



Dear friend,

Thanks to donors like you, I am the first college graduate in my family. Growing up in rural Arkansas, I knew I wanted to go to college, but it often seemed like an inaccessible or unrealistic goal. As a first-generation college student, I am leading the way for my brother and cousins, who I hope will also be college graduates one day. I absolutely would not be where I am today — a college graduate — without the scholarships I received at UAF. Thank you.

Without the help of scholarships, I would not have had the rich experiences of volunteering and working to help others while also gaining important experience related to my career goals. I was a student phonathon caller last year. It was such a pleasure to speak directly with friends and alumni like you who give so generously to UAF.

Please consider making a gift again in support of students like me.

Sincerely,

Lakeidra Chavis, '15, BA psychology — Recipient of LarVern I. and George L. Keys Scholarship, Velma Hubbard Memorial Scholarship, Andrew Nerland Scholarship

P.S. I was proud to represent my class as student commencement speaker this May. You can view my speech at <http://bit.ly/2015CommSpeaker>.

Thank you for generously supporting the University of Alaska Fairbanks.

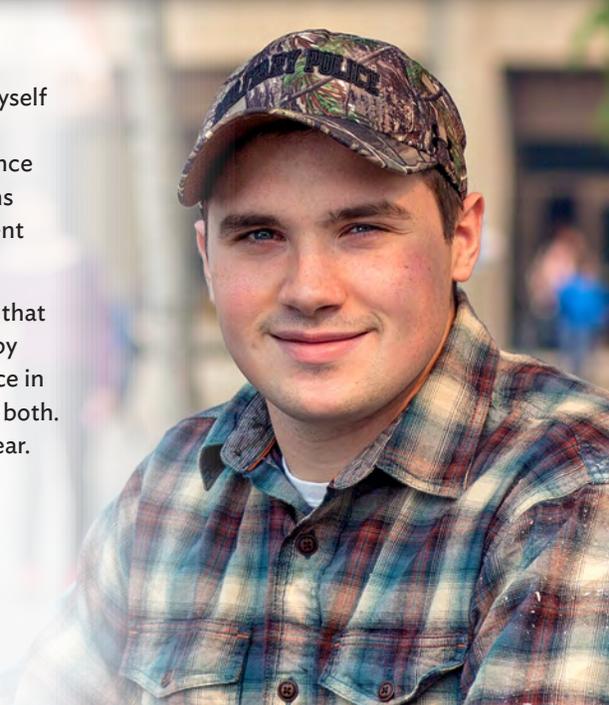
Dear friend,

UAF inspires me to be fearless. Thanks to gifts from donors like you, I am able to push myself in ways I wouldn't have otherwise. UAF is a unique place, and I have gained leadership opportunities that I might not have received elsewhere — I am the vice president of finance for Alpha Phi Omega (the co-ed service fraternity), the president of the Student Veterans of UAF and president of Students Offering Leadership Development. I am also the student assistant for New Student Orientation and a student ambassador.

Thank you for your continued support for students like me. Your donation demonstrates that you believe in students and that you truly wish to create a better future for Alaska. Inch by inch is a cinch. Yard by yard is hard. If we work together, we can make such a big difference in each other's lives — whether it's through service or by making a donation. I choose to do both. Last year, I became a UAF donor, and I humbly ask that you join me in giving again this year.

Respectfully,

Spc. E-4 James Gilcrest, '17, BA emergency management and homeland security
Recipient of Student Investment Fund Scholarship



Dear friend,

As the recently appointed UAF interim chancellor, I'd like to express my deep gratitude for your commitment to higher education in Alaska. Thank you for supporting the <variable fund> on <variable date>.

I have served at Fairbanks Memorial Hospital for nearly three decades, first as chief financial officer and, for the past 20 years, as chief executive officer. Having recently retired from FMH, I am eager to assist in the recruitment process for the new chancellor, while taking a temporary leadership role on Sept. 1. I plan to continue to advance the vision and wise initiatives of Chancellor Brian Rogers, who dedicated four decades of his life to this great institution. UAF consists of a world-class team of faculty, staff and researchers who are shaping Alaska's future in the classroom, as well as America's role in the Arctic. It is this exceptional team that is preparing our students to be involved citizens.

Thank you for your commitment during this transition. UAF will see some changes in the next few years, but, if we work together, we can retain our core values and come through the other side an even stronger institution. A gift to the Annual Fund is a sound investment in UAF. During these budgetary challenges, Annual Fund gifts provide significant, vital support to our students — touching every part of campus. Please join me and my wife, Teri, this year with a gift to the Annual Fund.



Thank you,

Michael K. Powers
Interim chancellor,
University of Alaska Fairbanks