

CHANCELLOR'S REPORT *on Philanthropy*



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Sumitomo and Kinross support research

Sumitomo Metal Mining Pogo recently fulfilled a pledge of more than \$1 million to the UAF College of Engineering and Mines' Mining Engineering Research Endowment. This fund was created in a unique partnership with **Kinross Fort Knox**, who also made a \$1 million pledge, to foster Alaska's home-grown workforce and thoughtful mining research. The partners' shared commitment to philanthropy, combined with consistent support that dedicates time and resources to organizations and events throughout the community, sets the standard in the field of philanthropy. Collectively, Kinross and Sumitomo's partnership has magnified the impact of their philanthropy, which has enabled UAF students to gain invaluable experience leading to meaningful careers in the mining industry. "Process optimization and sensor health monitoring has great impact on saving overall operating costs and improving safety in the mining industry. It was my dream to pursue Ph.D. research in the area," said Rambabu Pothina, a doctoral candidate in mining engineering and beneficiary of the Mining Engineering Research Endowment. "The research has attracted significant interest from several international companies, and the innovative approaches we are developing in the area — particularly to identify 'industrial sensor faults' — have the potential to create intellectual property in the near future." This quality of innovation and education is made possible through the generosity of Sumitomo Metal Mining Pogo and Kinross Fort Knox, and we are exceptionally grateful for their united investment in our community.



Mining engineering major Mickey Wilson poses by a rusty hand-rail car at UAF's Silver Fox Mine about 15 miles north of Fairbanks.

Alyeska—a pipeline of higher education support

Alyeska Pipeline Service Company, an avid supporter of UAF for decades, recently gave \$25,000 to the Troth Yeddha' Legacy Initiative, bringing its total project support to \$92,500. Troth Yeddha' will cement the importance of linking cultural knowledge with higher education. The project will create a sense of place for all Indigenous cultures with the development of an interpretive park and building an Indigenous studies center. Alyeska is a Nauta founding member of Troth Yeddha.' "Nauta" is Athabascan for "one who gets things done." Nauta members give \$25,000 or more to the initiative, helping to transform the Troth Yeddha' vision into a reality.

Alyeska believes in assisting Alaska through supporting higher education. Other areas benefiting from its generosity include UAF's School of Management and Rural Alaska Honors Institute. "Education is critically important to the long-term sustainability of Alaska," said Tom Barrett, Alyeska president and co-chair of the Troth Yeddha' Legacy Initiative. "Alyeska is proud to support initiatives at the University of Alaska that enrich the lives of many Alaskans, and strengthen businesses and communities throughout our state. The impact of quality education extends well beyond the classroom."



Troth Yeddha' Legacy Initiative co-chairs Miranda Wright, Admiral Tom Barrett and Aaron Schutt.

Sitnasuak gives back

Sitnasuak Native Corporation (SNC) the Alaska Native Village Corporation of Nome, is deeply rooted in its Inupiaq values. One of these values is sharing or Pikkaagupsi Aitturalui. Recently, SNC gave \$24,000 to UAF's Rural Alaska Honors Institute (RAHI). RAHI Program Director, Denise Wartes, noted, "For more than 33 years, RAHI has provided educational support to assist students from rural communities throughout Alaska to make the successful transition from high school into college to produce future leaders of Alaska." Bobby Evans, Chairman of the SNC Board of Directors, a RAHI alumnus himself, stated, "The Sitnasuak Native Corporation Board is happy to support UAF and the Rural Alaska Honors Institute program. SNC is excited to be developing partnerships statewide and in our community." The connection between our far-reaching communities is also demonstrated by Sitnasuak Native Corporation's President, Michael Orr '98 (cum laude), who continues to serve Alaskans through his dedication and service.



Pictured (left to right): North West Campus Director Bob Metcalf, Vice Chancellor for Rural Community and Native Education Evon Peter, SNC Chairman Bobby Evans, SNC President Mike Orr.

Save The Date
**UAF Nanook Rendezvous
reunion: Sept 23-24, 2016**

See the event schedule at
www.uaf.edu/alumni/reunion

Scholarship Breakfast inspires student success

On April 12, UAF students, donors and campus representatives attended the 2016 Scholarship Breakfast at the Wood Center Carol Brown Ballroom to celebrate donor generosity and student success. Donors have created more than 440 privately funded scholarships and awards at UAF. They provide over \$1.3 million in financial aid to students each year. UAF's attendance costs are competitive with peer institutions; however, most students struggle with a gap between economic resources and educational goals.



Several recipients of the Leonard and Marjorie Wright Scholarship gather around Loretta Pananen (middle of back row), niece of the late Leonard and Marjorie Wright.

towards expanding my education instead of figuring out how to financially survive.”

UAF wishes to express a special thank you to Lorna Shaw '96, '05 of Sumitomo Metal Mining Pogo for emceeding, and to students Forrest Campnell and Sage Tixier, and Meg Nordale, President of GHEMM Company, for speaking at the event.

To view the 2016 Scholarship Breakfast program and learn more about how donors make an impact on UAF students, visit www.uaf.edu/giving/impact/events/.

Achievements

CORPORATION

The **AGC Student Chapter** gave \$10,000 to support participation by College of Engineering and Mines students in the American Society of Civil Engineers' competition.

The **American Chemical Society** gave \$26,000 to the ACS-Hach Scientific Foundation Scholarships fund which supports students who intend to become high school chemistry teachers.

ConocoPhillips Alaska gave \$10,000 to the GeoFORCE program and \$7,000 to Rural Alaska Honors Institute.

ExxonMobil Corporation gave \$25,000 to the GeoFORCE program. ExxonMobil is an avid supporter of this program in Alaska and throughout the lower 48.

The **Georgeson Botanical Garden Society** made a gift of \$20,000 to the Charles C. Georgeson Botanical Garden.

Great Bear Petroleum gave \$50,000 to the GeoFORCE program. This is the third \$50,000 gift Great Bear has made in support of this program over the past three years.

Northrim Bank gave \$50,000 to the UAF School of Management. This unrestricted gift, allows SOM to support areas of greatest need within the school.

The **Seisa Group** of Japan gave \$17,633.58 to the Seisa Science fund which supports science education at the International Arctic Research Center.

Sportsmedicine & Orthopaedics Fairbanks gave \$15,000 to the UAF Alumni Association Hockey Chapter Support for Men's Nanook Hockey.

Sumitomo Metal Mining Pogo fulfilled its pledge of \$1,059,000 to the Mining and Research Endowment with a gift of \$353,000, as well as \$20,000 to the Bachelors in Emergency Management Program at the School of Management.

The **Tanana Chiefs Conference** gave \$25,000 to the Troth Yeddha' Legacy Initiative, becoming a Nauta founding member of this important initiative.

FOUNDATION

The **Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation** gave \$50,000 to the Center for Salmon and Society to support the center's mission to sustain abundant, wild salmon and their connection to human traditions and businesses.

The **Rasmuson Foundation** gave \$6,000 to the School of Management, \$5,000 to the Georgeson Botanical Garden and \$1,000 to KUAC, acknowledging Jeff Cook's service to the Rasmuson Foundation.

The phenomenal phonathon

Entering its fifth year, the UAF phonathon is a bi-annual program that runs for seven weeks each semester. Phonathon builds lasting relationships between current students and UAF alumni and friends. Student callers contact thousands of alumni and friends of the university, provide updates, verify contact information, invite alumni and friends to make a contribution and thank donors for their previous gifts.

The 2015-16 phonathon raised more than \$44,000 to support different areas of UAF. Support to the UAF Annual Fund plays a vital role in sustaining UAF year in and year out. The Annual Fund represents the combined power of donors giving at all levels. Their gifts support needs such as student scholarships, computer and laboratory equipment, special library and departmental acquisitions, facility improvements and special academic projects.

To learn more about phonathon, visit <http://www.uaf.edu/giving/ways/annual/phone/>.

Of Note

In Memory — We take a moment to acknowledge and remember our donors who have passed away recently: Ellen Whichter and Brina Kessel-Roof. Their contributions to the university have made it a better place, and we honor them in remembrance.

Alumni Relations — Commencement for UAF's Class of 2016 took place Sunday, May 8, at the Carlson Center in Fairbanks. Aaron Schutt, president and CEO of Doyon, Limited and co-chair of the Troth Yeddha' Legacy Initiative, was the keynote speaker. Congratulations to all of our new Nanook alumni!

Save the date — Aug. 20, Nanooks at the Mariner's game in Seattle, WA. Details coming; see www.uaf.edu/alumni/events.

INDIVIDUAL

Sherry Abrahams made a \$10,000 gift to the Charles C. Georgeson Botanical Garden.

Jim Pruitt gave \$14,141.14 to The Green Island Scholarship, which supports non-resident School of Management students who demonstrate financial need.

George and Rosalie Whyel made a \$50,000 gift to the UA Museum of the North Gallery of Alaska.

John Zarling recently gave a \$30,000 gift, distributed between the Zarling Airframe and Powerplant Program Scholarship, the Zarling Engineering Endowed Scholarship, the Zarling Family Hockey Endowed Scholarship, the Nanook Volleyball program, the UAF Alumni Association Hockey Chapter Support for Men's Nanook Hockey, and the Zarling Volleyball and Cross Country Skiing Scholarship.

Lou and Kari Zielinski donated a 1950 Piper Pacer Aircraft to the UAF Community and Technical College.

LEGACY SOCIETY

The Legacy Society recognizes donors who have made provisions to include UAF in their estate plans. Thank you to our newest member, **Harold John**.

This list reflects gifts of \$10,000 or more for the University of Alaska Fairbanks between Feb. 8, 2016 and May 7, 2016.



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