

soundings

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Global Cuisine Comes to UAS

by Penny Cotton, NMS Services

What do President Jimmy Carter, President Bill Clinton, Clint Eastwood, Joe Montana and UAS Students all have in common? All have enjoyed the culinary talents of Carol Young.

Young is the new General Manager for UAS Campus Dining operated by Nana Management Services. Before coming to UAS in January, Young honed her culinary skills in a variety of locations. Starting in the restaurant business as a short-order cook at the age of 15, Young began her formal training at the Culinary Institute in Washington D.C. which included an apprenticeship in Switzerland. She then went on to share her talents at a variety of locations including her own restaurant, the Pebble Beach Lodge and Monterrey Bay area eateries where she served celebrities including Joe Montana and Clint Eastwood. Additional stops along the way included Air Force bases in Yakota, Japan and Belleville, IL. As the Executive Chef for both the NATO headquarters and the Officers' Club at Ramstein Air Force Base in Germany, Young catered special events for both Presidents Carter and Clinton.

Young's extraordinary talent has been acknowledged with the highest recognition a chef can receive; membership in the

American Academy of Chefs of the American Culinary Federation. At the time she was nominated, Young was only one of 13 women among the 800 members to have attained this honor. Membership is

by invitation only and requires a minimum of 15 years culinary experience, in which 5 must have been as an executive chef.

"A quality campus dining program is a key factor for recruitment and retention of students at UAS," said Tish Satre Griffin, Director Student Services. "In her short time here, Carol has raised the bar in all areas of the program. I am thrilled to have someone of her caliber here and I know she and her team will continue to deliver the exceptional dining services our students, faculty and staff at UAS expect and deserve."

Young sees one of her most important roles as being a mentor to other women-giving them the confidence they need

to live out their potential. In addition, she gives back to the community by teaching cooking classes to home schooled children and tourists.

"I'm delighted to be a member of the UAS campus community," said Young. "I look forward to sharing my cooking experiences from around the world with the students, faculty and staff here at UAS."



New Campus Dining General Manager Carol Young Brings World Experiences to Juneau

Submissions

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July 4 is right around the corner!

The Juneau-Douglas 4th of July committee theme for 2009 is "8 Stars of Gold." This year's UAS delegation will be led by the Chancellor as the North Star. He will be riding his new scooter that he won at the Alumni and Friends Golf Tournament in Gustavus. Student services workers Rekann and Rick are sewing star costumes for marchers to wear, representing the eight stars of UAS:

Humanities, Social Sciences, Natural Sciences, Management, Education, Career Education, Exchange and Study Abroad and Student Services. Marchers will hand out candy, UAS mini-pennants and cards inviting spectators to come on out and meet the totem pole carvers.

All UAS community members of all ages are invited to join the parade effort. If you'd like to help with preparations, march in the parade or both, please contact Katie Bausler at the UAS PR and Media Relations office: 796-6530.



Woosh,ji.een Dancers led by Lyle James at Community Day on Campus, May 23, 2009. Photo by Katie Bausler

Faculty Featured on UAS Website

The newest addition to the UAS website is Why UAS Faculty. Check it out on the lower left hand column on the homepage. It's a composition book theme with alternating faces of UAS faculty. One click takes you to a selection of faculty answering the question, Why UAS? Thanks to Sanjay Pyre, David Tallmon, Jo Devine, Jane Terzis, Emily Wall, Virgil Fredenberg, Chip McMillan and Alex Simon. If you would like to be a featured Why UAS faculty, please contact the PR and Media Relations office.

Summer Happenings at the REC

Here are some upcoming events at the Rec Center:

Thursday Evening Paddles on Auke Lake and around Juneau every Thursday at 5:30pm

Chris Carter, Mentalist, June 27th at the Rec Center, 8pm

Noontime Wellness, MWF 12:10 - 1:00pm

Staff & Faculty Anniversaries

March Anniversaries

Linda Blefgen, 6 years; Michael Ciri, 23 years; Levie Cumlat, 4 years; Ivan Hazelton, 16 years; Andy Holt, 8 years; Lavina Jack, 4 years; Robert Love, 3 years; Randall Nutting, 12 years; Marsha Squires, 6 years; Betty Thornhill, 1 year.

April Anniversaries

Carol Comolli, 2 years; Lope Elizarde, 4 years; Paul Empson, 15 years; Wendy Gierard 2 years; Adelina Guerrero, 9 years; Valiantsina Jimmerson, 4 years; Shayla Lewis, 2 years; Maureen O'Hallaran, 5 years; Jeanny Wharton, 15 years.

May Anniversaries

Lily Albecker, 4 years; Susan Andrews, 1 year; Lana Clark, 4 years; Janice Davis, 8 years; Keith Gerken, 9 years; Caroline Hassler, 2 years; Shea Mack, 2 years; Bobbi McCoy, 8 years; Candy Murdoch, 27 years; Gwenna Richardson, 9 years; Earnest Schaefer, 1 year; Cheryl Stromme, 3 years; Kate Sullivan, 6 years; Alice Taff, 2 years; Jolene Troupe, 1 year; Forest Wagner, 3 years; Jennifer Ward, 7 years; Patricia Yearty, 3 years.

June Anniversaries

Kristi Allen, 8 years; Sara Caldwell, 7 years; Alison Caputo, 5 years; Jeri Cary, 13 years; Jan Crichton-Anderson, 31 years; Gina Gonzales, 4 years; Julia Guthrie, 16 years; Heather Hadley, 4 years; Michael Hekkers, 1 year; Kolene James, 5 years; Celeste Kanzig, 4 years; Cathy LeCompte, 9 years; Christine Martin, 3 years; Lori Merritt, 3 years; John Pugh, 22 years; Mischelle Pennoyer, 2 years; Sanjay Pyre, 4 years; Glenda Rice, 4 years; Michael Rogers, 1 year; Peter Sommers, 3 years; Sylvia Votion, 1 year; Chris Washko, 5 years.

Employee Assistance Program

Don't forget the Employee Assistance Program is only a phone call away, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. For counseling services for employees and their families call the ComPsych GuidanceResources Program at (866) 465-8934 or go online at guidanceresources.com. The University of Alaska ID is GC5901Q. You and your eligible dependents can receive up to six visits to a counselor per incident or issue free of charge plus ComPsych offers a variety of other services (including legal and financial) as well.

New Hires

Jim Isturis – facilities scheduler, in the Registrar’s Office.
Michael Plivelich – research assistant, Natural Sciences
Deborah Muller – bookstore clerk.

John Radzilowski Presents Paper in Poland

John Radzilowski, Assistant Professor of History, Ketchikan, delivered a paper on the historiography of ethnic conflict in northeastern Poland during World War II at the conference “Polish and Jewish Resistance Movements under the German Occupation, 1939-1945,” held in Warsaw, Poland, in March, 2009. The conference was sponsored by the Institute for National Memory, an agency of the Polish government that conducts research, education, and investigates crimes committed during the Nazi and communist occupations of Poland.

Cathy Connor in Nebraska

ENVS Program Geology Professor Cathy Connor spent June 1-9 at the University Nebraska Lincoln working as an AP reader evaluating Advanced Placement exams in Environmental Science taken by 72,000 U. S. class of 2009 high school seniors.

Connor also visited the Nebraska state museum on campus where she found the fossil elephants, rhinos, horses, and camels “very impressive.” Nebraska was the Serengeti of the Oligocene (32-28 million years ago).

Discover, Design, Research

What does Glacier Bay teach us about warming climate and the landscape and habitat changes that result? What does the work of a marine or fisheries biologist involve? Students entering grades 10-12 have the chance to find out by doing college level field research for college credit this summer through a partnership between the University of Alaska Southeast and Springboard, a program of the Juneau Economic Development Council, and funded by the Department of Defense.

UAS is proud to be offering its first year of DDR summer science, June 20-July 2. The 2009 program offers two exciting field opportunities in Marine and Environmental Science: one in Glacier Bay National Park and the other at the NOAA research facility at Little Port Walter on Baranof Island. Both opportunities will highlight the wonders of Southeast Alaska and the academic and staff resources of the University system, NOAA, and other local assets.

Students will spend twelve days immersed in science. Five days will be spent on the university campus, with students sleeping at Chapel by the Lake,. Days on campus

will be spent honing research skills, gaining an overview of wilderness safety and science content specific to each of the field experiences. Evening activities will be organized by the camp Residential Assistants. Campers will also spend seven days in the field, either in Glacier Bay or Little Port Walter, to get a true feel for what it means to do field work.

Instructors are Beth Mathews, UAS; Ron Heintz, Fisheries Biologist, NOAA Auke Bay Laboratory; Cathy Connor, UAS; Clay Good, retired JDHS oceanography/biology teacher; Riley Woodford, ADFG; and Park Service staff.

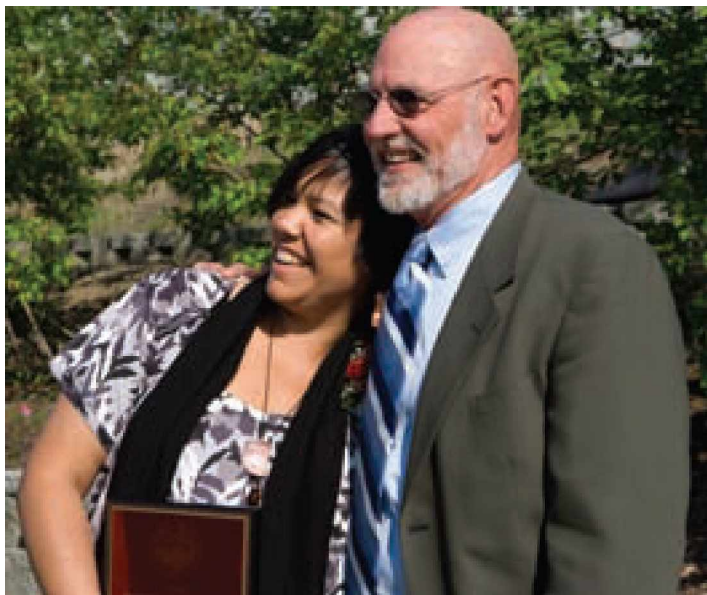
EPSCoR Awards and Grants

Assistant Professor of Biology David Tallmon has received \$30,000 in EPSCoR (Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research) funding to examine the behavioral and evolutionary means by which the coastrange sculpin, a good colonizer of recent deglaciated streams, is able to quickly colonize and adjust to newly created freshwater habitat. “One of the striking things about this sculpin is that it can quickly adjust its color to match the substrate of its stream,” said Tallmon. “We are examining the genetic structure of our focal organism, including the range-wide genetic relationships among different populations of coastrange sculpins and looking at candidate genes which may underlie their ability to quickly adjust their color to match the substrate they find themselves on. We think this is a good model organism to examine how species might adjust to rapid climate change and create new habitats.” The research is being conducted in Glacier Bay National Park.

Marine Biology major Kari Dammerman is the recipient of an \$8000 undergraduate EPSCoR grant to study genetic diversity and gene flow within coastrange sculpin in the park. Dammerman recently won a \$1000 prize and award for the best undergraduate poster at an EPSCoR all-hands meeting in Anchorage.



“Glaciers of Southeast Alaska” photographer Toby Harbanuk and writer Sandy Harbanuk at the First Friday at the UAS Bookstore by the Bay, June 5, 2009



Kolene James and President Mark Hamilton

Staff Make Students Count Winners

Congratulations to Kolene James, Native and Rural Student Center Coordinator. Kolene is one of four winners of the 2009 University of Alaska Staff Make Students Count Award. University of Alaska President Mark Hamilton presented the awards during the June 4th Board of Regents meeting in Fairbanks. This year's award winners received a plaque, \$1,000 and two airline vouchers. Kolene was most notably recognized for her caring and supportive ways with students. She is involved with numerous campus and community groups including:

- Cultural Infusion Action Committee
- Native Olympics
- Native Oratory Competition
- Native Graduation
- Celebration k'
- Wooncheen Club Advisor
- Gay Straight Alliance Club Advisor

The other UAS nominees were:

- Sandra Burgess - Advising Assistant - Sitka
- Keni Campbell - Alumni Manager - Juneau
- Chris Hoyt - Student Services Coordinator - Ketchikan
- Kent Kay - Program Assistant - Juneau
- Kim Schulte - Instructional Tech - Ketchikan
- Linda Smith - Administrative Assistant - Juneau

Congratulations to all the UAS nominees! University of Alaska President Mark Hamilton established this award several years ago to recognize and promote the extraordinary efforts of staff to better the life of UA students.

UA President Mark Hamilton to Retire

University of Alaska President Mark Hamilton has announced that he'll retire from his position leading the 16-campus system.

A specific departure date isn't set yet, but Hamilton made his intentions known so the Board of Regents, the system's governing body, can begin the selection process for a new president.

"Quite simply, I want to spend more time with my family and my lovely wife Patty, who has had to share me with either the U.S. Army or the university system for over 40 years. I want to have time to enjoy our four children and their families, including my ninth grandchild due this fall," said Hamilton. "And I want to spend more time in this Alaska that I love so much. Maybe I'll get in some extra fishing time or an extended moose hunt."

Hamilton made the announcement at the close of the June 4-5, 2009 board meeting in Fairbanks. Board chair Cynthia Henry said finding a replacement for the articulate and outspoken advocate for the UA system will be challenging.

"What a magnificent run this has been, with President Hamilton leading this university for these past 11 years," Henry said. "He was hired at a time of rather low morale due to crumbling facilities and chronic underfunding. He was able to communicate with the public, elected officials and numerous other constituencies just how important the University of Alaska is for a strong state economy, especially the need to 'grow our own' for good jobs and careers right here in Alaska."

Henry said it's too early to know exactly how the search process will play out, but that she intends to keep the public and key stakeholders informed along the way. Hamilton, 64, has been at the helm of the system since August 1998.

UAS Faculty Featured in National Publications

Academe, the major publication of the AAUP (American Assoc. of University Professors, the union to which many UAS faculty belong), recently published an article by Education Technology Professor Jason Ohler about using blogging in the MAT program. It can be viewed online at: www.aaup.org/AAUP/pubsres/academe/2009/MJ/Feat/ohle.htm

"Eventually, as the land rises and the channel silts up, Douglas Island will be linked to the mainland by dry land," said Eran Hood, a hydrologist at the University of Alaska Southeast and an author of the 2007 report, "Climate Change: Predicted Impacts on Juneau." Hood offers more

insights on glacial static rebound in the article, "As Alaska Glaciers Melt, It's Land That's Rising," published May 17, 2009 in the *New York Times*. Read the entire article at: www.nytimes.com.

Student Enrollment & Admissions Weekend

The third annual Student Enrollment & Admissions (SEA) Weekend was a sunny success. Seventeen students and eight parents flew in on Friday, June 5. The group went on a hike at Auke Rec, had dinner at the Student Housing Lodge and stayed overnight in Banfield Hall. On Saturday the group participated in Enrollment Day on campus, ate lunch at the Twisted Fish, rode the Mt Roberts Tramway, visited the glacier and had a BBQ at Skater's Cabin. Sunday the students and parents returned home.

All seventeen students met with advisors, registered for classes and got their Student ID cards. The parents participated in a session lead by Barbara Hegel, Tish Satre and Bruce Gifford. "Overall the weekend was fantastic," writes Outreach and Orientation Coordinator Julie Staveland. "The students bonded with each other, had the opportunity to



explore campus and Juneau, see where they would be living in the Fall and complete their enrollment needs."

Back Row: Katelyn Rose (Kingston, WA), Tara Solis (parent), Holly Lennon (parent), Vaughn McCombs (Healy, AK), Brandon Philips (Soldotna, AK), Logan Rohweder (Ketchikan, AK), Trevor Luedke (Pt. Alexander, AK), Rod Eakin (parent), Jared Eakin (Noorvik, AK), Zach Pechacek (Anchorage, AK), Heather Dalberg (Seward, AK), Dakota Plush (Seward, AK).

Middle Row: Sheila Rose (parent), Allison Lennon (Tunanak, AK), Rachel Solis (Renton, WA), Ashley Halverson (Kasilof, AK), Jenny Danner (Ketchikan, AK), Sara Fouse (Ely, NV), Kristin Brown (Fenton, MO), Chrisann Justice (parent), Kelley Pechacek (parent), Amanda Triplett (UAS), Jenn Goosic (Chandler, AZ), Denise Plush (parent).

*Front Row: Julie Staveland (UAS), Elizabeth Dattilo (Barrow, AK).
Not pictured: Maryellen Dalberg (parent).*

Sitka Campus Americorp Volunteer

On May 15, the UAS Sitka Campus had a going away party for their outgoing Americorp Volunteer, Brea Galvin and welcomed the incoming volunteer, Vicki Keele. Brea spent the last 15 months working in the Learning Center as a GED and Math Tutor. She has been an inspiration to all and will be missed!



Pictured left to right: Teresa Holt - Learning Center Coordinator, Brea Galvin, Lynne Davis - Testing Coordinator, and Vicki Keele.

Fire Destroys UAS Staffer's House

from the website: www.basinroad.com



On June 1st, 2009 a fire in the basement of the 'basin road house' spread to the 100 year old 'pink house', destroying it. The fire was later deemed to have been set intentionally.

The pink house, home to UAS arts and sciences advisor Laura Hosey, husband Ryan Stanley and daughter Meadow, was insured for its appraised value, which is about half what it will cost to rebuild from scratch.

If you would like to help the family rebuild their home and this historic Juneau house, please visit www.basinroad.com. A list of item donation requests is online.

Summer Groups on Campus



Hydaburg carver TJ Young makes some of the first cuts in the new Eagle Pole being carved on the Mourant Courtyard through the summer.

Several groups are back on the Auke Lake campus this summer including: the Louisiana State University Marine Biology Project 6/8-3/30, the Campus Crusade for Christ Juneau Summer Project 5/20-8/7, the Latseen (Sealaska Heritage) Youth Leadership Camp 7/11-7/25, Research Experience for Undergraduates 5/31-8/8 and the Alaska Arts Education Consortium 7/27-8/7. The Perseverance Theatre STAR program for young actors is in its 15th year, 7/13-8/17. UAS academic programs are also on campus this summer, including the Summer Science Institute (Diana Gifford), Educational Leadership Program (Marty Laster), Reading Specialist Program (Mary-Claire Tarlow), Early Childhood Education Summer Institute (Susan Andrews), Educational Technology (Marsha Gladhart), ODS WFR Certification Programs (Forest Wagner) and various Masters of Arts in Teaching programs.

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Tish Griffin Satre
Retirement Party

Tish Griffin Satre is retiring after 24 years of dedicated service to UAS and its students. Please join us in honoring her at an open reception on June 18th, from 3:30 - 5 pm in the Mourant Cafeteria. A presentation of gifts will be held at 4 pm. Refreshments will be served. We will reserve time at the 4 pm presentation for guests to tell "Tish" stories and say your farewells so let me know in advance if you would like to speak. See you there!! Bruce Gifford

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