University of Alaska Fairbanks
School of Management

The School of Management provides a high-quality education that prepares students for professional success in meeting the challenges facing businesses in Alaska and around the world.

SOM Experience

“The School of Management (SOM) is an incredibly supportive school. I knew many of my teachers on a first-name basis. The openness and readiness to help students is a positive trait that makes SOM one of the best schools on campus.

Donor support made my educational experience possible. Donors help provide students with memories and experiences that shape our lives and have a lasting impact.”

Fiscal Year 2012/2013 Giving:
WHERE DONOR DOLLARS GO

- Scholarships
- Bloomberg Terminal
- Business Leader of the Year
- Experiential Learning
- Student Organizations
- Arctic Innovation Competition
- MBA Visiting Summer Faculty
- Northern Leadership Center
- Business Plan Competition

Young Alumni Embrace Giving

“I really believe in experiential learning. SOM teaches communication, time-management, and project/presentation skills. After a year in the workforce I realized how valuable my education was and wanted to give back.

If you’re thinking of giving to SOM, go for it! It’s easy to do and will help keep connections strong.”

–P. Craig Millard, UAF ’12

Celebrating 25 Years of AACSB Accreditation

The School of Management is one of only 178 business schools in the world to have its school and Accounting program accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB). SOM is the only business school in Alaska with this specialized dual accreditation. AACSB accreditation helps produce high caliber, better educated business graduates who are more desirable to prospective employers.

“My interaction with the SOM staff and students, specifically organizing school events and projects, most prepared me for the professional world.

I gave back because I strongly believe in SOM’s mission and want to do what I can to perpetuate that mission for the current students.”

–Michele Stringham, UAF ’11

Pictured is the original proclamation signed by Dean Mike Rice in 1988, a culmination of his efforts to recognize SOM as one of the best.
Arctic Innovation Competition

The Arctic Innovation Competition (AIC) is entering its fifth year, featuring the second year of AIC Junior. Youth and adults present innovative ideas and compete for over $20,000 in cash prizes. AIC’s next step is to open a center to help innovators turn their ideas into a marketable product.

Business Leader of the Year

A tradition since 1975, this award honors an individual’s leadership, business acumen, community service, and educational support. SOM hosts this annual event to provide the business community an opportunity to honor the achievements of an exceptional Fairbanks business leader. Over 400 business executives, alumni, students, and faculty join together to honor the Business Leader of the Year.

Student Organization Accomplishments in 2012/2013

Associated Students of Business (ASB)

General meetings hosted several local business professionals who shared their experiences with students. ASB led the charge for the 37th Business Leader of the Year event, helping make it a memorable evening for the Fairbanks community and recipient David Hale.

Great Alaskan Accounting People (GAAP)

In spring 2013, GAAP hosted the Alaska Native Corporations Seminar. Speakers from Doyon Limited, Arctic Slope Regional Corporation, and Mikunda, Cottrell & Co. Inc., spoke to students and accounting professionals about Alaska Native corporations, 8(a) contract issues, and the future of these corporations.

Native Alaskan Business Leaders (NABL)

NABL held meetings throughout the year, providing support and encouragement to its students. At the American Indian Business Leaders (AIBL) conference, NABL earned first place in the business plan competition and Chapter of the Year for the third time.

Students Offering Leadership Development (SOLD)

SOLD had an active year with rock climbing team exercises, a Valentine’s Day potluck, and volunteering at the Boys and Girls Club Have a Heart Auction. SOLD also had the chance to network with Dr. Alice Eagly, a psychologist renowned for her leadership expertise.

“I was overwhelmed and honored to be chosen. Looking at names of the past recipients, you realize these are true leaders of our community and I am humbled to be listed among them.”

—David Hale
37th Business Leader of the Year
Hale & Associates