

End of Year Barbeque and Awards Celebration

The end of the year barbeque and awards took place on Friday, April 29. Pat Vallejo won the Staff of the Year, Mike Boyer won Faculty of the Year, Daniel Griffin, Student of the Year and the Knitting Club was club of the year.

Golf Tournament

UAS Alumni & Friends is sponsoring a fundraising Golf Tournament Sunday, May 22, 9:30 a.m. - 8:30 p.m. The 18-hole tournament will be held at Mt. Fairweather Golf Course in Gustavus. The group will depart Don Statter Public Boat Harbor in Auke Bay. Join us on an Allen Marine boat for a day of golf, fun and prizes. Alaska Airlines ticket vouchers will be given for longest drive, closest to pin and an on-board putting contest. A hole-in-one contest will feature a new Dodge Durango as the prize. Entry fee is \$125 per golfer with paid UAS Alumni & Friends membership. (Those not already a member can join starting at \$25.) Entry fee includes transportation to Gustavus, a continental breakfast, lunch, light dinner and goody bag. The event is co-sponsored by Allen Marine Tours and Alaska Airlines.

Call or email for more information. 465-2848 or alumni@uas.alaska.edu.



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tidal pools and through the forest to get a first-hand look at the flora and fauna that abound on Kruzof Island. In spite of a cloudy morning sendoff, the day's weather was spectacular.

Artsfest in Sitka!

The 8th annual S.E. Alaska High School Artsfest, April 12-15, took place this year in Sitka with UAS Sitka, Mt. Edgumbe High School, Sitka High School, Community Schools, Pacific High School and Blatchley Middle School participating together as hosts for the event. Four intensive days of workshops in twenty different mediums taught by Sitka and Southeast Alaska artists produced a large body of excellent work by Southeast's best high school art students. A final exhibition of work was displayed Friday evening, April 15, at Harrigan Centennial Hall.



Commencement Ceremonies

Juneau

UAS Commencement

May 8, 2005 Centennial Hall, 101 Egan Drive at 2:00 p.m.

Departmental Celebrations

Native Graduation Celebration: May 7, 2005 at 4:00 p.m. in Egan Library

MPA: May 9, 2005 at Egan Library Media Classroom 104.

MAT Secondary (Sitka cohort): June 24

MAT Secondary and Elementary: June 25

Sitka

May 6, 2005 Harrigan Centennial Hall
330 Harbor Drive at 7:00 p.m.

Ketchikan

May 7, 2005 Ted Ferry Civic Center
888 Venetia Avenue at 4:00 p.m.



Sitka

Kruzof Island Outing

On April 10th, about 40 students traveled to Kruzof Island for a combined naturalist/photography excursion. Sitka campus included their Alaska naturalist community program participants, natural history of Alaska class, and members of the digital photography class. Juneau was represented by Cathy Connor and five of her geomorphology students. Three instructors, Marnie Chapman, Cathy Connor, and Kitty LaBounty, led the group over rocks, across

Delta Kappa Gamma Award

Steve Brandow received the Delta Kappa Gamma Red Apple Award on Thursday, April 28 in an evening ceremony. An overview of his nomination form stated:

"Steve provides service to young people in the community. Steve does an amazing job with the high school students in introductory welding. When they leave his class, they've learned a lot more than welding. It's apparent that he is a role model. He talks to them about respect and hard work, ethics, manners, and responsibility: they listen. Many of us had a teacher or coach we can point to and say they changed my life. We know these young people say that about Steve."



Delta Kappa Gamma's Red Apple Award is to recognized individuals who contribute to the education of youth in our community who go unrecognized.

UAS Ketchikan Humanities Forum



Ketchikan Unzipped was held Friday and Saturday April 22 and 23. The original script was written by Erin Hollowell and Evon Zerbertz and directed by Taylor McKenna that focuses on Ketchikan's past history and present life. Panelists included Priscilla Schulte, Mike Dunning, Sher Schwartz, Chuck Slagle and moderator David Kiffer. UAS students and Ketchikan residents discussed the play and it's depiction of Ketchikan. The performances were attended by nearly a hundred people each night. UAS Ketchikan Associate Professor of English Rod Landis (one of the actors) and his wife Taylor McKenna received a director's grant last fall with the goal of presenting an original piece of theater as a humanities forum this spring.

Faculty and Staff

Cathy LeCompte has been named Interim Director for the year.

Open Enrollment April 18 – May 27

Open enrollment for all university employees will run from April 18 through May 27 this year. It's your opportunity to make changes to your medical plan or add supplemental coverages for the next medical year beginning July 1, 2005 and running through June 30, 2006.

Options include adding or dropping dependents from your health

care plan; buying supplemental life insurance or accidental death and dismemberment insurance; or setting up a flexible spending account. The UA Choice plan, which now covers union employees as well as non-union employees, allows you to choose between three levels of coverage (deluxe, standard, or economy) or opt out if you have medical insurance from another source.

Your current setup will remain the same if you do nothing - with the exception of flexible spending accounts (those must be redone each year because of IRS regulations) or if you chose to opt out of the university medical plan because you have alternative health insurance coverage. That must also be done each year.

Open enrollment forms are available on the Statewide benefits website plus forms will also be sent to employees through the mail. For questions, call the Personnel office at 465-6473.

Benefits Director to Meet with Union Employees

Mike Humphrey, Statewide Director of Benefits, will be in Juneau May 4 and May 5 to meet with union employees to explain the details of moving to the new medical plan as of July 1, 2005. Meetings are scheduled for the following times:

- May 4 – 10 a.m. to noon – Egan 211
- 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. – Egan 219
- May 5 – 10 a.m. to noon – Egan 211
- 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. – Egan 224

Financial Advisor on Campus

Daniel Crumpacker of VALIC will be on the Juneau campus all day Wednesday, May 4 in Egan 226 for individual appointments on retirement planning. If you don't have a scheduled appointment, feel free to drop in at your convenience.

Staff Development Day May 13

This year's Staff Development Day is scheduled for Friday May 13 in the classroom wing of the Egan Library. The all-day event with feature remarks from Chancellor John Pugh, numerous presentations and workshops and an optional tour of the new recreational facility (if the flooring is finished). There will be food, door prizes, and service awards courtesy of the Chancellor. Wear your favorite Hawaiian shirt and enjoy Friday the 13th!

Employee Anniversaries – April

David Conway, 9 years; **Paul Empson**, 11 years; **Rogelio Estrada**, 4 years; **Wendy Gierard**, 4 years; **Adelina Guerrero**, 5 years; **Tom McKenna**, 6 years; **Maureen O'Hallaran**, 1 year; **Jeanny Wharton**, 11 years.

New Hires

Lupe Elizarde has been hired as a custodian in Facilities Services.

Mary Karper has been hired as a personnel/payroll technician in Personnel Services.

Jennifer Leibel has been hired as an administrative assistant in the Provost's office.