Welcome, Dean Doerner!

Kinchel C. Doerner

Kinchel Doerner began as the Dean of the College of Natural Science and Mathematics in August. He came to us from South Dakota State University in Brookings, where he was the Graduate Dean. Previously, Dr. Doerner served as professor of microbiology at Western Kentucky University in Bowling Green.

"I am extremely humbled and excited to serve as the next Dean of CNSM. The faculty are extraordinary scientists, researchers, and teachers and I feel privileged to be part of such a world-class team. CNSM students are doing amazing things in the classroom, laboratory, and field and our alumni continue to excel in their fields. CNSM, like UAF, is facing some challenges but I know we will quickly adapt and remain the remarkable college that you know. I hope I can meet each one of you."

UAF’s first class of veterinary students makes history

The program is a way for Alaska to grow its own veterinarians and for local clinics to make an investment in the future workforce.

The first graduates of the University of Alaska Fairbanks/Colorado State University 2+2 veterinary program have all been hired to work here in Alaska and the Lower 48. The 10 students attended the first two years of coursework at UAF and finished their two years of clinical training at CSU. The graduation marks not only a personal triumph for the students, but also a milestone for both universities.

UAF receives $16 million to boost biomedical training

Gift will help program increase the diversity and research capacity of undergraduates

The Biomedical Learning and Student Training Program (BLaST) received a $16 million grant this summer to increase the diversity and research capacity of undergraduate students in its biomedical programs. This award will fund research experiences for undergraduates, as well as scholarships, equipment and course development. The program uses mentors, research-based instruction, and a One Health approach to engage students. And check this out: undergraduates from diverse backgrounds, especially those from rural Alaska, actively participate in relevant biomedical research. Students are helped to develop and reach their own goals, and are ideally positioned to help meet the needs of their communities.