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College & Career Readiness Conference at REC Center

The event is UAS's annual high school counselor fly-in and sponsored by First National Bank. During the Conference, high school Counselors from around Southeast and Western Alaska, as well as UAS Academic advisors, will be participating in a series of sessions designed to help high school students prepare for college and careers after graduation.

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New Hires and Departures

September New Hires

Brittany Ivie, Student Services ([Bio](#))

Logan Rohweder, IT Services ([Bio](#))

September Departures

Emil "Rober" Mackey, Professional Education Center

Sue Oliva, Administrative Services

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UA Board of Regents review tuition, budget plans, approve UAS Associate of Science degree at September, 2013 Meeting

The University of Alaska has proposed a \$6 per credit tuition increase for undergraduate courses starting with the 2014-2015 academic year. The matter will come to the board for a vote on Nov. 6.

The UA's Board of Regents briefly reviewed the proposal at its regular meeting on the University of Alaska Southeast campus Thursday and Friday, September 26-27, 2013. The proposal, by UA President Pat Gamble, also includes a \$12 per credit increase for graduate programs. The non-resident surcharge for both graduate and undergraduate programs would increase by \$12 per credit.

An undergraduate student taking 15 credits a semester would pay an additional \$90 over the current charge, an additional \$180 per year, if the board endorses the increase at its next meeting Nov. 6 in Anchorage.

The board also agreed unanimously that a proposal by the University of Alaska Fairbanks' School of Management for a 25 percent differential tuition, which upper-level undergraduate and graduate students would pay over the course of two years, is a decision that should be made by UA President Pat Gamble as a surcharge, which is allowed under board policy. Gamble said he'd make a decision as soon as possible.

Five UAF management students spoke in favor of the surcharge at this week's meeting. Student Lyssa Kemper noted the school's accreditation, its success placing students in meaningful internships and solid reputation in assisting students with finding jobs post graduation. "In order for students to stay competitive in the job market, we need a school that is top of the line," Kemper said.

Gamble said he'd work on a policy, criteria and process for future tuition differential proposals that would come before the board.

Meanwhile, board members had their first look at a draft budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014. The budget request will change, as there are several unknowns, including the results of union contracts still under negotiation. Under the draft budget, the state appropriation would be roughly \$383 million. That number will change as tentative agreements are reached with collective bargaining units.

The proposed capital budget would be \$124 million in state appropriations, but doesn't include, at this stage, the \$245 million heat and power plant at UAF, a critical need. UAF is looking at different funding options to replace the aging plant.

The board will vote on the budget request Nov. 6. The request then will go to Gov. Sean Parnell for consideration and ultimately the Alaska State Legislature.

A number of action items were on the agenda. Approvals included:

- an Associate of Applied Science degree, physical therapy assistant, at the University of Alaska Anchorage;
- an Associate of Science degree at UAS;
- a \$10 million debt issue for UAF for partial funding of the engineering building, currently under construction;
- the UAA campus master plan;
- an amendment to the UAF campus master plan to allow a solar array installation and subsequent request-for-proposals process for the project;
- schematic design for the UAF animal quarters facility relocation;
- and a one-year agreement between UA and the 10-member Fairbanks Fire Fighters Union at UAF.

Board members also attended a reception at the UAS Technical Education Center, where they toured the facility, met members of the UAS chancellor's advisory committee and had the opportunity to test out an underground mine training simulator.

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Arts & Sciences News

Professor of Biology Sherry Tamone attended a meeting this summer of The Crustacean Society in San Jose, Costa Rica. She presented a talk "Changes in Ecdysteroids and Methyl Farnesoate Prior to the Terminal Molt in Chionoecetes crabs". The talk was co-authored by Eric Keller (UAS graduate) and Molly Fox-Zaleski (UAF).

Assistant Professor of English Ernestine Hayes will talk about her upcoming book, *Juneau: Images of America*, and her other writings on Thursday, October 10 at 5:30pm at the Juneau Downtown Public Library. This event is free and open to the public.

Associate Professor of Mathematics Andrzej Piotrowski, co-authored the paper, 'Multiplier sequences for generalized Laguerre bases,' was [published in the Rocky Mountain Journal of Mathematics](#).

Don't see your publication in Soundings?

Please send information on your recent and upcoming publications to Anita Parrish, Assistant to the Dean Arts and Sciences Department, Juneau campus, aaparrish@uas.alaska.edu.

Not only will your publications be included in future Arts and Sciences, UA Highlights and Soundings newsletters, but they will also be entered into a spreadsheet to help UAS compile this important information. Please be sure to note any student researchers as well. To the many faculty who are already doing this – Thank you!

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New \$2.5M Grant Targets fisheries Technology Jobs

The grant will foster the training and job preparation of a fisheries workforce in communities from Southeast Alaska to the Bering Sea. The award, which extends over four years, will allow students in coastal communities the opportunity to complete their coursework without leaving home. The grant advances the University's Fisheries/Seafood/Maritime Initiative (FSMI), which involves collaboration with university and industry partners throughout Alaska.

To meet the goals of the grant, UAS will work with community campuses not only in Southeast Alaska but in communities like Kodiak, Homer, Bristol Bay, and Bethel. Employing a combination of online coursework and regional fieldwork, labs and practicums, students will be able to earn occupational endorsements, certificates, and degrees in Fisheries Technology. According to Sitka Campus Director Jeff Johnston, "This grant will allow us to prepare students for employment in Alaska's fisheries, seafood, and maritime industries. Industry-based internships that will feature competency-based assessments that have been developed in partnerships with employers and industry partners will provide 'work-ready' applicants to fill existing and anticipated job openings with qualified Alaskans." Seafood Products Association's Vice President of Product Services, Bruce C. Odegaard, stated in his

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support for this grant that "building the skills and competencies of workers entering the Alaska seafood industry is essential to ensuring the competitiveness of the industry in the growing global economy."

According to UAS Provost Dr. Rick Caulfield, "this grant focuses on creating a skilled Alaskan workforce for fisheries, seafood, and maritime industries. While based at UAS, the program involves statewide partnerships with employers and with UAA and UAF. We appreciate this vote of support for our Fisheries Technology program from the US Department of Labor and our industry partners."

The grant was made through the Trade Adjustment Assistance Community College and Career Training (TAACCCT) grant program under the US Department of Labor's Employment and Training Administration.

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UAS and Juneau World Affairs Council (JWAC) Host Canada Forum, October 17-19, 2013

UAS will co-host the JWAC Canada Forum from October 17-19 on the Auke Lake Campus. The event begins Thursday evening with an overview of Alaska-Canada relations by Professor William Morrison, emeritus Professor of History from the University of Northern British Columbia. He will also give the Evening at Egan talk on Friday about the sinking of the vessel Princess Sophia on Vanderbilt Reef in 1918. Yukon College President Karen Barnes will participate, and speakers will make presentations all day Friday and Saturday on topics such as climate change, First Nations, fisheries, transportation, mining, and environmental protection. A full schedule and program will be available soon at <http://www.jwac.org>

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Pierce Awarded Space Grant

Environmental Science undergraduate Jamie Pierce has been selected as an Alaska Space Grant Fellowship for the 2013-2014 academic year. Jamie will continue working with Environmental Science faculty mentor Eran Hood on building a network of remote, real-time weather stations around the Juneau Icefield.

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Connor Quoted in International Media

The story is of an ancient forest thawed from under the melting Mendenhall Glacier and now exposed to the world for the first time in more than 1,000 years. Stumps and logs have been popping out from the glacier into Mendenhall Lake for nearly the past 50 years. Within the past year or so, researchers based at the UAS Juneau campus have noticed considerably more trees popping up. "There are a lot of them, and being in a growth position is exciting because we can see the outermost part of the tree and count back to see how old the tree was," said Connor. "Mostly, people find chunks of wood helter-skelter, but to see these intact upright is kind of cool." The team has tentatively identified the trees as either spruce or hemlock, based on the diameter of the trunks and because these are the types of trees growing in the region today, but the researchers still need to further assess the samples to verify the tree type.

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Xh'unei Winds Boochever Fellowship

The \$2,500 fellowships are awarded every other year to emerging artists in disciplines alternating between the visual arts and the performing and literary arts. Twitchell was named a Literary Arts Fellow. Twitchell writes a regular column on Alaska Native Languages for the *Juneau Empire*, and contributes periodic blog entries for the *Huffington Post*. Connie Boochever, who died in 1999, was a performer, director, producer of community theater, and a long-time supporter of the arts. She served on the first Alaska State Arts Council, and later founded Juneau's Community Theater and the Juneau Arts and Humanities Forum. Fellowships are funded through the Connie Boochever Endowment and the Alaska Arts and Culture Foundation.

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Update: Juneau Campus Construction Plans

The Contractor working on the Back Loop Roundabout project will be working nights (7pm-4am) on October 7, 8, 9. They will then be paving from Caroline St. to the UAS entrance on October 15-17, provided they have decent weather. Be prepared for traffic delays while they are paving. The roundabout will not be completed this year, but will remain a "T" intersection. See the news article on KTOO for additional information.

<http://www.ktoo.org/2013/09/28/work-delayed-on-auke-bay-roundabout>

I have started a blog for those interested in the progress of construction projects on campus. I have about a dozen posts on the project, from the rock excavation in July to the utilities installed last week. Check out what the Contractor dug up at the site under the August 8, 2013 update. This blog can be found on the [UAS facilities website under Planning and Construction](#). You can sign up for e-mail notifications or an RSS feed.

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Public Information Officer Course/PIO G290 UAS REC Center Oct. 23-24, 2013

The City and Borough of Juneau is offering a FREE course for those who might deal with internal and external communications during an emergency at the University of Alaska Southeast, Student Recreation Center in Juneau, on Wednesday October 23rd and Thursday October 24th from 8am-4:30 p.m.

Course Description

Public Information Officers (PIOs) are responsible for ensuring that affected populations receive accurate and timely information during an emergency. This two-day course is designed to prepare participants to function as full-or part-time PIOs. Additionally, this training is a prerequisite and foundation for more advanced FEMA training that takes participants from the awareness level to the mastery level in their public information careers. This training will equip participants with the basic skills needed to be full or part-time PIOs such as oral and written communications, and understanding and working with the media, and basic tools and techniques needed to perform effectively.

At the end of this course, participants will be able to:

- Demonstrate how to communicate emergency public information effectively in writing to the public through the news media.
- Describe actions the PIO can take to prepare for and conduct an effective interview with the news media.
- Demonstrate the ability to answer questions effectively during an on-camera interview.
- Describe how to effectively perform the responsibilities of the PIO at the scene of an incident.
- Describe the JIS/JIC concepts as they apply to the public information function in an expanding incident.
- Participate in a panel discussion with members of the news media.

This course is intended for individuals who have public information responsibilities as their main job or as an auxiliary function at the State, Tribal, and local level of government or with affiliated volunteer organizations and private partners active in disaster. A secondary includes individuals who would benefit from a general understanding of the emergency public information function, including elected and other officials with responsibilities that would necessitate their working with PIOs or the news media during an emergency incident.

Tuition

None. Space is limited. Individuals who have emergency public information responsibilities as their main job or as an auxiliary function will be given priority.

To Register Please Contact: Tom Mattice, Juneau Emergency Programs (907) 586-0419 or email to: Tom_Mattice@ci.juneau.ak.us

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Hay-Jahans Presentation

Math faculty Christopher Hay-Jahans travels to Arlington, Virginia to present a talk entitled, *A Project-based Mathematical Modeling Course*, at the Sixth International Symposium on Biomathematics and Ecology: Education and Research at Marymount University October 11-13.

