Zuckerman gift to benefit research and programs

Dr. Jeffrey and Jo Zuckerman made one of the largest one-time gifts by an individual to UAF with their donation of a parcel of land in Fairbanks valued at approximately $960,000. The land will be sold by the university and proceeds are slated to benefit two academic programs, Spanish and psychology, as well as research by faculty member Kelly Drew at the UAF Institute of Arctic Biology.

Their daughter, Bianca Zuckerman, chose the programs that will receive funding. She graduated in 2010 with a major in Spanish and psychology and a minor in biology. “These people and programs inspired me when I was a student at UAF,” she said. “I hope that this donation will further the growth of these departments and benefit the students, the university and the community.” Chancellor Brian Rogers said, “This gift will benefit these programs — both their students and their research — for years to come. The Zuckerman family’s dedication to higher education is an inspiration to students and to donors, and we truly appreciate their generosity.”

School of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences Support

The School of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences has recently received support for its students, programs and projects. Coastal Villages Region Fund contributed $150,000 to the Pollock Conservation Cooperative Research Center, joining a consortium of North Pacific pollock fishing companies who provide vital educational resources to the school. The group includes American Seafoods Company, Arctic Storm, Glacier Fish Company, Starbound LLC, and Trident Seafoods. The co-op has donated more than $11.7 million to the school over the past 12 years. Chancellor Brian Rogers and SFOS Dean Mike Castellini hosted a reception in honor of the group on February 2, in Seattle.

The Glosten Associates, the naval architectural firm that designed the ice-capable RV Sikuliaq, pledged $60,000 over three years to support outreach efforts related to the vessel. The Sikuliaq is currently under construction, and science operations are expected to begin in early 2014.

Dolly Dieter, a long-time supporter of marine science in Alaska, established a $50,000 endowment to support the Alaska Region National Ocean Sciences Bowl, an educational competition for high school students that fosters knowledge of marine science. In addition, Icicle Seafoods recently donated $25,000 to support scholarships for students attending NOSB. SFOS also received gifts from Crowley Marine Services of $10,000 for the Crowley Scholarship and $5,150 in support of the NOSB; $10,000 each from Santa Monica Seafood to support Alaska crab research and Mary Louise Rasmuson for the Rasmuson Fisheries Research Center.
Achievements

Individual
An anonymous gift of $25,000 was made in support of the Cooperative Extension Service Integrated Pest Management Program, Anchorage district office.

Dr. Walt and Marita Babula made a $20,000 gift to the Babula Children’s Garden at the Georgeson Botanical Garden.

The estate of Kathryn M. Boyd made a gift of $75,161 for the R.M. (Bus) and Katherine Boyd Business Administration Scholarship.

John and Jacqueline Goering donated $30,100 to the Goering Family Fellowship, which provides support for UAF graduate students in SFOS, the College of Engineering and Mines, and the School of Management.

The estate of Wilma Morrison ’40, made a distribution of $33,269.86 to support UAF.

The Jessie O’Bryan McIntosh Trust made a gift of $18,779 to its named scholarship fund to support UAF students.

Lance Parrish and his family donated $65,000 to establish a scholarship in honor of their parents, Robert A. and Virginia B. Parrish. The scholarship supports UAF student athletes participating in cross-country skiing and running.

Mary Louise Rasmussen made an additional gift of $10,000 in support of the Rasmuson Library.

Raye Ann and E. Thomas Robinson made a $10,000 gift to their named scholarship to support UAF accounting students.

Thomas C. Royer donated a total of $25,000, completing his pledge to the Susan Royer Memorial Scholarship, which supports students studying mathematics.

David and Alexandra Sonneborn donated $20,000 to the ornithology fund at the UA Museum of the North.

The William G. Stroecker Trust made a $25,000 gift to the new Bill Stroecker Jazz Endowment.

Bill ‘64 and Helga Watterson renewed their $15,000 gift to the Annual Fund, which supports the areas of greatest need at UAF. To date this fiscal year, they are the largest individual annual donors to this fund.

Corporate/Foundation

Alyeska Pipeline Service Company donated $10,000 to the American Indian Science and Engineering Society to support student scholarships.

BP made a $15,000 gift in support of the Business Leader of the Year program at SOM.

Charles Koch Foundation donated $14,800 to their named charitable foundation fund, which supports the SOM economics program.

IBM AS400 – Systems Management donated $10,000 to the Interior Aleutians campus.

Icicle Seafoods donated $25,000 each for Alaska Business Week support and renovations to the Bristol Bay Campus science center, and $10,000 for the Icicle Seafoods Bristol Bay student scholarship.

K Janitorial Service, owned by long-time UAF supporter Kyong Hollen, made a $10,000 gift to her named scholarship fund that supports business students at SOM.

Northrim Bank donated $30,000 for the 2012 Conference for Young Alaskans.

SolstenXP made a $25,000 gift to support GeoFORCE Alaska, a new pre-college program at UAF.

Sumitomo Pogo JV made a payment of $353,000 toward its pledge of $1,059,000 to mining engineering in CEM.

Totem Ocean Trailer Express renewed its pledge of $60,000 over three years in support of events at the UA Museum of the North.

Wells Fargo renewed its $25,000 gift for annual military events at the UA Museum of the North. The Wells Fargo Foundation made a $50,000 gift to the Rural Alaska Honors Institute.

Zarling Aero and Engineering made a $10,000 gift in support of the Zarling Family Hockey Scholarship. John and Fran Zarling have donated $80,000 to date toward the goal of a $100,000 endowed scholarship.

Legacy Society
The UAF Legacy Society recognizes donors who have made provisions to include UAF in their estate plans. There are currently 90 members. Recent additions include Carter Crawford, Jane N. Holt, Stanton and Mabel Patty, and Cynthia Wentworth.

This list reflects gifts of $10,000 and above made to the University of Alaska Fairbanks between October 13, 2011 and January 31, 2012.

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Of Note

The third annual Chancellor’s Gala, Dancing with the Cars took place February 4, at the Fountainhead Auto Museum. The event raises funds to jointly support UAF and a local non-profit. This year’s gala supported the UAF Center for Alaska Native Health Research and the J. Michael Carroll Cancer Center at Fairbanks Memorial Hospital.

Bob Hajdukovich of ERA Aviation presented a check for $100,000 to UAF in support of the aviation program at the Community and Technical College.

Double your gift! ExxonMobil will match gifts made to UAF (and other Alaska colleges and universities) one-to-one up to $100,000 through Pick. Click. Give., the Alaska Permanent Fund dividend charitable contributions program. For more information visit www.pickclickgive.org.

Flint Hills Resources Alaska made a gift of $110,000 to benefit five programs at UAF: $20,000 each for UAF athletics, SOM, and the Alaska Summer Research Academy and $25,000 each to the process technology program at CTC and the College of Engineering and Mines. Flint Hills also donated $25,000 to the UA Museum of the North to support the docent school tour program. For the past 30 years, local teachers, museum staff and more than 386 docent volunteers have worked together at the museum.

New York Life renewed its commitment of $900,000 over three years ($300,000 per year) to support the Rural Alaska Honors Institute, the Alaska Summer Research Academy, and a new program focused on bereavement support activities and outreach at UAF. Both RAHI and ASRA provide on-campus pre-college learning experiences. Linda Hulbert, longtime UAF advocate and Fairbanks New York Life representative, played a vital role in facilitating this support for UAF.

Shannon & Wilson, Inc. donated $50,000 via its representation, played a vital role in facilitating this support for UAF.

Save the date! The 15th annual Scholarship and Award Breakfast takes place in the Wood Center Carol Brown Ballroom on Tuesday, April 10 from 7:30 – 9:00 a.m.