

Dear Variname,

As I write this letter, I recognize that many of you may be feeling the effects of the economy. Here at UAF, we are, too. Tough economic times, though, can mean great opportunities for higher education, as people improve their job skills or find new careers. Students are turning to UAF, and the College of Liberal Arts is ready to help, to create a better future for students and for our global communities.

We need you now more than ever. This is the time for us to seize the moment and move CLA and UAF — your alma mater — to new heights. The College of Liberal Arts is serving the state and our communities through behavioral health programs, research in sustainability, and collaborative activities in the arts.

We are asking you to support our current liberal arts students — the leaders of tomorrow — and help them receive a quality education. Your gift helps provide scholarships to students from all walks of life, increase undergraduate research and boost creative advancement so they can become globally aware and conscientious citizens. To learn more, visit us on the web at www.uaf.edu/cla/.

Take the time to think of the future, remember the past — and make a gift to the College of Liberal Arts today!

Sincerely,

Ronald Davis
Dean, College of Liberal Arts

PS. The students of today will become tomorrow's problem solvers, enhancing the reputation of a liberal arts degree from UAF, as you have done before them.

Your gift continues that momentum!



Undergraduate research experience of a lifetime!

A group of undergraduate students traveled to Washington, D.C., for the historic inauguration of President Barack Obama, as part of a political science special topics course led by Amy Lovecraft, associate professor of political science.

Students benefited from an intensive, field-based learning experience tied to the 2008 presidential election cycle and examined the formation of a new presidential administration. They researched issues such as the role of the media and the inauguration process. Classroom work with faculty included small group seminars along with field research at embassies, think tanks, and the Capitol.

We change lives. You make it happen.



UAF faculty featured at New York art gallery

"I'm always striving to recreate myself as the good person I hope to be." *American Indian Art Magazine*, autumn 2008

Da-ka-veen Mehner — M.F.A. and assistant professor of Native art, UAF

The Alaska House gallery

in New York's SoHo district featured artwork by UAF alumni Sonya Kelliher-Combs and Da-ka-veen Mehner in "i-den-ti-ty," a group show curated by the Alaska Native Arts Foundation.

UAF is one of only a few universities to offer a B.F.A. in Native arts and only one of a few universities in the country to offer the M.F.A. in Native arts.

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