

CHANCELLOR'S REPORT *on Philanthropy*



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2015 UAF Celebration of Giving and Emil Usibelli Awards

This year's Celebration of Giving and Emil Usibelli Awards event was held Nov. 19, 2015 in the Regents' Great Hall to acknowledge UAF's generous donors and faculty. At this event, UAF celebrated the more than 4,600 generous donors who contributed more than \$11 million to UAF scholarships and programs in fiscal year 2015. This year's featured donor honorees were **Joe Usibelli '59, '96** and **Peggy Shumaker** in the individual category, **Alyeska Pipeline Service Company** in the corporate category, the **Bill Stroecker Foundation** in the foundation category and **Jeff and Sue Cook** were honored for more than 40 years of giving to UAF in the longevity category.

The Usibelli awards highlight excellence in teaching, research and service among UAF faculty and staff and are one of the university's most prestigious awards. They represent UAF's tripartite mission and are funded annually from an endowment established by the Usibelli Coal Mine in 1992. **Hajo Eicken**, director of the International Arctic Research Center, was honored for his outstanding research. In an act of exemplary generosity, Eicken gave his \$10,000 award back to UAF to support the upcoming Arctic Science Summit Week. **David Newman** was the recipient for excellence in teaching of Physics. The service award recipient, **Pat Holloway**, devoted decades to the study of Alaska horticulture and its applications to private and professional growers.

2016 Chancellor's Gala supports community mental health services

The 2016 Chancellor's Gala at the Westmark Fairbanks on Feb. 13 brought in more than \$157,000 in support of mental health services in Interior Alaska. The sold-out audience heard from **Doug and Lisa Bishop**, the parents of **Lilianna "Liera" Bishop** — a heartbreaking testament of the shortage of mental health resources in our community. The Gala represents a partnership between the Greater Fairbanks Community Hospital Foundation and UAF's Student Health and Counseling Center. This event would not have been possible without our dedicated sponsors and generous auction item donations. For a full list of our sponsors, please visit www.uaf.edu/chancellor/gala/.



Above: Karla and Dr. Andy Evanger at the Chancellor's Gala. Karla served as the 2016 Chancellor's Gala Committee Chair.



Left: Community mental health services representatives Drs. B.J. Aldridge and Vanessa Venezia visit with Lisa and Doug Bishop.

BP's transformational gift to UAF Alaska Center for Energy and Power

At the 2016 Chancellor's Gala, **BP** announced an exceptionally generous gift of \$1 million to the UAF Alaska Center of Energy and Power initiative which seeks to build-out the fourth floor of the new engineering building. **Janet Weiss**, BP Alaska president, serves as co-chair of the Alaska Center for Energy and Power fundraising initiative with CIRI's **Ethan Schutt**. As the workforce ages, infusing the industry with new, skilled workers is key to Alaska. She shares, "This world-class facility will support engineering education and sustainable energy research at UAF." BP also recently gave generously to the School of Management, the College of Engineering and Mines, the unmanned aerial aircraft program and the College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics. UAF is grateful for BP's phenomenal commitment to our students for more than 40 years and looks forward to a continued partnership for years to come.



Janet Weiss, BP Alaska president, and Chancellor Mike Powers during the check presentation at the 2016 Chancellor's Gala.



Arctic Science Summit Week will take place March 12-18, hosted by UAF. Visit <https://assw2016.org/> for more information and to learn how you can further support ASSW events and Arctic research.

Mellon Foundation renews generous support of doctoral degrees

The **Andrew W. Mellon Foundation** renewed its support of the Dissertation Fellowship Program for Alaska Native Scholars and Others with a gift of \$657,000. This important fund assists students seeking to complete doctoral degrees in this field, opening career opportunities in the realm of higher education. The Mellon Foundation established this fund in 2008.

Achievements

INDIVIDUAL

An **anonymous donor** gave \$20,200 to the Northern Gulf of Alaska Applied Research program at UAF to support fisheries management research.

John and Jane Aspnes donated \$55,000 to J² Engineering Scholarship, the J² Scholarships for Polymaths and Creative Leaders, the Wind Symphony Scholarship and the J² Brass Chamber Music Award.

Carol and Raymond Barnhardt became founding members of the Troth Yedha' Initiative with their Nauta level gift of \$25,000.

Adm. Thomas and Sheila Barrett became Nauta donors of the Troth Yedha' Initiative with their generous pledge of \$25,000. Adm. Barrett, president of Alyeska Pipeline Service Co., serves as the Troth Yedha' Initiative's co-chair.

Judy Belous gave \$10,000 to the Robert Belous Global Change Research Endowment.

The **Stanton D. and Ernestine J. Bennett Charitable Trust** gave \$10,000 to the Stanton D. Bennett Scholarship for Electrical Engineering.

Dolly Dieter gave \$25,000 to the Dieter Family Marine Science Research Scholarship and \$25,000 to the Dieter Family Tsunami Bowl Endowment.

Dorothy and Mike Doyle provided \$10,000 to the John M. Murphy Memorial Geology Scholarship.

Mathilda Edmunds gave \$10,000 to the David C. Edmunds Memorial Scholarship.

Hajo Eicken and Angela Dirks-Eicken generously allocated his \$10,000 Usibelli Award to the Arctic Science and Arctic Observation Support fund.

Susan Henrichs gave \$10,000 to UAF student scholarships in honor of the 2015 deans, directors and other administrators at UAF.

The **Cyril D. Hetherington family** gave \$25,000 to start a new scholarship, the Hetherington Family Endowment.

John and Patricia McIntyre gave \$25,252 to the Richard and Irene McIntyre Endowment for Research in Alaska History.

Bob '90 '98 and Heather '96 Mitchell gave \$42,261 to support several scholarships for UAF students. Bob serves as chair of the UAF Centennial Scholarship and Fellowship Initiative.

Jim Moody '55 made a generous \$50,000 donation to start the new Paul Solka Memorial Scholarship for Outstanding Journalism and Painting.

James O'Neill gave a Piper Apache 23-160 airplane to the UAF CTC aviation program.

E. Thomas and Raye Ann Robinson supported UAF athletics via the Robinson Family Athletic Endowed Scholarship with a gift of \$11,600.

David and Andy Sonneborn supported the UA Museum of the North's Ornithology Endowment with \$15,000.

Marco Tremarello gave \$10,000 to the Joseph Sr. and Rose R. Tremarello Memorial Athletic Scholarship.

Helga and Bill '64 Watterson supported UAF students with a \$10,000 gift to the UAF Annual Fund and a \$5,000 gift to the Bill and Helga Watterson Scholarship.

Jay '89 and Carrie Weaver made a generous \$10,000 donation to the UAF Annual Fund and a \$5,000 gift to the Nanook Hockey program.

John Zarling extended generous support to UAF through the four Zarling Scholarships, the Hetherington Family Endowment, the UAF Alumni Association Hockey Chapter Support for Men's Nanook Hockey for a total gift of \$30,000 and included UAF in the Zarling estate plans.

CORPORATE

ABB gave a generous series of energy and power-related components to the UAF Alaska Center for Energy and Power.

Alaska Medicine & Endoscopy contributed \$10,000 to the Greg Finstad Reindeer Research Endowment.

Alyeska Pipeline Service Company gave \$30,000 to the Troth Yedha' Initiative and \$15,000 to the Rural Alaska Honors Institute.

The **Arctic Slope Regional Corporation** donated \$25,000 to UAF's GeoFORCE Alaska program and \$5,000 to Arctic Science Summit Week.

First National Bank Alaska gave \$21,000 distributed between UAF's

CTC, the Rural Alaska Honors Institute program and the Best in the West Small Business Competition.

Kinross Fort Knox gave \$10,000 to the School of Management's Arctic Innovation Competition and KUAC.

Linda Hulbert, together with **New York Life Insurance**, contributed more than \$45,000 to the Hulbert Nanook Terrain Park and the John R. Hulbert Scholarship.

In addition, **New York Life Insurance** gave \$200,000 to the Alaska Summer Research Academy and the Rural Alaska Honors Institute programs to fulfill its \$400,000 pledge.

The **Pollock Conservation Cooperative**, comprised of **Starbound**, **American Seafoods**, **Glacier Fish Company** and **Trident Seafoods**, gave \$125,000 to the Pollock Conservation Cooperative Research Center Endowment.

Shell Exploration & Production Company continued its support of higher education in the interior through a \$25,000 gift to the College of Engineering and Mines Student Enhancement fund and \$50,000 to GeoFORCE Alaska.

Wells Fargo renewed its support of the Military Appreciation Program at the UA Museum of the North with its recent \$25,000 gift and \$25,000 to support the Rural Alaska Honors Institute.

FOUNDATION

The **Bill Stroecker Foundation** gave \$21,000 to KUAC and contributed \$10,557.14 to the Marion Weeks and Bill Stroecker Scholarship.

The **Charlotte Martin Foundation** made a \$25,800 gift to the Girls on Ice program.

The **Liz Claiborne & Art Ortenberg Foundation** gave \$43,600 to the George Schaller Fellowship in the Resilience and Adaptation Graduate Program.

The **Marion G. Weeks Charitable Foundation** gave \$56,700 to the Marion Weeks and Bill Stroecker Scholarship, the Pitney Rifle Scholarship, the UAF School of Management, the School of Natural Resources and Extension and KUAC.

The **University Women's Association** supported KUAC, the Bunnell House Early Childhood Lab School and the Friends of UWA Scholarship with a gift of \$14,610.

Of Note

In Memory We take a moment to acknowledge and remember our donors that have passed away recently: **Barbara Zelenka, James Lake, Frances Baker, Jack O'Brien, Rex Fisher, Fran Zarling and Jane Holt**. Their contributions to the university have made it a better place and we honor them in remembrance.

Upcoming Events

The 2015/16 UAF Scholarship Breakfast will unite recipients with their benefactors on April 12. Invitations will be sent in March.

Alumni Relations

The Alumni Relations department will host a wine tasting June 10. Contact the Alumni Office at uaf-alumni@alaska.edu for more details.

Staff

Ross Imbler '08, '10 MA, UAF Development and Alumni Relations director of Annual Giving, was awarded the Rising Star Award from the Council for Advancement and Support of Education this February in Calgary.

Development and Alumni Relations welcomes two new additions to the team: **Tiana Elkins '15** now serves as the Annual Giving coordinator and **Genevieve Bright** serves as the donor relations specialist.

Giving The Pick.Click. Give program raised more than \$64,000 for UAF in 2015 thanks to donors and a generous match from **ExxonMobil**. Sign up when you register for your PFD!

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