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Chancellor's Cabinet Updates

January 25, 2022

Chancellor - Karen Carey, Chancellor

- Attended meetings with Executive Council, Executive Cabinet, Core Cabinet, Juneau Community Advisory Council, and Board of Regents - excellence, access, collaboration
 - Held regular one on one meetings with direct reports - access, collaboration, sustainability, and stewardship
 - Met with the McKinley Group, Project Rebound, Alaska Native Science and Engineering Program, Government Relations, Emeriti Chancellors and Provosts - diversity, collaboration, access, sustainability
 - Attended new student orientation - excellence, access, collaboration
 - Worked on Goals and Measures, Workforce Training, and University Metrics - excellence, access, collaboration, sustainability
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Provost - Maren Haavig, Interim Provost

- Continued to work across the UA through meetings with UAA/UAF Provosts, Research & Sponsored Programs administrators, and Academic Council - Collaboration
- Worked with Curriculum Committee Faculty, Registrar's office, Creative Agency and others on methods to comply with NWCCU requirement 1.C.3 requirement that we identify and publish expected program and degree learning outcomes for all degrees, certificates, and credentials. Information on expected student learning outcomes for all courses is provided to enrolled students - Excellence, Sustainability
- Continued to work with a group of Faculty on an Open Educational Resource Initiative. We are hoping to propose a process for making courses as No-Cost if there are no additional materials cost related to the course. Collaboration, Sustainability
- Presented an overview of the upcoming NWCCU Mid-Cycle review at Spring Start up. Collaboration

Research & Sponsored Programs/ACRC

- Reviewed student URECA applications. Worked with URECA staff and faculty to approve and fund 15 student proposals. Excellence, Diversity

- Met with Diane Hirschberg, UAA ISER Director, about possible UAS involvement with [UArctic](#) and [ARCUS](#). Senator Lisa Murkowski asked Dr. Hirschberg why UAS was not a member of UArctic. In response Diane reached out to me and we discussed both agencies last month. Diane is willing to come to an RCA meeting to discuss further, if the committee agrees. Excellence, Collaboration
- Gathered Faculty input on UA/Rasmuson Arctic Strategy Initiative. Input was forwarded to President Pitney to support UAS faculty research involvement in Arctic initiatives. Sustainability, Stewardship
- I represented UAS at the [State Committee for Research](#) meeting last month.

Add items - Please identify your activities as related to the UAS Values of excellence, diversity, access, collaboration, sustainability, and stewardship.

Institutional Effectiveness - Kristen Handley, Director

- Focusing on three main areas: accreditation activities, external reporting (IPEDES), and UA metrics
 - Fall closing dashboards should be updated by the end of the week
 - Spring opening dashboards will be updated in mid-February
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Administrative Services - Michael Ciri, Vice Chancellor

Grants, Contracts & Budget

Budget

- Next month's Management Report will be used to report to the System Office. We will be reporting our projected expenditures and revenue through the end of the fiscal year.
- HR has completed their W2 processing so we are able to begin entering Labor Redistributions again.

Grants & Contracts

- Effort Certifications for Fall 2021 (8/15/21 - 1/15/2022) period are due on Thursday, February 24, 2022. Printing for your unit can begin on January 24, 2022.

Information Technology

No new items.

Business Services

- All UAS unused tickets were used!. Great job everyone!! (aligns with: Collaboration, Stewardship)
- UA Procard JP Morgan Approval Pilot Project is expanding to all remaining UAS departments in February. Thanks to all involved. For those folks, please be on the lookout for emails from Denise Caissie, Lead Card Administrator at UA Procurement and Contract Services. (aligns with: Collaboration, Stewardship)
- Spring 2022 Tuition & Fees published payment deadline is January 21st. (aligns with: Access, Collaboration, Stewardship)

Human Resources

No new items.

Career & Technical Education - Pete Traxler, Exec. Dean

- Career Ed will be offering a HUMS 193 class in Peer Support this spring starting March 1st on Tuesdays via distance.
 - We are currently in committee search endeavors to find a Behavioral Health Assistant Professor fund through the UAA College of Health
 - The new Cyber security class in Industrial Control Systems starts Monday distance .
 - WE are collaborating with STEPS and Tlingit and Haida to hold another summer academy, dates TBD
 - TVEP proposals are due this Feb 4th for all new and one time requests, See Pete or Priscilla for a copy of the forms needed.
 - UNAC /UAA contract negotiations are ongoing, see your local representative for more info.
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Education - Maren Haavig

- As of January 3, 2022, I assumed the responsibilities of Interim Director of the School of Education. Recruitment is underway for a full-time Director.
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Enrollment Management & Student Affairs -

Lori Klein, Vice Chancellor

- Serving on the Provost Search Committee, the Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Committee, and the Master Plan Committee; preparing to co-chair the Strategic Enrollment Task Force and serve on the UAS Retention Group.
- Spring 2022 overall enrollment as of 1/14/22: -8% in headcount and -8% in student credits hours compared to same-time-last year
- Fall 2022 applications and admissions update: up 9% in applicants and 49% in admits compared to same-time-last-year.

Admissions & Recruiting & Advising

Admissions & Recruiting: Continuing to build an upgrade to our Enrollment Rx system to support admissions applications; lots of virtual events for our incoming Fall 2022 cohort; Recent and upcoming engagement with the following districts: Hydaburg, Hoonah, Juneau, Ketchikan, Sitka,

Homer; targeted UA Scholars recruitment underway; planning to attend the Statewide Academic Decathlon competition in February. (excellence, diversity, access, collaboration)

Advising: semester start up activities, assisting with Retention through Intervention, planning for National Student Exchange placement for next academic year. (excellence, diversity, access, collaboration)

Career Services: The Spring 2022 Job Fair will be held on February 15th from 11am-2 pm in the Mourant Building at the Lakeside Cafe. Contact Deb Rydman for more information.

UAS STEPS Grant (Supporting Transitions and Educational Promise Southeast Alaska)
Promise Neighborhoods Grant

- Approximately \$18,000 is awarded to 15 dual enrollment students for spring 2022 (diversity, access, excellence).
- Eight new freshmen were added to the Successful Scholars cohort for spring 2022 making the total 40 students. Successful Scholars are encouraged to enroll in Study Hall and eligible to receive tuition, housing, and transportation assistance through the STEPS program (excellence, access, diversity, stewardships).
- 2022 is the last year of the STEPS grant, although we may seek an extension.

Creative Agency

Marketing

- Concluded the digital campaign in Washington, Oregon, Southern California, and Colorado. (Collaboration, excellence)
- Refining and expanding Google ad listings (Collaboration, excellence)
- Initiating Admissions website redesign (Collaboration, excellence)
- Sharing student, staff, and faculty stories, including student worker developed content (Collaboration, excellence)
- Completed Northwest Coast Art trio of videos, working on distribution (Collaboration, excellence, diversity)
- Implementing marketing for School of Education (Collaboration, excellence)

Web Development

- Continued analysis and implementation of website accessibility (Collaboration, access, stewardship, diversity)
- Development of Ketchikan campus sites (Collaboration, excellence, access, stewardship)
- Sitka site is in production (Collaboration, excellence, access, stewardship)
- Updated Schedule Search site (access)
- Update website theme structure for site performance, ease of maintenance, SEO (Excellence)
- Egan Library site in production (Collaboration, excellence, access, diversity)
- In process: Equity and Title IX content/page update (Collaboration, access, diversity)
- Bring up pronouns for directory next WSC meeting (Collaboration, access, diversity)

- Planning Alumni Couples component (Collaboration)

Other

- Development of How to Pay for College animated video (Collaboration, excellence, diversity, sustainability, access)
- Community support: Committed to Team Juneau as sponsor for 2022 Traditional Games (Collaboration)
- Research into SEO performance and related issues (Collaboration, excellence, access)

Financial Aid

- Please welcome Savannah Carter to the Financial Aid Team. She is our new Financial Aid Technician. (Stewardship, Diversity, Excellence)
- Financial Aid disbursed aid for the spring semester (Access, Collaboration)
- UAS/UA Foundation Scholarship deadline is February 15th please remind your students, and we will be reaching out soon to volunteer to be a scholarship reader (Access, Excellence, stewardship)

Registrar's Office

- Annie Kessler accepted the Credentials Evaluator position within our office and started on 12/20/21. (excellence, stewardship)
- Marina Ogai's last day in the Registrar's Office was on 12/22/21. She is now the PITAAS Coordinator. (excellence, stewardship)
- We have our 2 front counter positions (Student Information Specialist) posted online and the initial review date was 1/14/22. (access, diversity)

Students / Campus Life - Jackie Wilson, Dean

Residence Life, Housing & Dining

- Food Services: Dining has made a number of changes to the menu for Spring 2022, including moving the Caprese Sandwich to a permanent option. New specials for Spring include a Philly Cheesesteak Sandwich and an all-day breakfast skillet (the "Sean Special"). As the semester continues look out for more fish options on Comfort Food Mondays and Fancy Fridays. (diversity)
- Guest Housing: There is a robust line-up of Conferences on the calendar for this summer, currently slated at more than \$250k in revenue. This will continue to fluctuate as COVID affects both groups and UAS's capacity. (collaboration, stewardship)
- Staffing: Kayla Sweitzer and Mindy Bain will be out of the office for 12 weeks beginning in February. Job duty coverage is being shared by various campus life staff members. (excellence, collaboration)
- Orientation: Approximately 20 students attended Spring Orientation. Attendance and the schedule were affected by canceled/delayed flights and inclement weather. (excellence)
- Housing: The Housing team is working to release Summer 2022 and 2022-23 Housing Applications. (stewardship)

- Occupancy: As of 1/20/22 there are 167 students living on campus (diversity, access, excellence)

Native & Rural Student Center

- Mark your calendars now for the 20th Anniversary of the Oratory Showcase (March 26th 10-2 p.m.) currently planned as a virtual event! (excellence, collaborative, diversity)
- We have 3 volunteer tutors: Alumni/continuing student Austin Tagaban, Dr. Sonia Ibarra, and Science Faculty JoMarie Alba lined up for offering tutoring services to students at the NRSC (access)
- We just hosted our first hybrid event of the semester- Time management session for our PITAAS Students, and Woch.Een, 4 faculty and staff, and 38 students received a planner, and participated with the event. For the 30 pitaas students (all received a planner in the mail) and will have access to the zoom recording we made from our event. (diversity)

Student Engagement & Leadership

The Weekly Spike:

- Please be on the lookout for our new & improved The Weekly Spike; a newsletter that goes out weekly on Mondays informing students of all things engagement and leadership at UAS. (excellence)
- Staff & faculty are more than welcome to submit items to the newsletter. More info will be released via email. (collaboration)
- [Signup to receive the newsletter](#) (make sure to check your junk as it may go to that folder the first time). (collaboration)

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Jammin Jambalaya Cook Along with Sierra | Friday, January 28 | 6 p.m. | Virtual (diversity)
- Whale Wednesday | Wednesday, February 2 (stewardship)
- WinterFest | Monday, Feb. 7 - Saturday, Feb. 12 (excellence)
- Spring Carnival | Friday, April 15 (collaboration)

ENGAGEMENT BY THE NUMBERS

- Since September of 2021, we've engaged nearly 400 students. This number reflects as a department (SEAL). (excellence)
- We've hosted 14 events. (excellence)
- High attended events included: Community Feast (105) and First Friday (40) (diversity, excellence)

WHALESONG

- First issue of semester is scheduled for February (collaboration)

Disability Services, Health Clinic & Counseling

Counseling Updates (access, diversity):

- Counseling will present during two different study halls this semester-at time management and at study styles. We will also continue to do a monthly counseling corner contribution to the Whalesong. (access)
- Carrie will be doing art therapy groups again this semester as well as a weekly mindfulness group practice, a time management workshop and drop in counseling. Times and start dates will be determined soon. (diversity)
- Care Team is available for Faculty and Staff [to submit a report](#) regarding a student they may have concerns about. (collaboration)

Disability Services (access, diversity):

- We are continuing to promote Read&Write (a text-to-speech software) access for students. Students can download Read&Write using their alaska.edu account. (access, diversity)
- Continuing to work closely with UAA and UAF on consistent policies. (collaborative)
- 34 students have requested accommodations so far this semester, with 12 being new students. We will be outreaching to students who have received accommodations in the past semester and anticipate this number to change. (access)

Health Clinic (access, diversity):

- The Health Clinic now has rapid Covid tests on hand for students who need them. (access, excellence)

Recreation Center

- Assoc. Director Dave Klein attended Ironman Arizona on Nov. 18-22. Planning is well underway for our Ironman event this coming August visit <https://www.traveljuneau.com/ironman/> (collaborative, stewardship)
- REC will play host to Juneau's Riverbend Elementary School to provide classroom and other space for students while the elementary school is undergoing repairs (collaborative)

Arts & Sciences - Carin Silkaitis, Dean

- I flew into Juneau just after the new year and enjoyed the heavy snowfall. I was looking forward to seeing many of you in person, but unfortunately, I came down with COVID-19 shortly after my arrival. I am disclosing that here to remind all of you to stay safe and remember to wear masks and keep your distance when in public settings. This variant is very contagious, so please stay vigilant. I also wanted to take this opportunity to thank you. So many members of this community reached out to me, ran errands for me, and made me feel very cared for while I was ill. It once again showed me why I chose to move to Juneau.

- I led a Spring Start-Up Training Session on Antiracism and Bystander Training called “Courageous Spaces” - Diversity, Access, Stewardship, Collaboration, Excellence
- Attended Provost Council Meetings - Collaboration, Excellence
- Attended Arts & Sciences Meetings - those consist of myself, Priscilla, Paul and Maren. We discuss any issues/topics related to A&S on the 3 campuses - Collaboration, Excellence, Stewardship
- Reviewed student URECA applications. Worked with Kelly Jenson and Lynne Hamilton to fund 15 student proposals - Collaboration, Excellence, Stewardship, Diversity, Access, Sustainability
- Attended Meeting about ANSEP Summer Program at UAS - Collaboration, Stewardship, Excellence
- Finished Annual Evaluations for Full-Time Faculty - Excellence, Stewardship, Diversity
- Led Dean’s Council Meeting - Collaboration, Stewardship
- Collaborated with Mallory Nash and Kolene James on our UAS Nights at Perseverance Theatre Company. UAS Faculty will be working with Mallory’s office to set up tickets for their students (and themselves!) - Collaboration, Excellence, Diversity, Access
- I sent a PDF to the faculty in A&S detailing the productions happening at Perseverance this spring. They will be doing *The Brothers Paranormal* and *Fun Home*. I personally CANNOT WAIT for *Fun Home*! I hope you are all getting excited about bringing students to the theatre - AND I hope at least one classroom will feature a guest artist from Perseverance. Please get in touch with the Dean’s Office if you would like to book a guest speaker this term. Collaboration, Excellence, Diversity, Access
- I attended a “Women in Leadership” conference for the American Conference of Academic Deans - Excellence, Stewardship, Collaboration
- I attended a workshop session with the Council of Colleges of Arts and Sciences on the relationship between Faculty and Admissions - Collaboration, Excellence
- I was notified today that my paper “The Need for Embodied Dramaturgy: The Laramie Project and Generation Z” will be published (pending minor revisions following blind review). More information to come! Once we submit our revised manuscript (due February 20), I’ll include the journal entry in a subsequent Chancellor’s Newsletter. But needless to say, I’m excited - this paper/subject matter was extremely important to me. Excellence, Collaboration, Diversity

Departmental News:

- New ENVS Endowment: (Excellence, Collaboration, Stewardship)
 - Hecla Greens Creek has decided to make a gift of \$300k to create the Hecla Greens Creek Environmental Science Endowment. The fund will provide support of UAS' Environmental Science program, including support for student experiential learning opportunities, field courses, paid summer internships, and faculty and undergraduate research.
- New/Accepted Papers: (Excellence, Collaboration, Sustainability)
 - Holt, A. D., A.M. Kellerman, W. Li, A. Stubbins, S. Wagner, A. McKenna, **J. Fellman, E. Hood**, & R.G.M. Spencer (2021). The Role of Photochemistry in Driving the Composition of Dissolved Organic Matter Found in Glacier Environments. *Journal of Geophysical Research – Biogeosciences*, 126: e2021JG006516. <https://doi.org/10.1029/2021JG006516>
 - Pitman, K.J., J.W. Moore, M. Huss, M.R. Sloat, D. Whited, T. Beechie, **E. Hood**, D.E. Schindler, A.M. Milner, R. Brenner, G.R. Pess, G.H. Reeves, and

V. Radic (2021) Glacier retreat creating new Pacific Salmon habitat in western North America, *Nature Communications*, 12:6816.

<https://doi.org/10.1038/s41467-021-26897-2>. (Also featured in KTOO article

<https://www.ktoo.org/2021/12/16/new-salmon-streams-from-retreating-glaciers-in-alaska/>)

- Rhodes-Reese M, Clay D, Cunningham C, Miller J, Reese C, Roman J, Warren J, **Pearson HC**. Examining the role of marine mammals and seabirds in Southeast Alaska's marine nutrient cycle. *Frontiers in Marine Science* 8:1-12. <https://doi.org/10.3389/fmars.2021.720277>. The lead author, Melissa Rhodes-Reese, was a former student at UAS/UAF.
- Konrad Meister had three accepted publications with UAS undergraduates as coauthors:
 - Rosemary Eufemio: Towards Understanding Bacterial Ice Nucleation. American Chemical Society
 - Ted Hooker: Ice Recrystallization Inhibition is Insufficient to Explain Cryopreservation Abilities of Antifreeze Proteins. American Chemical Society
 - Konrad Meister: Cryofouling avoidance in the Antarctic scallop *Adamussium colbecki*. Scheduled for publication in *Communications Biology* on the 21st January 2022
- Upcoming Publication: Emily Wall (Excellence, Collaboration)
 - *Breaking into Air: Birth Poems*. Boreal Books, Red Hen Press.
 - This is Emily's fourth book of poems (forthcoming, June 22).
 - Here is the link to the book on the press page:
 - <https://redhenpress.org/collections/spring-2022/products/breaking-into-air-by-emily-wall>
 - Cover Art by Elise Tomlinson
- Presentations: (Excellence, Collaboration, Sustainability)
 - Carolyn Bergstrom presented a talk at the Society of Integrative and Comparative Biology (<https://sicb.org/>) conference in Phoenix, AZ on January 5 2022, titled 'Variation in estuarine fish community structure along a glacial to non-glacial watershed gradient in Southeast Alaska'. She summarized a paper currently in review at the *Environmental Biology of Fishes*, submitted with co-authors Anne Beaudreau, Emily Whitney, Doug Duncan, and Nina Lundstrom, and it represents a six year study of estuarine fishes from seven estuaries around Lynn Canal.
- Scholarships: (Excellence, Collaboration, Sustainability)
 - Marine Biology major Matt Harl is funded by BLaST to study Auke Lake plankton.
 - Marine Biology major Louise Tymrak is funded by BLaST to study Auke Lake sockeye and pink salmon spawning.
 - We have financial need-based NSF scholarships available for incoming Native and rural students to pursue a 4-year science or math degree at UAS (Contact David Tallmon for details).
- Grants: (Excellence, Collaboration)

- Konrad Meister received a Blast equipment grant for \$37,000
 - URECA Award Recipients and Their Mentors: (Excellence, Collaboration, Sustainability, Diversity, Access, Stewardship)
 - Francesca Johnson (mentor Heidi Pearson)
 - Jessica Whitney (mentor Konrad Meister)
 - Muriel Reid (mentor Konrad Meister)
 - Emily Bowman (mentor Emily Wall)
 - Jack Imel (mentor Eran Hood)
 - Hannah Forshee (mentor Julie Schram)
 - Pres Chase (mentor Julie Schram)
 - CJ Harrell (mentor Jeremy Kane)
 - Mike Flunker (mentor Michael Navarro)
 - Ksm' lax sgan Ruth Hallows (mentor Kay Parker)
 - Taylor Ranney (mentor Jeremy Kane)
 - Kenedy Williams (mentor Julie Schram)
 - Amy Baxter (mentor Julie Schram)
 - Skaydu.û Jules (mentor Kaax_Tséen Herb Sheakley Jr.)
 - Kaachgoon Rochelle Smallwood (mentor Kooléik Roby Littlefield)
 - AY 22-23 Sabbaticals Approved: (Excellence, Collaboration)
 - Eran Hood
 - Jeremy Kane
 - Sonia Nagorski
 - Andrzej Piotrowski
 - David Tallmon
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Alaska Native Programs/PITAAS - Ronalda Cadiente Brown, Associate Vice Chancellor

- PITAAS has a new employee, Marina Ogai, who joins me from the Registrar's Office as Project Facilitator. Her role includes processing scholarships and assisting with budget processing. The onboarding is a great assistance in finalizing the Spring awards. PITAAS is supporting 22 education degree-seeking students (\$153,327) and 10 cultural tuition waivers (\$18,174).
- Routine monthly meetings continue with the Sealaska Heritage Institute (SHI) partners related to the three grants (Haa Yoox'atangi Deiyi, Indigneous Language Pathways; Our Box of Treasures, NW Coast Arts; PITAAS).
- Miscellaneous Committees:
- I met with the Chancellor's Advisory Committee on Alaska Native Education (CACANE) leads, Lance Twitchell and Kolene James regarding intersectionality with the Alaska Native Success Initiative (ANSI). Related to ANSI, I also attended a UA Foundation training held for ANSI leads.
- ANSI campus leads held a first meeting this past week to begin strategizing on target measures and recommendations on meetings going forward.
- Meetings with the Master Plan Advisory Committee (MPAC) took place and will continue with the contracted agency, DLR Group. I've assisted in connecting the ANSI lead, Pearl Brower with this work on the topic of visual representation.
- I will be joining the Strategic Enrollment Task Force and the Title IX committee.

- Meetings with the Honorary Doctorate and Meritorious Service Award Committee 2022 begin this week.
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Public Information Office - Keni Campbell

Radio

We currently have 1 spot per month on both KTOO and KINY that are regular -- KINY is the last Thursday of the month at 8:30 AM and KTOO moves around a little, generally on Wednesdays near mid or end of month. However, I can help you connect with the radio stations to be a guest on one of their programs at other times if you would like to promote something you are working on.

Recent UAS guests:

KTOO's A Juneau Afternoon program:

- [January 19, 2022: Meet UAS's new Dean of Arts and Sciences](#). Hear about Carin Silkaitis' background in theatre and UAS's new partnerships with Perseverance Theatre and Sealaska Heritage Institute.
- [November 19, 2021: Tidal Echoes](#) - Interview with Shalene Moller, Fall and Junior Editor of Tidal Echoes.

PRESS RELEASES

You can send ideas and materials for press releases through our internal form [here](#). You can submit full write-ups, photos, or even just some bullet points to get me started. Quotes and photos are always great things to enhance our releases and make them more likely to get picked up. Help us tell your story! All press releases from current times going back to 2007 are posted on the site uas.alaska.edu/about/press-releases/ The most recent press releases are:

- [UAS Celebrates Student Success](#) - Chancellor's and Dean's Lists – Fall 2021 Semester
- *Coeur Alaska Kensington Mine Donates \$300,000 to UAS Student Scholarships*
- *As glaciers retreat in Alaska and British Columbia, thousands of miles of new Pacific salmon habitat may open up by 2100*
- *Season finale of UAS Evening at Egan features presentation on Lingít Language Revitalization in a Musical Context, December 10*
- *UAS Evening at Egan features presentation on efforts to strengthen Northwest Coast Arts programming and degree tracks in higher education, December 3*

Evening at Egan

- Fall event only - but please send me any ideas you have for Fall 2022. Not sure what format will be yet - possibly a hybrid between in-person and virtual. Form can be found here for ideas for speakers: <https://forms.gle/LkV7paamvJBNrd8w9>
 - all of our past lectures can be found on our [UASoutheast Youtube channel](#).
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Development & Alumni Relations - Lynne Johnson, Director

Staff Transition:

- Development Officer & Annual Fund Manager Kathryn Portelli's last day with the Development Office & UAS was 14JAN. We want to thank Kathryn for all of her help over the course of the year - particularly with UA's Day of Giving held last Fall. A verbal offer has been made and accepted to Brittany Walkenford. Brittany comes to us with over 9 years of customer service & management experience from GCI. I hope you will join me in welcoming Brittany to our team when she assumes the position on 14FEB.

Major Gift news:

- \$300,000 from Coeur in support of their Coeur Alaska-Kensington Gold Mine Environmental Science Award. This generous scholarship (multiple \$3,000-\$5,000 awards) is available to Environmental Science, Environmental Resources and Marine Biology students. Please encourage students to apply for this and all UA Foundation scholarships by 15FEB22!
- \$300,000 from Hecla to create the Hecla Greens Creek Environmental Science endowment. This fund was created to help support faculty and undergraduate student research as well as experiential learning opportunities outside of the classroom.

Egan Library - Elise Tomlinson, Dean

Library

[Egan Library's website](#) has transitioned to a new design and the library team is in the process of listening to user feedback and making tweaks to improve access. A [video tour](#) of the new site layout is available on the homepage: We'd also appreciate you taking [a brief survey](#) to help us improve the site. Many thanks to Colin Osterhout, Jennifer Gross, and Alison Krein for their collaboration with library staff and faculty in making this important update possible. Excellence, access, and collaboration.

You can now find the new ebooks from the library's ARPA grants in the catalog and OneSearch! A list of the titles, for now, [can be found here](#), with lots of great titles across the disciplines, and a ton of fantastic mental health and wellness support titles for students. This project was made possible in part by the Institute of Museum and Library Services. Access and sustainability.

Writing Center

The Juneau Writing Center is continuing their undergraduate research journal *Summit: The UAS Writing Center's Collection of Exceptional Academic Works for 2021/2022*. Like last year, the purpose is to portray and honor the wide variety of academic essays and research papers that UAS undergraduate students have produced over the school year. This project continues to be in conjunction with the UAS Ernestine Hayes Award for Excellence in Essay Writing, the winner of which will be honored as the feature writer of the collection. At the end of the process, we will publish a digital copy (and hopefully physical copies!) of the journal, and the essay contest winner will receive a cash prize of \$250. The Writing Center will be accepting work for Summit

until February 11, 2022. Students are welcome to submit essays written in the spring and fall semesters of 2021 as well as the spring semester of 2022. Submission guidelines and instructions on how to submit are posted on our [website](#). Excellence and access.

Learning / Testing Center

In addition to math, the Learning Center now employs and/or hosts tutors from a variety of other subjects. See the schedule below and be sure to spread the word to your students.

Biology, A&P, Ecology	Monday 3:30 - 5:00
Chemistry	Mon 11:45 - 12:45, Thurs 9:30 - 3:30, Fri 9:30 - 12:30
Accounting	Sunday 2:00 - 6:00

CELT

The Center for Excellence in Learning and Teaching would like to invite UAS faculty and staff to join our new private Facebook group: [Connect with CELT](#). Participate in polls, receive relevant resources, read and discuss articles about pedagogy and higher education, and get reminders about upcoming events! New posts, links, and videos each week.

Have a topic you'd like to read more about? Let us know; we'll include it. Have a resource you think everyone should know about? Share it with the group. Help us build a community of educators and life-long learners pursuing excellence in learning and teaching. Excellence, access, and collaboration.

Ketchikan - Priscilla Schulte, Campus Director

Add items - Please identify your activities as related to the UAS Values of excellence, diversity, access, collaboration, sustainability, and stewardship.

- Spring classes with most of our Arts and Sciences classes offered by e-learning are underway..
- The Maritime Center has started off with classes needed by the Alaska Marine Highway.
- The Ketchikan Campus Library staff is doing library instruction for e-learning classes and making recorded presentations.
- The Ketchikan Campus is piloting a Citizen Science class taught by Charmaine Robinson and Jen Brown.
- Spring dual enrollment classes include a science class with Tribal Scholars, Diesel Engines Simplified, Medical Terminology, and Welding in Craig High School.

Sitka - Paul Kraft, Campus Director

- Spring semester off to a good start with strong enrollment in in person classes - CNA and welding classes.
- Katie Sill, academic advisor, did an excellent job promoting the Sitka Start program on the local KCAW radio station.
- Liz Zacher, art faculty and co-coordinator of Northwest Coast Art at UAS, did an equally awesome job in explaining the changes and growth in the Indigenous Studies program on KCAW.

- A partnership between Pacific High School, Mt. Edgecumbe High School and the Sitka campus will provide opportunities for students to receive dual credit for two NW Coast Art classes on the Sitka campus and taught by Mark Sixbey.
 - The Dive Semester is underway with 16 students from across the U.S. learning basic dive skills, underwater rescue procedures and underwater data collection techniques. This program was canceled last year due to the pandemic.
 - Led a strategic planning discussion with faculty from Natural Sciences, Whale Lab, Applied Fisheries and Art to discuss strategic changes to our facility that would support expected growth in Mariculture and NW Coast Art programs.
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Facilities - Nathan Leigh, Director

Everything you ever wanted to know about Facilities Services, and more, is in our latest edition of the Facilities Services newsletter, "The Level."
