

# EMERITI RECOGNITION

## MR. RONALD D. ILLINGWORTH

PROFESSOR OF ENGLISH AND DEVELOPMENTAL EDUCATION, EMERITUS

Mr. Ronald D. Illingworth has served the University of Alaska Fairbanks with distinction in teaching, research and public service from 1980 to 2010.

His commitment to higher education is marked by innovation and devotion to student success as evidenced by advising hundreds of students, many of whom were nontraditional, at-risk or on academic probation; and has received the Carol Feist Outstanding Advisor Award; and has taught thirty-six individual courses ranging from developmental courses to upper level post-graduate.

He has extensively researched the subject of developmental studies, including taking a sabbatical to acquire formal training to help at-risk students; and played a significant role in the formation of the Developmental Studies Department; and whose advocacy of and passion for distance education has resulted in the development of numerous academic programs that serve statewide interests.

He has served many years on the College of Rural and Community Development's academic council, where he was instrumental in developing six associate degree, seven certificate and several occupational endorsement programs; and has advocated strongly for access, fairness and consistency in academic programming; and, as a long-time member of the Faculty Senate, received the Faculty Senate Outstanding Senator of the Year Award.

The University of Alaska Fairbanks expresses its deep appreciation to Mr. Ronald D. Illingworth for his contributions to the State of Alaska and the University. 