



# Soundings

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## UAS Commencement 2001

Sitka, May 4: Author Richard Nelson is the speaker at the 7 p.m. ceremony. There are 24 Sitka campus graduates plus four Juneau bachelor degree graduates.

Ketchikan, May 5: UA President Mark Hamilton is the speaker at the ceremony beginning at 6 p.m. at the Ted Ferry Civic Center. In addition to the certificate and degree students, over 30 other students will be recognized for their achievements in vocational and technical programs.

Juneau, May 6: Former Alaska Senator Arliss Sturgulewski is the speaker at the 2 p.m. ceremony at Centennial Hall. An honorary Doctor of Humanities degree will be presented to Nora Dauenhauer. Student speakers are Tia Anderson and Ernestine Hayes. More than 230 students have earned degrees in the past academic year.



The following Kenai students received BBA degrees from the Juneau campus through distance delivery: Rhonda Baisden, Peggy Dye, Cynthia Gattenby, Tasha Grassl and Marie Payfer.

## Distance BBA

Juneau faculty are traveling to graduations at the extended campuses where the BBA was distance delivered: Kenai, Kodiak, Homer, Sitka, Fort Wainwright and Eielson Air Force Base. Two students in the AAS in Business Administration are graduating from the northern military campuses. Peggy Dye, on the Kenai campus, was awarded one of two Ellis awards given this year to outstanding business students.

## MPA virtual commencement

A live-TV commencement for seven Master of Public Administration graduates will be held at 6 p.m., May 7 in the Media Services classroom. Commissioner of Administration Jim Duncan will speak. Students will watch the ceremony from the communities where they took their classes: Juneau, Kodiak, Anchorage, Fairbanks, Whitehorse and Pensacola, FL.

## Native grads honored

Wooch Een is hosting a reception for 20 Native Alaskans receiving certificates and degrees at 5 p.m., in Egan Library on May 4. The degrees include Master of Arts in Teaching, bachelor, AAS and certificates. The reception is also to honor Bruce Gifford and Nora Dauenhauer. Speakers include Ed Thomas, President Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska and Provost Robbie Stell.



*Coffman Cove residents Elaine Price, Bridget Wright, Lynn Bateman, Vickie Yockey used distance classes for their own job training.*

## Distance success

A group of nine women on Prince of Wales, faced with loss of jobs because of mill closures, developed their own medical transcription training program. They received grant funding for workspace, computers and a reference library and then enrolled in UAS classes by distance delivery, mostly from Sitka. They studied anatomy and physiology, medical terminology, medical transcription and computer classes. Several also attended a medical transcription conference in Seattle and confirmed they could work for distant employers from Prince of Wales. When they finish finals this week they will have completed their studies and will be ready to start their business.

## Housing demand up

"We have broken all records," Housing Director Tish Griffin says of retention and applications for fall semester housing. Only 40 spaces remain for fall semester, and summer housing has been full for two weeks with a large wait-list. Griffin said, "We will be actively pursuing housing for students off-campus." Call 465-6335 with housing suggestions.



*Paul Kraft*

## Kraft hired

Paul Kraft will be the new Dean of Students and Enrollment Management replacing Bruce Gifford. "Paul has a wonderful blend of education, experience, enthusiasm and personality," Chancellor John Pugh said. Kraft is working on his PhD at Montana State University in Bozeman. He begins in July.



*Professor Emeritus*

## Art Petersen, Professor Emeritus

Art Petersen, Juneau English retired, has been named Professor Emeritus. The humanities faculty and Faculty Evaluation Committee unanimously supported the designation that was approved by Chancellor John Pugh. "No faculty member has worked harder to support UAS," faculty said. Petersen was cited for numerous successful projects including portfolio and writing assessment, Explorations, teaching excellence, advising, committee service, governance, BLA degree program and more.

## Classroom update

The contractor has tentatively set May 9 as the last day to use the main Egan Library entrance. The handicapped access door on the ground floor will then become the library entrance. The pedestrian path from the parking lot to the library will be closed next week. Other work will include demolition of the main entry and trenching to install sewer and storm-drain lines.

## Juneau campus

**Wilderness First Responder:** This emergency care course for outdoor professionals runs May 10 -19.

**Egan Library:** Licensing agreements for current database subscriptions require that usernames and passwords be restricted to UAS students, faculty and staff.

**Food:** Global Connections holds a "I Can't Believe It's Food" celebration to ensure no international students leave without tasting food extremes, 2:30 p.m., Mourant Lounge, May 4.

**Kayaks:** The statewide office of Risk Management approved funding for more safety equipment for SAC kayak rentals. Renters are also required to attend an ocean kayak safety seminar.

**Visitor:** Anyone interested in hosting a potential UAS student from Russia for the summer contact Oksana Kadachigova at 321-4066 or e-mail: oksana101@hotmail.com.

**Flukes:** UAS softball team is now playing.

## Student recognitions

UAS students honored Outstanding faculty, staff, and students at the year-end BBQ. Nominations were reviewed by a student government committee who selected the winners: Brian Blitz, Outstanding Faculty; Roxy Felkl, Outstanding Staff; and Sarah Martin, Outstanding Student.

## UAS Klondike team seeks runners

UAS will be sponsoring a 10-person corporate team to run the Klondike Relay this September 7. It starts in Skagway and ends in Whitehorse. To join the UAS team contact Lynne Johnson 465-6416 or lynne.johnson@uas.alaska.edu or Amy Carroll 465-8759 or amy.carroll@uas.alaska.edu For more information on this event, <http://www.sportyukon.com/>

## Faculty honored

Two Juneau faculty members received the 2001 Vocation Service Award from the Downtown Rotary Club. Chuck Craig was cited for being an "extraordinary teacher" and ensuring that Juneau's students are exposed to diesel mechanics as a career. Rosita Worl was cited for "making a significant difference in the lives of countless Native women and youth."

## Ketchikan campus

The all-campus picnic is at Ward Lake, 2 p.m., May 6. Students have elected Kathy Rado president and Richard Morgan vice president. Phi Theta Kappa created over 60 Easter baskets for children at Women In Safe Homes. The campus is sponsoring the Ketchikan Information Technology Enthusiasts for anyone interested in computers. A kick-off Computer Fest was held April 21. Visit K.I.T.E at [www.kitealaska.org](http://www.kitealaska.org).

## Faculty/staff/students:

**Marnie Chapman**, Sitka biology, was one of three statewide winners in the first President's Outstanding Distance Educator award and will share a \$5,000 prize.

**Dan Monteith**, Juneau anthropology, completes his year as faculty-in-residence at Banfield Hall.

**Beth Mathews**, Juneau biology, presented her research on harbor seals and Steller sea lions as part of Glacier Bay National Park Service's interpreters training on May 3.

**Mike Dunning**, Ketchikan history, serves as a historical consultant for the Valdez Museum in May, represents the Alaska Humanities Forum at UC-Davis in June, presents a paper in Vancouver, BC in August and has an article on tourism in the fall 2000 Alaska History magazine.

**Brian Blitz**, Juneau math, attended the Pacific Northwest Mathematical Association of America section meeting and was selected as a 2001 Pacific Northwest Project NEXt Fellow to help improve the teaching of undergraduate mathematics.

**Sherry Tamone**, Juneau biology, presented a seminar to the Alaska Department of Fish and Game May 1 on the Role of Hormones in Regulating Growth in Dungeness Crab.

**Priscilla Schulte**, Ketchikan anthropology, and **Dan Monteith**, Juneau anthropology, presented papers on CCC Carving Projects in SE at the 54<sup>th</sup> NW Anthropological Conference in Idaho March 30.

**Todd Turek**, Juneau art, has works exhibited at "Feats of Clay 13" in Lincoln, CA, "Origins in Clay II" at the University of Texas at San Antonio, and "Earth & Fire" at the Lancaster Art Museum. He is also teaching a month-long workshop at New Mexico Highlands in July.

**Jan Parmelee**, Juneau education, presented "Comparing the Challenges of Implementing a New Math Curriculum in the U.S. and South Africa" at the Beta Gamma State Convention, in Juneau, April 28.

**Elizabeth Hoffman**, Juneau administrative services, is receiving her MBA.

**Tia Anderson**, Juneau student president, has accepted a paid internship in Washington, D.C. with the Friends Committee on National Legislation.

**Venietia Santana**, Juneau graduating senior, has accepted a position as employment security specialist with the Department of Labor.

## JUNEAU CALENDAR

### Friday, May 4

- Global Connections, "American Food" party, 2:30 p.m., Mourant Lounge
- Wooch Een reception for graduating Native students and others, 5 p.m. Egan

### Sunday, May 6

- Commencement, 2 p.m. Centennial Hall

### Monday, May 7

- MPA distance commencement, 6 p.m. Media Services classroom, Egan Library
- Maynard Miller, Juneau Icefield, 6 p.m. Dimond Courthouse
- Between the Lines literary series, 7 p.m., Back Room

## Whale radio in Sitka

More than \$7000 was received this month to support Sitka's Whale Park radio listening station. Jan Straley, Sitka biology, and the Sitka parks coordinator are trying to raise \$15,000 for a low power FM station. The listening stations will include a hydrophone on the sea floor and linked to a transmitter at the Whale Park listening station. "The station will be a valuable tool for educators and researchers investigating the sounds and habits of sea creatures," Straley said. The station will also be used to help track killer whales in Sitka Sound to investigate predation upon Steller sea lions. They hope to begin broadcasting this summer.

## New hires

**Joe Stubbins**, administrative assistant, Student Resource Center.

**Linda Woods**, administrative clerk, Records and Registration.

**Kolene Dunne**, recording clerk, Records and Registration.

**Chris LaVallee**, grants/contracts accountant, Business Office.

**James Vernon**, custodian, Facilities Services.

**Heather Jones**, cook, Food Service.

**Barbara Deatherage**, trade and technical training coordinator, Ketchikan.

**Nicole Davidson**, promotion to records technician, Records and Registration.

## April anniversaries

Paul Empson, 7 years; Jeanny Wharton, 7 years; John Coleman, 5 years; David Conway, 5 years; Nancy Gifford, 2 years; Tom McKenna, 2 years; Adelina Guerrero, 1 year.

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