community members representing the fields of study of the students in attendance.

November 16 Student Alumni Dinner & Movie Night, Juneau Campus
– Foreign film in honor of International Education Week; all student and regular alumni members and their guests welcome.

December 8 Gingerbread Magic, Juneau - free for members - create a masterpiece and leave the mess with us!

February 3 Student Alumni Superbowl Party, Juneau - Watch the Big Game on the Big Screen! Free pizza and munchies! Door Prizes!

February 15 Rotary Wine Auction, Juneau – fundraiser for UAS Scholarships – tickets available by invitation from Juneau Rotary members.

March 23 Student Alumni Dinner & Movie Night, Juneau Campus – students choose the movie title at the preceding board meeting; all student and regular alumni members and their guests welcome.

March 29 Wine Tasting, Ketchikan – fundraiser for the UAS Carroll Fader Maritime Scholarship Fund – tickets available in the spring.

April 5 Spring Auction & Dinner, Juneau - Live, Silent & Dessert Auction to benefit the Alumni Scholarship Fund! Tickets available in March. If you have something you'd like to donate to the auction, please give our office a call - it's never too early!

May 8 Faculty and Staff Campaign Thank You Luncheon, Juneau – a lunchtime event to thank our employee donors over the past year for their generosity - by invitation.

June 1 Golf Tournament in Haines - cruise on a catamaran and play an 18-hole scramble for prizes. Get your name (or your team names) on the list now - payment not due until May.

June 1 Mary Poppins at the Performing Arts Center in Anchorage - tickets available in the spring - taking names of those who are interested now. Only 25 available.

July 13 Alumni & Friends Group Suite at the Mariners Game, Seattle - Join Chancellor John Pugh and UAS Alumni Friends in an Exclusive Right-Field Group Suite! Suite admission includes food and non-alcoholic drinks. No host bar available. Date to be determined in January.... stay tuned! Taking names of those who are interested now.