We are increasingly dependent on donor support as a reliable source of funding, time, and commitment for student programs. Several graduates, either now or later in their careers, will work for alumni and donors. When they look back fondly upon their college experience, I hope one day they’re able to complete the circle of giving by hiring our graduates, giving back to their alma mater, or serving on the SOM Business Advisory Council. We look forward to celebrating the successes and accomplishments of our graduates as they become confident alumni.

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STUDENT INVESTMENT FUND

The nationally-renowned SOM Student Investment Fund (SIF) is a unique class offering the rare opportunity for students to manage an endowment worth approximately a half-million dollars. The investments made by students have out-paced the S&P 500 and, when compared with professionally-run mutual funds, are above-average performers.

In order for students to immerse themselves even more in the rapidly changing world of finance, SIF recently held its first annual Spring Break visit to leading national financial markets. Students visited the San Francisco financial market, known as the “Wall Street of the West,” where they met with top firms, including VIASYN, a firm whose President and CFO is Sam Enoka, a SOM/SIF alumnus (‘95).

“Taking SIF was an awakening. It made me aware of what is going on around me financially, not only in the U.S., but globally as well.”

– Derek Miller, class of 2011
The Northern Leadership Center (NLC) is the hub for leadership initiatives at UAF. The Center is dedicated to continuing the legacy of Dr. Susan Herman, the late founder of NLC and former SOM professor, by developing leaders through assisting and coordinating leadership activities and programs on campus, in the Fairbanks community, and throughout Alaska. In particular, the NLC strives to be Alaska’s leading institute for youth leadership training. Additionally, NLC hosts an annual lecture series featuring distinguished speakers from across the country.