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University of Alaska Southeast Faculty and Staff Newsletter

UAS Awarded \$1.1 Million Student Support Services Grant

UAS was awarded a \$1.1million Student Support Services grant to help students develop strategies to reach their college goals. The Student Support Services program provides opportunities for academic development, assists students with basic college requirements, and serves to motivate students toward the successful completion of their postsecondary education. The goal of SSS is to increase the college retention and graduation rates of its participants and facilitate the process of transition from one level of higher education to the next.

The grant review board specifically liked that the UAS program has an effective plan of operation that includes services and activities in three major emphasis areas: 1) Structured First Year Program; 2) Intensive and Intrusive Academic Advising and Mentoring; and 3) Institutional Transformation in the area of cultural responsiveness.

Most SSS grants are awarded on four cycles, but the fifth year was awarded based on the strength of the proposal submitted by Vicki Orazem Vice Provost Charged with Student Success. Only ten percent or recipients were awarded the fifth year.

Associate Vice President of the University of Alaska System Mike Sfraga congratulated UAS by calling the accomplishment "significant" and that it "underscores an aggressive approach to student success, demonstrates UAS's commitment as a student-centered institution, and strengthens the inherent bond between student services and academic affairs."

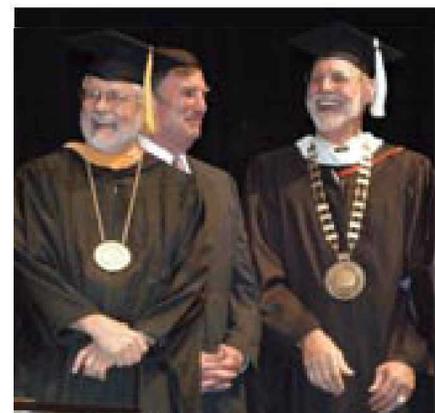
LeCompte Named Interim Director



Chancellor John Pugh and Provost Robbie Stell congratulate newly appointed Ketchikan Interim Director Cathy LeCompte.

Assistant Director of the Ketchikan Campus Cathy LeCompte has been named the Interim Director and will assume the responsibilities of departing Director Karen Polley beginning May 23rd. Cathy was officially named to the post by Chancellor John Pugh at her recent visit to Juneau. "I am very glad to have Cathy as the Interim Director," said Chancellor John Pugh. "Cathy has done an excellent job in her current position, and her appointment provides stability in the director's office, which will allow the campus to continue the advancements made under the leadership of Karen Polley."

34th UAS Commencement Ceremony



The Chancellor Pugh, Alaska Permanent Fund Corporation E.D. Michael J. Burns and UA Pres. Hamilton share a laugh with some enthusiastic students.

The University of Alaska Southeast held its 34th Commencement Ceremony on Sunday, May 8 at 2 p.m. in Centennial Hall. At 299 graduates invited to receive their diplomas, this year's Graduating Class constitutes the largest in UAS history. This year's Commencement Speaker was Alaska Permanent Fund Corporation Executive Director Michael J. Burns.

Robert C. Janes Sr. was awarded the Meritorious Service Award for his involvement in developing the Eaglecrest Ski Area and for his advocacy of winter sports, backcountry safety, and accessibility for disabled skiers for the past 40 years.

Linda Rosenthal, violinist and founder of Juneau Jazz and Classics, received an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters for her virtuosity as a musician, for her commitment to music education and for the vitality that Juneau Jazz and Classics brings to the Southeast community.

Benefits Open Enrollment Extended

Employee Benefits Open Enrollment has been extended for all employees until May 27. Selections are for the new fiscal year; July 1, 2005 to June 30, 2006. Selection choices include supplemental insurances (AD&D, Life), the three UA Choice Health Plans or Health Plan opt out and Flexible Spending Accounts for Health Care and Child Care expenses. Details on the web!!

2005 Health Sciences Reception



Mary Sue Anderson from UAA's RRANN Program (front) and a UAS-UAA Nursing student (back)

UAS Health Sciences held its reception on Monday, May 2 at the Bill Ray Center Nursing Lab. The group celebrated its Nursing and Radiological Technology partnerships, which are new programs for 2005-2006, and its new RRANN partnership with UAA, and their first Health Sciences graduates.

SITKA

Graduation Ceremony 2005

UAS Sitka's Graduation Ceremony on Friday, May 6, featured a keynote address by Pauline Duncan. Her speech, which compared the steps toward achieving a college education with creation of a Raven's Tail blanket, was augmented by a performance depicting her story. The dancers were members of her family.

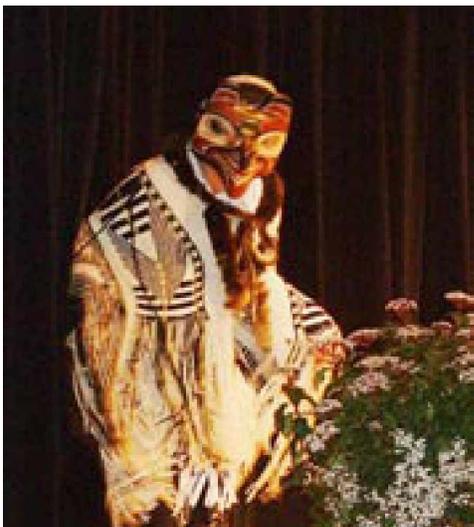


Photo by Jenifer Sandonato

New Hire

Lisa Ritter has been hired as the new grants and contracts manager in Administrative Services.

UAS Honored by the Alaska Press Club for TV Series

The UAS / KTOO co-production, *Alaska College Track #1 "Who's In, Who's Out?"*, won the top prize in the category of One Time Public Affairs Program at the Alaska Press Club awards. The award went to KTOO Producer Katie Bausler, Associate Producer and UAS Director of Public Relations and Marketing Kevin T. Myers, Terry Tavel for editing and Skip Gray for cinematography. The show is one installment of a three-part series that examines the preparation of Alaskan high school students for graduation and entrance into college. Production crews traveled to remote Southeast villages to find unique ways in which high school teachers and administrators aided in keeping students in school and on the college track.

Personal holiday deadline June 24

The deadline for use of the eight-hour personal holiday this year is Friday June 24, 2005. Personal holidays for regular, nonexempt staff do not accrue from year to year and must be used during the fiscal in which earned. The leave day must be approved in advance by the appropriate supervisor. The first opportunity to use the new fiscal year 2006 personnel holiday will be July 11, 2005.

Century Mark for Health Services

Health Sciences reached the 100-student mark during the month of March. Sixteen of those admitted into the program are Native Alaskans. There have been 63 admitted to the Certificate in Pre-Nursing Qualifications and 38 to the AAS in Health.

Faculty and Staff

Adjunct Professor **Mary Ida Henrikson** participated in WET AND WILD, a watercolor group show at Mainstay Gallery, which opened May 6th for Ketchikan's month long Celebration of the Sea annual spring arts festival. Henrikson's pieces included *Healing Waters*, a painting of a mermaid looking at her reflection in a shoreline waterfall.

Adrienne Milos an Environmental Technology student received the \$500 Michael R. Pollen Scholarship. The scholarship is made available annually by the Alaska Water Wastewater Management Association to further careers that will influence the future of water and wastewater issues in Alaska. The scholarship is not limited to high school graduates, college students or any other such group, but is open to all applicants who can show how they can best utilize these funds to continue their educational goals.

Employee Anniversaries – May

Jennifer Brown, 3 years; Dale Bucich, 2 years; Peggy Corazza, 1 year; Janice Davis, 4 years; Bonnie Elsensohn, 10 years; Bobbi Fraiser, 4 years; Keith Gerken, 5 years; Debbie Gleaton, 14 years; Scott Hodgson, 4 years; Candy Murdoch, 23 years; Gwenna Richardson, 5 years; Kate Sullivan, 2 years; Margaret Walmer, 2 years.