



# Soundings

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## University of Alaska Southeast 2002 Commencement

**Sitka, Friday, 7 p.m.**

Twenty graduates will take part in ceremonies in Hargan Centennial Hall. They range from five GED to eight bachelor's degree students. Eight will receive honors and three will graduate with UAF degrees. The commencement speaker is President Mark Hamilton. A Sitka student will receive the Bob Ellis Outstanding Business Student award.

**Ketchikan, Saturday, 6 p.m.**

Sixteen students will receive

certificates and degrees and 30 others will be recognized for various achievements in ceremonies at the Ted Ferry Civic Center. The speaker is longtime Ketchikan resident and former Advisory Board Chair Phyllis Yetka. BLA degree recipient David Jones is the student speaker. The student, staff and faculty potluck, starts at 1 p.m. May 5 at Ward Lake.

**Juneau, Sunday, 2 p.m.**

More than 200 students have earned certificates and degrees during the 2001-2002 academic year from the Juneau campus. Commencement will be held at Centennial Hall. The speaker is Elizabeth Arnold, a correspondent for National Public Radio. An honorary Doctor of Humane Letters will be awarded to Juneau author Jean C. Rogers. Kim Porter and Gillian Smith are the student speakers. Ten students will receive awards for outstanding achievement.



### Distance MPA commencement

The third annual Master of Public Administration commencement will be broadcast over the AK3 satellite network (Channel 18 in Juneau) May 6 from 6 - 7 p.m. Juneau students will meet in their Egan Library media classroom. Distant students take part from their local sites. Students will be graduating from Juneau, Valdez, Fairbanks and Whitehorse.

### CPM reaccredited

The Alaska Certified Public Manager Program was awarded reaccreditation status for five years at the National CPM Consortium Meeting held April 15 - 18 in Atlantic City. CPM is a statewide training program to develop professional public managers administered by UAS. Shirley Grubb attended the meeting.

## Seeing the sea

Nine biology students counted 672 Steller sea lions during a three-day marine mammal survey April 25-27 with Beth Mathews. The students photographically identified three humpback whales.

They also observed 60 harbor seals, 60 Dalls porpoises and one harbor porpoise. Students recorded the brands on several sea lions at haulouts, saw a wolf and several deer. "I am inspired to do this kind of teaching on a larger scale," Mathews says. "Amazing things happen out there."



*Marine mammal survey.*

## Ketchikan news

**Students:** About 30 Craig 8<sup>th</sup> graders visited the campus May 1 to learn about college life including degrees/certificates, distance education, scholarships, learning center services and more.

**Alumni:** A kick-off reception for a local Alumni & Friends chapter will be held May 11 from 5:30 - 7 p.m. at the Ketchikan Yacht Club. Juneau alumni President Diane Cote will speak.

**Writing:** All ten of Rod Landis' Introduction to College Writing students passed the end-of-term review in Juneau last weekend. Student portfolios were submitted to readers. "Once again Ketchikan students have made an exceptional showing among their counterparts on the other campuses," Landis said.

**Farewell:** A farewell dinner for Bob Baker, math, and Karalynn Crocker-Bedford, science, will be held May 8 at the Bar Harbor Restaurant.

**Clean up:** Spring-cleaning and end-of-the-year potluck for faculty and staff takes place May 9.

## Sitka conference

Fifty participants from across Alaska attended the Alzheimer's Disease or Related Disorders conference April 25-27 organized by the Sitka Continuing Education office. It was designed to help those involved better understand the disease and provide greater levels of care.

## Jazz & Classics

The 16<sup>th</sup> annual Juneau Jazz & Classics runs May 17 - 26. Also included is a day of events on the Juneau campus May 25 and a one-credit class. Tickets are available at Hearthsides Books. Linda Rosenthal, Juneau music, is artistic director.

## Education forum

A daylong Alaska Native Higher Education Forum was held on the Juneau campus April 25. Topics included Early Scholars, PITAS, Sealaska Heritage Institute, Tlingit & Haida Vocational Training, and more. About 45 attended the first in a series of meetings to consider problems and improve programs.

## Juneau campus

**Potluck:** End-of-semester Mexican potluck, organized by Academic Programs, noon May 7, Soboleff/Whitehead breezeway. Bring a Mexican dish. All are welcome.

**Softball:** The UAS Flukes team starts the season Friday in a one-pitch tournament at 6:15 p.m. at Sandy Beach and play Saturday at 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. at the same location.

**Middle East:** Global Connections co-sponsors Michael Silverman, "A Progressive Jewish Perspective on the Middle East," 7 p.m., May 11 in Egan Library.

**Clothes:** Alumni fleece clothing is available at the Bookstore.

## Academics

Academic programs, policies and procedures for faculty and staff are now compiled in one location. See: [www.uas.alaska.edu/viceprovost/UASupdate2002.html](http://www.uas.alaska.edu/viceprovost/UASupdate2002.html)

## Faculty/Staff

**Richard Hacker**, Juneau law science, who began teaching full-time at UAS in 1985, will retire June 30. He plans to remain in Juneau, but increase his travels. "I'm going to miss the classroom and students, a lot," Hacker said. A search will begin to fill his position in the paralegal program.

**Karalynn Crocker-Bedford**, Ketchikan science, leaves after 13 years to move to Arizona. Her spouse now works at Grand Canyon National Park, and they will live on the south rim.

**Peter Colson**, Sitka Continuing Education, who has also taught at Pacific High School and served as a coordinator, is moving to Minnesota.

**Shelley Theno**, Juneau psychology, co-authored, "Comorbidity and Risk Behaviors among Drug Users not in Treatment," that has been accepted in the *Journal of Addictions and Offender Counseling*.

**Susan Koester**, Juneau communications, attends a two-week Reader's Theatre Institute in London this summer in preparation for her fall oral interpretation class and teaching in London next spring.

**Emily Wall**, Juneau English, attended the Writer's Rendezvous conference in Anchorage as a presenter.

**Rhonda Hickok**, Juneau education, and

**Robert Sewell**, Juneau advisor, participated in the Hoonah Career Fair day.

**Alexis Easley**, Juneau English, presented, "The Woman of Letters at Home: Harriet Martineau and the Literary Tour," at a British Women Writers Conference, in Madison, April 19.

**Cathy Connor**, Juneau geology, speaks at the Geological Society of America section meeting in Corvallis, Oregon.

**Vicki Orazem**, vice provost, presented "Using the College Student Inventory as a Culturally Responsive Tool" at the Conference on Recruiting and Retaining Students of Color, in Kansas City.

**Nic Jardin** is working in grants and contracts replacing Chris LaVallee.

**Renita Burke** is in the accounts payable position previously held by Julie Vigil who was promoted to accounting coordinator.

**Jackie Richardson**, Juneau library, retires after ten years.

**Scott Foster**, Juneau information office, has resigned effective June 14 to explore life outside the confines of work.

## Student Success



*Batik students created art for student housing.*

**Vika Savalei**, a 2000 BLA math cum laude graduate, selected UCLA, from six PhD programs, to attend this fall. She will study psychology and specialize in measurement and psychometrics.

**Holly Smith** has completed her year as president of Global Connections and will spend next year as an exchange student in Quebec.

**Abby Cropley**, Sitka admissions and business office, has worked on the Sitka campus since 1985. She graduates magna cum laude from UAF with a BA in Rural Development, Rural Health and Human Services Management and will receive her degree during the Sitka commencement May 3.

**HIM:** Nine Health Information Management (HIM) graduates and five current students attended the recent Anchorage meeting. Cathy Gross, (HIM 1996) was elected first-year director, joining HIM graduates Doreen Booth and Karla Duckett.

**Volunteers:** Five students in SPE 235, Discussion and Small Group Process have volunteered 27 hours to the Juneau Boys and Girls Club. "I wanted to make sure you were aware of how wonderful it has been to have the students volunteer at our Club," Elizabeth Williams said.

**Honored:** Lisa Olds, biology student and SAC employee, received a letter of commendation and a \$300 reward from Chancellor John Pugh for her actions last March potentially saving the life of kayaker who had overturned in Auke Bay.

**Leaders:** Mark Graves was reelected student president on the Juneau campus and Jamie Atkinson will be vice president.

**Presentations:** Environmental Science students report on four different undergraduate research projects at the Geological Society of America Cordilleran Section Meeting May 13-15 at Oregon State University. Topics include sediment transport through the Mendenhall Glacier watershed, land emergence in Auke Bay, glacial lake discharge, and Lemon Glacier outburst floods.

## Learning outside the classroom

Several humanities students have been involved in practicums/internships supervised by Susan Koester. They include: Brendan Sullivan, practicum performing in the Trojan Women; Paul Marshall, internship working with Perseverance Theatre in a lead role for the Return to Kubla Khan; Joanne Schmidt, internship working with the Juneau Youth Services Chemical Dependency Program as an adolescent facilitator/counselor; Shauna Zecevic, internship with the Juneau Hope Community Resources, Inc to develop a summer program the disabled; Robert Anderson, Disney World internship; Bryce Kidd, internship with the Department of Health and Social Services on special health survey programs.

## JUNEAU CALENDAR

### Friday, May 3

- Flukes softball, 6:15 p.m. Sandy Beach

### Saturday, May 4

- Flukes softball, 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m., Sandy Beach

### Sunday May 5

- Commencement, 2 p.m., Centennial Hall

### Monday, May 6

- MPA "distance" commencement, 6 p.m. Egan media classroom

### Tuesday, May 7

- Mexican potluck, noon, Soboleff/Whitehead breezeway.

### Saturday, May 11

- Michael Silverman, "A Progressive Jewish Perspective on the Middle East," 7 p.m., Egan Library.

### Monday, May 13

- Summer classes begin

### Wednesday, May 15

- Deadline for Explorations literary magazine

### Friday, May 17

- Juneau Jazz & Classics begins

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