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## From Human Resources

### Resignations

David Phillips resigned from the Provost office on April 11th, 2014.  
Julie Staveland resigned from Student Services on April 14th, 2014.

### Retiring

JoAnne Craig retiring from the Chancellor's office on April 30th, 2014.  
Linda Smith retiring from the Center of Teacher Education on April 30th, 2014.  
Mark Hildebrand retiring from Administrative Services on April 30th, 2014.  
Sara Hagen retiring from the Bookstore on April 30th, 2014.  
Barbara Hyde retiring from Administrative Services on April 30th, 2014.

### New Hires

Mansour Alzaharna has been hired as the new Dining Services Manager beginning April 7th, 2014.

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## Commencement 2014

The University of Alaska Southeast holds annual commencement ceremonies May 2-4, 2014.

The Juneau campus holds its 43<sup>rd</sup> annual commencement ceremony on Sunday, May 4 at 2 p.m. at the Charles Gamble Jr.-Donald Sperl Joint Use Facility, (UAS Rec Center). The Ketchikan ceremony is Saturday, May 3, 2014 at 3:00 P.M. at Ted Ferry Civic Center and the Sitka ceremony is Friday, May 2, 2014 at 7:00 P.M. in the Lecture Hall, Rm. 229. The public is invited to join the celebrations

In 2013, UAS conferred 625 awards to 557 students – more than any previous year. This year, UAS expects another record-breaking year. 685 (+23%) UAS students have already graduated or applied to graduate with 787 (+26%) occupational endorsements, certificates, degrees, or licensures.

### Graduates

- The youngest UAS graduate is 17; the oldest is 70. The average age of our graduates is 33; the majority are in the 30-39 age range (29.2%, n=200).
- 63.5% (n=435) of our graduates are women.
- Nearly 12% (n=79) of our graduates are Alaska Native/American Indian.
- Nearly 9 out of 10 graduates (89.2%, n=611) are from Alaska.

### Awards

- The Juneau Campus will confer about 80% (n=636) of the awards.
- Most of the awards are in the schools of Education (35%, n=272) and Management (23%, n=177).
- That corresponds with the majority of awards being master's degrees (25%, n=195) and graduate licensures (13%, n=104).
- The top ten programs are: Associate of Arts, OEC Law Enforcement, MAT in Secondary Education, BLA Interdisciplinary Studies, AAS Business Administration, Graduate licensure Elementary Education, BBA Accounting, MPA, and the MED and graduate licensure in Reading.

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## Yellow-cedar Project Underway

Yellow-cedar is a very valuable tree species along the north Pacific coast, but has suffered widespread climate-induced mortality in portions of Alaska and British Columbia. The reasons behind this decline, and its impacts on cedar distributions, have been a long-

term research interest of scientists at the Juneau Forestry Sciences Lab and elsewhere. Building on their work, we are just beginning a project to study the economic, logistic, and regulatory challenges and opportunities for yellow-cedar salvage logging in southeast Alaska. This supply-side project is a collaboration between UAS and the USFS Pacific Northwest Research Station, and the project will eventually expand to a demand-side evaluation of the yellow-cedar market, involving partners from the State of Alaska and private industry.

[Read Jason Fellman's Story at the ACRC website.](#)

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## Alaska House approves Native languages bill 38-0

A bill that would symbolically make 20 Alaska Native languages official in the state of Alaska unanimously passed the state House of Representatives on Wednesday April 16. House Bill 216 now goes to the Senate, where it was scheduled to be heard by the State Affairs Committee. Assistant Professor of Alaska Native Languages Xh'unei - Lance A. Twitchell and his students played a key role in the bill's support.



***Pictured happy supporters of House Bill 216 include UAS faculty Xh'unei - Lance A. Twitchell and students Charles McHenry, Miguel Rohrbacher, Will Geiger and Mallory Story.***

***Credit: KTOO News***

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## Tallmon and UAF grad student identify blue king crab genetic population

Jennifer Stoutamore, University of Alaska Fairbanks fisheries graduate student, and her advisor, University of Alaska Southeast biology faculty Dr. David Tallmon have identified a genetic population and mating structure for blue king crab in Alaska and Russian waters. The project was funded by Alaska Sea Grant. Stoutamore and Tallmon first worked with researchers at the Savannah River Ecology Lab to develop genetic markers specific to blue king crab. Using the markers, they compared the genetics of blue king crab for eight locations in Alaska (Southeast Alaska, Pribilof Islands, St. Matthew Island, Little Diomedede) and Russia (Chaunskaya Bay, western Bering Sea, and two sites in the Sea of Okhotsk). They found significant genetic differences among all locations, with Southeast Alaska particularly divergent from the others. Identifying genetically distinct populations is useful to fishery management and recovery efforts. For example, an understanding of the size and location of distinct populations is critical for identifying harvest units and assessing potential consequences of stock enhancement. Read the full story at [FISHupdate.com](http://FISHupdate.com).

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## Spring Carnival 2014

Help end the semester with food, games and prizes galore at the Spring Carnival! UAS Clubs and offices will have a variety of booths to send students off to a happy summer. Friday, April 25, Noon-6 p.m.

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## Last Art of Place of the Season

The Audible Art of Place series concludes on April 25 (a busy day on campus!) with Happy Time! Yukon Tlingit Sharon Shorty, sometimes known as Gramma Susie, shares humor, stories, and performance, ending the 2014 series ART OF PLACE. Come join the celebration from 10 am to noon in the Glacier View Room on the Juneau campus.

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## Tidal Echoes Launch

Tidal Echoes is a literary and art journal that showcases the art and writing of Southeast Alaskans, published by UAS. 2014 featured author Christy NaMee Eriksen and featured artist Rachael Juzeler will present and share some of their works along with some of the writers in this year's edition. Light refreshments will be served and copies of the journal will be available for purchase for \$5. Come see what this year's volume is all about at 7 PM in the Egan Lecture Hall.

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## Piotrowski and Students Publish Paper

A paper coauthored by mathematics faculty Andrzej Piotrowski and five of our undergraduate students has been accepted by the editorial board for publication in the journal *Involve*. The paper, *Non-real zero decreasing operators related to orthogonal polynomials*, by Andre Bunton, Nicole Jacobs, Samantha Jenkins, Charles McKenry Jr., Andrzej Piotrowski, and Louis Scott, was a result of the National Research Experience for Undergraduates Program held at UAS last summer.

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## Tallmon Attends Conference and Publishes Paper

Biology faculty David Tallmon participated in the National Marine Fisheries Service and U.S. Fish & Wildlife scientific review of Alaska marine mammal stocks in Anchorage, March 17-19.

David Tallmon, colleagues from NOAA, a former UAF PhD student, and a former UAS REU student just had a paper on Auke Creek juvenile salmon accepted by the Canadian *Journal of Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences*:

Kovach, K.P., J.E. Joyce, S. Vulstek, E. Barrientos, and D.A. Tallmon. 2014. "Variable effect of climate on juvenile ecology for two salmonids in an Alaskan lake." Accepted in *Canadian Journal of Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences*.

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## Hopson selected for Guitar Workshop

Adjunct music faculty Dan Hopson has been selected for Alex de Grassi's 2014 Summer Intensive Guitar Workshop, July 24-27, in Caspar, California. The 12 participants will receive instruction from de Grassi on performing, arranging and composing for fingerstyle guitar. De Grassi, known for his recordings with Windham Hill, will share his insights into the techniques and inspiration that have become an integral part of his unique style. In recent years Hopson has released two CDs of his own classical guitar work.

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## Hayes Essay

A review essay by English faculty Ernestine Hayes will appear in the Spring issue of *Yellow Medicine Review*, a Journal of Indigenous Literature, Art and Thought, titled "Dreams that Visit Real Life: A Reflection on Recent Work by LeAnne Howe and

Susan Power."

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## Pitesa Watercolors Exhibit



A collection of watercolor paintings, monoprints and drawings of Southeast Alaska landscapes by UAS senior Olivia Pitesa will be exhibited at the KTOO Stations building, 360 Egan Drive in Juneau on First Friday, May 2, 4:30-7:00 p.m. Pitesa will receive her BLA degree at the Juneau commencement ceremony Sunday, May 4. [Read Pitesa's artist statement.](#)

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## Social Science Faculty and Students at Applied Anthropology Meeting

UAS Social Sciences faculty presented at the 74<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Society for Applied Anthropology in Albuquerque, New Mexico in March. The session was Subsistence Issues in Alaska chaired by Daniel Monteith. Student presenters included UAS alum Forest Haven and Heather Haven Evoy, former UAS and current UAA student Yoko Kugo, and UAA student Hannah Johnson. UAS faculty presenters included Daniel Monteith, Priscilla Schulte, Glenn Wright, and Brian Vander Naald.

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## Space Grant Symposium

Student research talks will happen each afternoon (Thursday in the Glacier View Room, Friday in HB 110) and there will be a small reception and poster session from 5-7 on Thursday in the Glacier View Room. If you would like to learn more, contact Anita at [aaparrish@uas.alaska.edu](mailto:aaparrish@uas.alaska.edu) or Cathy Connor at [conecathy@gmail.com](mailto:conecathy@gmail.com).

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## Associated Press Report: Guns on Campus Bill Pulled

A bill that would allow people to carry concealed handguns on University of Alaska campuses has been pulled. The bill's sponsor, Sen. John Coghill, R-North Pole, asked the Senate Finance Committee during a Tuesday hearing to not take up the bill this year, the Fairbanks Daily News-Miner reported (<http://is.gd/AUQ0Xk>). This year's legislative session is scheduled to end Sunday. Senate Bill 176 had previous hearings in the Senate Judiciary Committee, which Coghill chairs. From those sessions, Coghill said the bill has practical and safety issues the Legislature couldn't answer.

[Read more from the Alaska Daily News website.](#)

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## I.T. Announcements

### Blackboard Upgrade

The UAS Blackboard system will undergo an upgrade from version 9.1 Service Pack 11 to Service Pack 13 on May 9-11 during which time, the system will be unavailable. More information regarding the update can be found by [visiting the Blackboard Upgrade page](#).

### Discontinuation of Real Streaming

UAS I.T. Services will discontinue support for streaming of Real media formats at the conclusion of the Spring-2014 semester. Faculty who wish to have their existing Real content converted to a supported format may contact Gloria Merry in UAS Media Services at 796-6374 for further assistance.

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## UAS Provost and Ketchikan Campus Director visit to the Vigor Industrial shipyard

UAS Provost Rick Caulfield recently joined Ketchikan Campus Director Dr. Priscilla Schulte on a visit to the Vigor Industrial shipyard in Seattle. They were accompanied by South Seattle Community College Workforce Dean Wendy Price and others from Seattle area community colleges. The purpose of the visit was to explore how UAS can expand education and training in Ketchikan that will meet Vigor's need to grow a skilled workforce at Ketchikan's Alaska Ship and Dry dock facility.

Vigor is already working with Portland Community College and with Seattle area colleges in developing and implementing a common curriculum for multi-skilled shipyard workers aligned with national standards. Ketchikan Campus faculty member Larry O'Loane also visited the Vigor facility recently, focusing on continued development of the UAS workforce credential for Maritime and Multi-skilled Workers. The program is an important step forward for UA in implementing the new Alaska Maritime Workforce Development Plan, recently developed through university and industry engagement.

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## Sitka students present ecological studies at State Science Fair

Last weekend, a combined group of students from Mt. Edgecumbe and Sitka High Schools traveled to Anchorage to present the results of their ecological research studies at the Alaska Science and Engineering Fair. Students from across Alaska, grades K-12, presented nearly 400 projects to a mixed panel that included teachers, university professors, researchers, industry scientists and even the US Navy.

All seven students from Sitka performed well and Sitka High student Misha Bekeris was awarded top honors. His project, "Changes in Nutrient Fluxes during Salmon Activity in Indian River", was chosen as the 'Best Project in the Environmental Sciences'. Bekeris was a finalist for the Grand Prize and was also selected to represent Alaska as an official observer at the upcoming Intel International Science and Engineering Fair in Los Angeles in May 2014.

Kitty LaBounty, Assistant Professor at the University of Alaska Southeast, teaches Research Methods to Mt. Edgecumbe students who participate in the science fair. Kitty stresses how the fair is an excellent learning experience for students, "The competition adds an element of excitement, but the real benefit of the fair is learning to communicate scientific research. In preparing the posters and their 'elevator' speeches the students learn a lot about their projects and about how to share information with both professional and lay audiences. Folks asked them great questions about their research encouraged them to think more deeply about the material".

While Mt. Edgecumbe students attend Research Methods classes at UAS with LaBounty to prepare their projects, Sitka High students participate in a different, but equally vigorous program. The Science Mentor Program pairs interested students with scientific professionals and is coordinated by Scott Harris, the Conservation Science Director at Sitka Conservation Society. Harris reflects on the success of both programs,

"The Mt. Edgecumbe and Sitka High programs are both innovative efforts to give students opportunities to work with professional scientists and land managers. Students get a glimpse into these types of careers and study issues that are really important to the stewardship of our environment". Harris was named the Most Outstanding Science Educator at the fair in Anchorage. LaBounty

was awarded this same honor several years earlier.

Bekeris' winning study of Indian River nutrient fluxes was made possible through the collaboration and support of Dr. Bernhard Peucker-Ehrenbrink of Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute. Woods Hole is an internationally recognized oceanographic institution located in Massachusetts. Peucker-Ehrenbrink became involved with Sitka's Science Mentor Program after serving as a Science in-Residence Fellow with the Sitka Sound Science Center in 2012. Dr. Peucker-Ehrenbrink coordinates a global rivers water quality study and was eager to work with Bekeris on his innovative study.

Jon Martin, local Assistant Professor at the University of Alaska Southeast, worked with Savvas Matiatos on his study, "Non-invasive Genetic Sex Identification Markers on Sitka Black-tailed Deer". According to Jon, "The work Savvas is doing may be used by biologists interested in studying the dynamics of deer populations on Kruzof, Baranof, and Chichagof islands; his contribution has a very practical application."

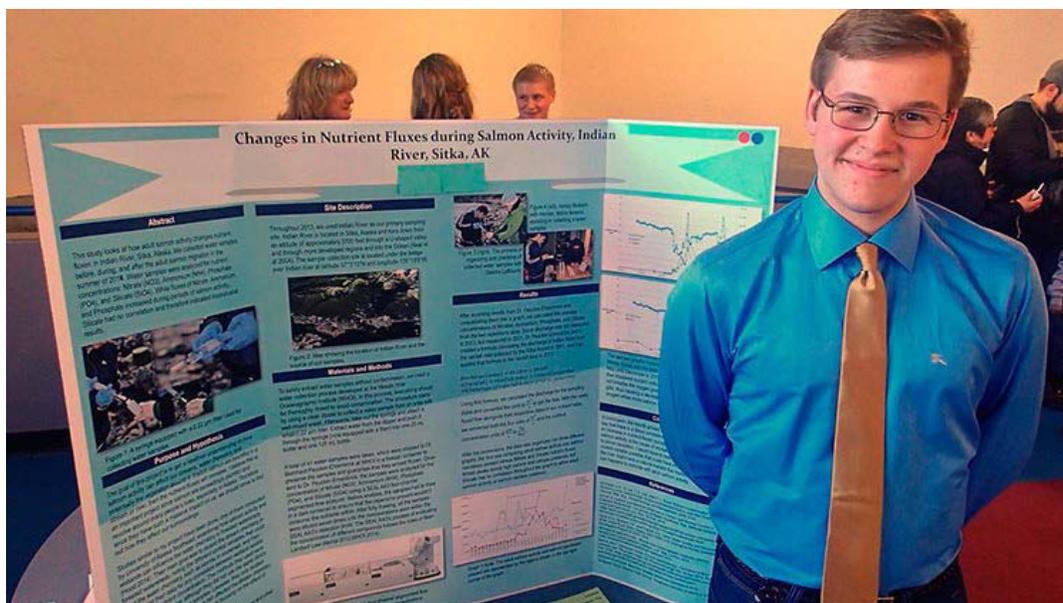
The other scientific studies presented by Sitka students include "Microsatellite Analysis of Golden Chanterelles" (Korbin Storms), "Forest Management and Soil Insects" (Jeffrey Moore), "Importance of Natural Cloning in Yellow Cedar Stands" (Shanelle Afcan), "Non-invasive Genetic Sex Identification Markers on Sitka Black-tailed Deer" (Savvas Matiatos ) and "How Clear Cutting Forests Affect Fungal Microbiota" (Anthony Lekanof and Terrell Jones).

These projects will be shared with the public, alongside dozens of other student science presentations, at the Third Annual Sitka Student Science Sharing Night, April 28, at the University of Alaska Southeast. This event is not a competition and rather, gives students the opportunity to continue practicing the presentation of their scientific studies. We encourage all interested community members to attend, support our local students, and learn more about creative science experiments and the ecology of our surrounding landscapes!

Funding for these programs and for student participation in the Science Fair is provided by University of Alaska Southeast, Sitka Conservation Society, Sitka Charitable Trust, National Forest Foundation, and the Secure Rural Schools Act.



**Group: Kitty LaBounty, Korbin Storms, Misha Bekeris, Jeffrey Moore, Anthony Lekanof, Shanelle Afcan, Terrell Jones, Savvas Matiatos, Scott Harris**



**Single: Misha Bekeris's study of 'Changes in Nutrient Fluxes during Salmon Activity' was awarded the 'best project in the environmental sciences' at the State science fair**

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## UAS Ketchikan URECA Symposium

Former UAS Ketchikan student and 2013 URECA student research award recipient Ghert Abbot, presented his research on "The Very Interesting Case of Jennie Lynch: Native Rights and Territorial Politics in Ketchikan, 1890-1940". Current UAS master's degree student Peter Stanton presented research on "Lost At.óow, Found Wages: The Tlingit and the Globalization of Pacific Fisheries, 1878-1896". Christopher Donar presented the results of Melissa Williams 2013 URECA student research award project, "Diatoms from the Lake Shelokum Hot Springs in S.E. Alaska". UAS Ketchikan faculty members Bill Urquhart and Teague Whalen gave presentations on their current research.



***Peter Stanton presenting his research titled "Lost At.óow, Found Wages: The Tlingit and the Globalization of Pacific Fisheries, 1878-1896", grew up in Ketchikan and studied history at Georgetown University, writing an undergraduate thesis on nineteenth-century Tlingit-American interactions. He's now earning a Master of Arts in Teaching from UAS, and works as a student teacher at Ketchikan High School teaching world history, U.S. history, and Alaska studies classes.***



***Professor John Radzilowski leads a discussion during the History and Humanities session of the UAS Ketchikan URECA symposium.***

