

UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA FAIRBANKS

2026

COMMENCEMENT

John A. Carlson Center
Saturday, May 2, 2026



We acknowledge

the Alaska Native nations upon whose ancestral lands our campuses reside. In Fairbanks, our Troth Yeddha' Campus is located on the ancestral lands of the Dena people of the lower Tanana River.



TRADITION AND RENEWAL

For generations, the Dena people of the Tanana River valley gathered at Troth Yeddha', the ridge that is now the Fairbanks campus, to harvest nearby wild potatoes. It served as a place of sustenance and connection, and it remains a place where people come together to work, learn and find intellectual nourishment.

The University of Alaska Fairbanks is proud of the students who continue this tradition of collaboration and learning. Commencement is a meaningful time for graduates, as well as the family and friends who share in this milestone. While these ceremonies mark the completion of academic effort, they also represent a true beginning, because learning is lifelong, and formal education is only the foundation.

Alongside our graduates, the University of Alaska Fairbanks proudly recognizes those receiving honorary degrees and meritorious service awards. We also extend our gratitude to the faculty and staff retiring this year, each of whom has made a lasting contribution to the strength and reputation of this institution.

In today's 104th commencement ceremonies, more than 1,200 graduates will be recognized for their achievements.

Today, we honor the Class of 2026 and celebrate your achievement.

CONGRATULATIONS!



UA PRESIDENT PAT PITNEY

Dear Class of 2026,

Congratulations on reaching this incredible milestone! Graduation is a remarkable accomplishment that reflects your dedication, perseverance and hard work. You should be truly proud of all you've achieved.

As you move forward, remember that the determination that brought you here will continue to guide you through new challenges and opportunities. Your insight, creativity and enthusiasm are needed now more than ever, and the skills you've gained will serve you well in whatever path you choose.

Today is also a moment to recognize those who supported you along the way — your families, friends, mentors and loved ones who encouraged you and believed in your success.

You are now part of a strong community of alumni, faculty, and supporters who are cheering you on. Stay connected, stay curious and stay engaged as you take on the next chapter of your journey.

As you celebrate this achievement, take pride in how far you've come and look forward with confidence. You've earned this moment.

As I prepare to retire, I do so with deep gratitude. Serving the University of Alaska has been one of the greatest honors of my life. Being part of your journeys — and the journeys of thousands of students before you — has filled me with hope, pride, and admiration. Although I am stepping away from my role, I will always remain one of your biggest supporters.

Congratulations, graduates! Wishing you all the best in the years ahead.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pat K. Pitney". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Pat Pitney '90
President
University of Alaska



UAF INTERIM CHANCELLOR MIKE SFRAGA

Dear Graduates,

Congratulations! Today, I am reminded of my own journeys at UAF. I know firsthand that the path to this moment is different for everyone.

For some of you, the road was a straight line. For others, it was like mine, a series of steep climbs, hurdles and unexpected detours. Some of you balanced families and jobs, while others traveled thousands of miles to call UAF home. Regardless of how you reached this achievement, you did it with the unique resilience, grit and determination that defines a Nanook.

As you begin this new chapter of your life, carry this spirit with you. Whether your path leads you to grow and enhance the Fairbanks and Alaska communities or takes you elsewhere in the world, remember that you are now part of a legacy of accomplished innovators, leaders and scholars who invite challenge and seek solutions.

Take time to celebrate your milestone with family, friends, faculty and staff who have supported and encouraged you throughout your journey. Behind the accomplishments of the individual, there are many.

I am incredibly proud and honored to call you a fellow UAF alum. I can't wait to see where your journey leads you.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mike Sfraga".

Ambassador (ret.) Mike Sfraga '84, '97
Interim Chancellor, University of Alaska Fairbanks
America's Arctic University

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COMMENCEMENT, MAY 2, 2026

ANNOUNCER	Joe Alloway, <i>Adjunct Professor, College of Liberal Arts</i>
FACULTY MARSHAL	Charles W. Mason, <i>Professor of Journalism, Emeritus</i>
STUDENT MARSHAL	Paradise Porter, <i>Class of 2026</i>
PROCESSIONAL	UAF Wind Ensemble (<i>Jay Million, Director</i>)
PERFORMANCE	Troth Yeddha' Dance Group
NATIONAL ANTHEM	Olivia Buzby, <i>Bachelor of Arts, Music Education</i>
WELCOME	Mike Sfraga, <i>Interim Chancellor, UAF</i>
PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS	Pat Pitney, <i>President, UA</i>
RECOGNITION OF AWARDEES	Interim Chancellor Sfraga <i>Acknowledging honorary degree recipients, service awardees, faculty and staff emeriti, doctoral degree recipients and student awardees.</i>
INTRODUCTION OF CLASS SPEAKER	Owen Guthrie, <i>Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management, UAF</i>
STUDENT SPEAKER	Paradise Porter, <i>Class of 2026</i>
CONFERRING OF DEGREES	Dennis Michel, Karen Perdue and Fernando Escobar, <i>Board of Regents, UA; President Pitney; Interim Chancellor Sfraga; Charlene Stern, Interim Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor, UAF; and Emeline Lees, Director, Graduate School, UAF</i>

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES BY UAF DEANS	<p>Cameron Carlson, <i>College of Business and Security Management</i></p> <p>William E. Schnabel, <i>College of Engineering and Mines</i></p> <p>S. Bradley Moran, <i>College of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences</i></p> <p>Carrie Baker, <i>College of Liberal Arts</i></p> <p>Karsten Hueffer, <i>College of Natural Science and Mathematics</i></p> <p>Teisha Simmons, <i>College of Indigenous Studies</i></p> <p>Kevin Alexander, <i>Community and Technical College</i></p> <p>Trent Sutton, <i>Division of Exploratory Studies and Academic Success</i></p> <p>Douglas Cost, <i>School of Education</i></p>
ALUMNI COMMENCEMENT REPRESENTATIVE	Meadow Riedel, <i>Class of 2000</i>
“ALASKA FLAG SONG”	Olivia Buzby, <i>Bachelor of Arts, Music Education</i>
RECESSIONAL	UAF Percussion Group, (<i>Sean Dowgray, Director</i>)
EXITING INFORMATION	Audience members are kindly requested to remain in their seats until the graduates have completed the recessional. Those seated on the second and third levels may exit the building through the second-floor doors.
AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETERS	<p>Lisa Kemble, <i>E.I.P.A. Ed:K-12</i></p> <p>Hiatt Rydalch, <i>Student Accommodations Manager, UAF</i></p>
ASSISTANCE FOR THE HEARING IMPAIRED	There are a limited number of personal hearing devices; go to any information table to obtain one.
PHOTOGRAPHY	Photos of individual graduates will be available through Grad Images, www.gradimages.com , 800-261-2576.
SAFETY INFORMATION	Exits are located on both levels of the building. Please take a moment to locate the two exits nearest your seat. In an emergency, information and directions will be announced. Please remain calm and follow all instructions. In compliance with the Fairbanks fire marshal’s office, the aisles, walkways and doorways must remain clear at all times.

DEGREE
CONFIRMATION

Confirmation of degrees and honors for the May 2026 degree candidates whose names are listed in this program will be made when final grades are received. Information presented in this program is accurate as of 1 p.m. April 16, 2026. Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of graduates' names, degrees and other information. We sincerely regret any errors and omissions.

ACADEMIC DEGREE
ABBREVIATIONS

A.A.	Associate of Arts
A.A.S.	Associate of Applied Science
A.S.	Associate of Science
B.A.	Bachelor of Arts
B.A.A.S.	Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences
B.A.M.	Bachelor of Applied Management
B.B.A.	Bachelor of Business Administration
B.F.A.	Bachelor of Fine Arts
B.M.	Bachelor of Music
B.S.	Bachelor of Science
B.S.E.M.	Bachelor of Security and Emergency Management
Cert.	Certificate
Gr. Cert.	Graduate Certificate
P.B. Cert.	Postbaccalaureate Certificate
M.A.	Master of Arts
M.B.A.	Master of Business Administration
M.Ed.	Master of Education
M.F.A.	Master of Fine Arts
M.F.A./M.A.	Master of Fine Arts / Master of Arts
M.H.M.L.	Master of Healthcare Management and Leadership
M.M.P.	Master of Marine Policy
M.Mu.	Master of Music
M.N.R.E.	Master of Natural Resources and Environment
M.S.	Master of Science
M.S.D.M.	Master of Security and Disaster Management
O.H.M.	Master of One Health
Ph.D.	Doctor of Philosophy

SASHES, STOLES AND
CORDS

Sashes, stoles and cords reflect students' affiliations with various colleges, athletic programs, honor societies, military services, home countries and demographic groups.

HONORS RECOGNITION

GRADUATION WITH HONORS

Associate and baccalaureate degree students who earned cum laude and magna cum laude honors wear a gold honor cord, and students who earned summa cum laude honors wear a gold sash. Cumulative grade point averages required for graduating with honors are:

summa cum laude 3.9 or higher
magna cum laude 3.75–3.89 • *cum laude* 3.5–3.74

UNIVERSITY HONORS SCHOLARS

The honors scholars graduation designations require exceptional aptitude. Honors scholars complete credits in specially designed courses and an honors capstone/senior thesis. University Honors Scholars who earned 12 honors credits with a minimum GPA of 3.25 wear a long blue-trimmed and striped gold sash with a single blue and gold honor cord. University Honors Scholars with Distinction earned 18 honors credits with a minimum GPA of 3.5 and 40 hours of service. University Honors Scholars of Highest Distinction earned 24 honors credits with a minimum GPA of 3.5 and 80 hours of service. These scholars wear the same sash with a double blue and gold honor cord.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP HONORS AND LEADERSHIP DISTINCTION

Student Leadership Honors recognition is granted to students who have made significant contributions to the mission of UAF, the surrounding community and the promotion of student life. These students wear a burgundy honor cord. Graduation with Leadership Distinction recognition is granted to students who have displayed a commitment of excellence to themselves, UAF and their community, and they wear a silver honor cord.

CLIMATE HONORS SCHOLARS

Climate Honors Scholars engage in a highly interdisciplinary course of environmental education. They seek experiential opportunities throughout Alaska that hone a firsthand knowledge of how the environment is rapidly changing and what communities and scientists are doing to build a better future. Students receiving this recognition wear a twisted cord of green and blue.

The Class of 2026

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY DEGREES

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING AND MINES

William E. Schnabel, Dean

Asad Hassan Syed

Ph.D. Petroleum Engineering

B.E., Mehran University of Engineering and Technology, 2013; M.B.A., University of Sindh, 2015; M.S., Universiti Teknologi PETRONAS, 2019.

Thesis: A Hybrid CO₂ Foam-based Enhanced Oil Recovery System for Ugnu Heavy Oil Reservoir on Alaska North Slope

This research develops advanced nonthermal strategies to enhance heavy oil recovery in Alaska's Ugnu Formation using CO₂ foam and low-salinity surfactant-polymer systems. The results demonstrate significant improvements in oil recovery and gas mobility control, offering a practical, efficient and promising solution for energy production in permafrost-affected reservoirs.

Major professors: Dr. Yin Zhang and Dr. Abhijit Dandekar

COLLEGE OF FISHERIES AND OCEAN SCIENCES

S. Bradley Moran, Dean

Austin James Flanigan

Ph.D. Fisheries

B.S., University of New England, 2019.

Thesis: Pacific Halibut (*Hippoglossus stenolepis*) in the Northern Bering Sea: Movement Ecology, Spawning Dynamics, and Implications for Management Practice

This dissertation evaluates the spatial dynamics of Pacific halibut in the northern Bering Sea using satellite telemetry. Results indicate that halibut conduct extensive migratory movements, but also display fine-scale spatial behaviors indicative of subpopulation and contingent structure. These findings provide valuable information for management of Pacific halibut within the region.

Major professor: Dr. Andrew Seitz

Karen Louise Grosskreutz

Ph.D. Fisheries

B.A., Warren Wilson College, 1999; M.S., Technical University of Munich, 2019.

Thesis: Coastal Systems Change: Individual and Community Responses to Ecological and Governance Shifts in Alaska's Salmon and Mariculture Fisheries

An exploration of how individuals and communities adapt to shifting ecosystems and management in Alaska salmon and mariculture fisheries used an analysis of interviews and public comments. Results suggested industry development and academic research could be improved through substantive sharing of authority and benefits with Native polities and rural municipalities.

Major professor: Dr. Courtney Carothers

Josianne Haag **

Ph.D. Oceanography

B.S., University of British Columbia, 2020; M.S., University of Alaska Fairbanks, 2022.

Thesis: Investigating Mariculture-Associated Ecosystems Services Across the Northern Gulf of Alaska

The rapid expansion of mariculture in Alaska can drive physical and chemical alterations to the marine environment by the introduction of non-native species, which can create novel predatory pressures, and the increase of native species biomass, which can strengthen or weaken natural processes.

Major professor: Dr. Amanda Kelley

Elizabeth Geraldine Hinkle **

Ph.D. Fisheries

B.A., Texas A&M University–Corpus Christi, 2013; B.S., Texas A&M University–Corpus Christi, 2013; M.S., Biology, University of Texas at Tyler, 2018.

Thesis: Post-Fire Riverscapes: Exploring the Ecological and Behavioral Responses of Stream Communities to Wildfire in Boreal Streams

This dissertation investigates wildfire impacts on boreal streams in Interior Alaska. Combining field data, stable isotopes, trophic modeling and spatial analyses, the study found that wildfire alters aquatic productivity and food web complexity, with long-term effects on habitat structure, macroinvertebrate communities, fish biomass and movement patterns of Arctic grayling.

Major professor: Dr. Jeffrey Falke

Courtney Christopher Pegus

Ph.D. Fisheries

B.S., Morehouse College, 1999; M.S., Savannah State University, 2014.

Thesis: Assessing Glacial Ice Habitats of Harbor Seals in Alaska: Technique Enhancement and Use in Science Education

Rapid warming transforms tidewater glacial habitats essential to ice-dependent harbor seals by accelerating habitat loss. The study quantified seal-associated ice features using aerial imagery, assessed drone-based accuracy for measuring dynamic glacial environments, and integrated culturally grounded remote sensing education to engage and inspire diverse students toward science and conservation careers.

Major professor: Dr. Shannon Atkinson

Isaac Steven Reister *

Ph.D. Oceanography

B.A., Whitman College, 2014.

Thesis: Perspectives on Northern Gulf of Alaska Freshwater Pathways, Wind, and Linkages to Phytoplankton Biomass

The northern Gulf of Alaska shelf receives freshwater and wind forcing that shape its productivity. This study mapped freshwater pathways, identified wind-driven instabilities and analyzed how stratification influences phytoplankton blooms. The results clarify how physical processes shape production on the shelf, improving our ability to anticipate ecosystem responses to climate change.

Major professor: Dr. Seth Danielson

* Summer degree recipient

** Fall degree recipient

Audrey Genevieve Rowe *

Ph.D. Paleocology: Interdisciplinary Program

B.S., University of Chicago, 2016; M.S., University of Alaska Fairbanks, 2018.

Thesis: Strontium Isotope Movement Modeling of Modern and Ancient Megafauna in Alaska

Strontium isotope ratios ($^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$) were used to reconstruct the lifetime movements of a woolly mammoth from its tusk. The method was then adapted to caribou tooth enamel to compare modern and pre-modern herd space use in Interior Alaska. This work advances techniques for reconstructing past animal movements.

Major professor: Dr. Matthew Wooller

Emily Lauren Salinas Ortega *

Ph.D. Oceanography

B.S., University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, 2019.

Thesis: Dissolved and Particulate Nutrient Dynamics in the Northern Gulf of Alaska: A Productive Subarctic Shelf Ecosystem

The Northern Gulf of Alaska (NGA) is a culturally and economically valuable, productive ecosystem. Its productivity is tied to spatiotemporal variability in processes that deliver nutrients to the surface, where phytoplankton can assimilate them. This research obtained multiseasonal, high-resolution data and produced new insights into nutrient cycling within the NGA.

Major professor: Dr. Ana Aguilar-Islas

Genoa Sullaway **

Ph.D. Fisheries

B.S., California Polytechnic University, San Luis Obispo, 2014; M.S., San Diego State University, 2017.

Thesis: Environmental Change in the Northeast Pacific: Climate Impacts on Phenology, Life History, and Population Dynamics in Marine and Aquatic Populations

Climate change is reshaping Northeast Pacific marine and freshwater ecosystems. This dissertation examines how environmental shifts affect Bering Sea zooplankton communities and Pacific salmon populations, including Yukon River chum and Bristol Bay sockeye. Findings highlight links between climate variables and zooplankton phenology, salmon survival and population resilience.

Major professor: Dr. Curry J. Cunningham

Sydney Ann Wilkinson **

Ph.D. Marine Biology

B.S. Toronto Metropolitan University, 2018; M.S. University of Toronto, 2019.

Thesis: Organic Matter Sources and the Seasonal and Spatial Trophic Dynamics in Arctic Lagoon Food Webs

Shrinking sea ice, warming waters and increasing freshwater are altering Arctic coastal lagoons. This study applied biochemical tracers to characterize organic matter sources and understand the trophodynamics of benthic invertebrates and fishes in Beaufort Sea lagoons. The findings provide knowledge to forecast ecosystem responses to climate change and inform management of subsistence fisheries.

Major professor: Dr. Katrin Iken

Lorna Ione Wilson

Ph.D. Fisheries

B.A., St. Olaf College, 2005; M.S., University of Alaska Fairbanks, 2009.

Thesis: Unraveling Growth, Maturation, and Measurement Uncertainty in Alaska's Declining Chinook Salmon Populations

Female Chinook salmon freshwater and marine growth patterns varied across Alaska and over the life of the fish. Later-life growth patterns influenced population vulnerability to demographic declines. Warmer early-life conditions reduced final-year growth, while population productivity and female maturity age depended on growth-maturity tradeoffs and temperature.

Major professors: Dr. Megan McPhee and Dr. Milo Adkison

* Summer degree recipient

** Fall degree recipient

COLLEGE OF INDIGENOUS STUDIES

Teisha Simmons, Dean

Christine Diindiisi McCleave **

Ph.D. Indigenous Studies

B.S., University of Northwestern, 2009; M.A., Augsburg University, 2016.

Thesis: More Than Peyote: Trauma, Healing, and the Politics of Indigenous Cultural Survival in the Age of Psychedelic Colonialism

This study analyzes peyote religion, historical trauma and the growing psychedelic movement using an Indigenous framework. Findings show that contemporary psychedelic practices perpetuate colonial dynamics, while healing is rooted in land, kinship and Indigenous sovereignty rather than psychedelic substances.

Major professors: Dr. Panigkaq Agatha John-Shields and Dr. Michael Koskey

Eldri Waid Westmoreland **

Ph.D. Indigenous Studies

B.S., University of Central Oklahoma, 2002; M.A., Western Governors University, 2018.

Thesis: Developing a Lingít Cultural Learning Theory

Comparative analysis of Indigenous oral histories developed a Lingít cultural learning theory through intergenerational transfer of knowledge and revealed four foundational themes: processes, patterns, principles and purposes of learning. This research further identified the cyclical methods of Lingít education through relationships, reciprocity and respect: observation, participation, independence and teaching.

Major professor: Dr. Sean Asikłuk Topkok

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

Carrie Baker, Dean

Kirsten Hagen *

Ph.D. Clinical–Community Psychology

B.A., Widener University, 2013; M.A., Rosemont College, 2015.

Thesis: An Exploration of Factors that Influence a Clinical Supervisor's Decision to Address the Personal Development and Dispositions of Supervisees

This grounded theory study explores factors influencing clinical supervisors' decisions to address supervisees' personal development. Eleven themes emerged, including supervision is not therapy, conflict avoidance, and rapport. Findings suggest that improving formal supervision training in doctoral programs can help address personal factors more effectively, enhancing both supervisor and supervisee development.

Major professors: Dr. Valerie Gifford and Dr. Inna Rivkin

Valerie Olson **

Ph.D. Organizational Psychology and Communication: Interdisciplinary Program

B.A., Centenary College, 2003; M.Div., Emory University, 2008.

Thesis: Individual and Organizational Factors Influencing Postsecondary Faculty Openness Toward Organizational Change: A Mixed Methods Analysis

Examining predictors of openness toward organizational change (OTOC), the quantitative survey found that organizational citizenship behavior toward the organization uniquely predicts OTOC among University of Alaska faculty. Qualitative analysis revealed faculty OTOC was conditional, highlighting the relevance of psychological contracts and transformational leadership within shared-governance structures.

Major professors: Dr. Amy May and Dr. Amber Worthington

Nicholas Joseph Parlato **

Ph.D. Government and Environmental Geography: Interdisciplinary Program

B.A., Oberlin College, 2012; M.A., University of Northern British Columbia, 2019.

Thesis: Landfast Legalities and Institutional Erosion: Assembling Alaska Coastal Governance at the Melting Edge of the Anthropocene

How can anthropocentrism be displaced from environmental governance approaches? This dissertation thinks with, through and for Earthly multitudes in a time of extensive categorical and systemic breakdown. Centering the Alaska Coastal Management Program, it examines how relationality, Indigenous lifeways, infrastructure and animal agency produce the terms and arenas of governance.

Major professor: Dr. Amy Lauren Lovecraft

* Summer degree recipient

** Fall degree recipient

Carol Diane Simpson-Warner

Ph.D. *Linguistics, Cross-Cultural Studies, and Publication: Interdisciplinary Program*

B.A., University of Guam, 1980; M.Ed., University of Guam, 1995; M.F.A., Queens University of Charlotte, 2010.

Thesis: *Writers' Stories of Process and Product: Cross-Language Considerations in the Editing of the Predominantly English Language Work of Translingual Writers in Guam*

Due to colonization in Micronesia, much regional Indigenous writing is predominantly in English. In this study, three Indigenous writers share perspectives on the editing of their work. Through their stories, the space in which their text is edited emerges as a place for collaborative navigation of language and culture.

Major professors: Dr. Sarah Stanley and Dr. Sharleen Santos-Bamba

COLLEGE OF NATURAL SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS

Karsten Hueffer, Dean

Michael Jason Ahrns

Ph.D. Space Physics

B.S., Arkansas Tech University, 2010.

Thesis: A Statistical Examination of Giant Auroral Undulations

This study examined conditions in which giant auroral undulations (GAUs) form, and what that implies about the physical mechanism causing them. Solar wind and interplanetary magnetic field conditions, geomagnetic conditions, and satellite and radar data point toward GAUs being formed under conditions of enhanced duskside convection through the auroral zone.

Major professor: Dr. Don Hampton

Mario Fernando Angarita Vargas *

Ph.D. Geophysics

B.S., Universidad de los Andes, 2013; M.S., Universidad de los Andes, 2017; M.S., Universidad Nacional de Colombia, 2017.

Thesis: Reanalysis and (Near) Real-Time Inversion of Deformation Observations at Alaskan Volcanoes

This study develops a technique to quantify elevation changes using radar satellite imagery and an inversion framework to identify deformation sources. The results quantify morphological changes and constrain magma sources at Alaska volcanoes. For Shishaldin Volcano, these results are integrated with interdisciplinary data to constrain its plumbing system.

Major professor: Dr. Ronni Grapenthin

Cecilia Borries-Strigle *

Ph.D. Atmospheric Sciences

B.S., University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, 2010; M.S., University of Alaska Fairbanks, 2014.

Thesis: Seasonal Predictability of Sea Ice and Boreal Fire in Alaska

This dissertation evaluates the seasonal predictability of wildfire activity and September sea ice concentrations in Alaska. The research was conducted in collaboration with community partners to address critical challenges they face and to ensure that the resulting tools and insights are directly relevant to operational decision-making.

Major professor: Dr. Uma Bhatt

* Summer degree recipient

** Fall degree recipient

James Raemond Campbell *

Ph.D. Environmental Chemistry

B.S., University of Alaska Fairbanks, 2020.

Thesis: Understanding Secondary Atmospheric Chemistry in Extremely Cold and Dark Environments Through Hydroxymethanesulfonate (HMS) Measurements in Wintertime Fairbanks, Alaska

Fairbanks, Alaska, regularly exceeds PM_{2.5} air quality standards in winter. Secondary PM_{2.5} formation remains poorly understood in this urban environment. This research investigates hydroxymethanesulfonate, an aqueous-phase product in aerosols, to better understand secondary pollution processes and inform future mitigation strategies in cold and dark urban environments.

Major professor: Dr. Jingqiu Mao

Julian Dann **

Ph.D. Geophysics

B.A. Wesleyan University 2017; M.S. University of Alaska Fairbanks, 2023.

Thesis: Advancing Monitoring of Aufeis: Science, Satellites, and Society in a Changing Arctic

The Arctic is warming, accelerating permafrost thaw and reshaping ecosystems and society. This dissertation advances Arctic science through improved aufeis detection, regional trend analysis and reflections on community engagement. Results show seasonal declines in aufeis persistence and highlight key strategies for fostering collaboration between large-scale research programs and Arctic communities.

Major professors: Dr. Simon Zwieback and Dr. Bob Bolton

Satyaki Das **

Ph.D. Atmospheric Sciences

B.E., NMAM Institute of Technology, 2016; M.S., Virginia Tech, 2019.

Thesis: Lidar and Radar Investigations of Gravity Wave Activity in the Middle Atmosphere at PFRR, Chatanika, Alaska

The middle atmosphere, spanning the stratosphere and mesosphere, plays a critical role in Arctic circulation, especially during sudden stratospheric warmings. This dissertation uses lidar and radar observations (2018–2022) to investigate temperature and wave dynamics, developing improved signal techniques and showing reduced gravity wave activity and vertical coupling that influence high-latitude circulation.

Major professor: Dr. Richard Collins

Victor Devaux-Chupin **

Ph.D. Geophysics

B.S., Grenoble Alps University, 2018; M.S., Grenoble Alps University, 2019.

Thesis: Ice Surface Change and Flow Dynamics Analysis of Sit' Tlein (Malaspina Glacier) Through Remote Sensing

This thesis investigates the dynamics of Sit' Tlein, the world's largest piedmont glacier, vulnerable to rapid retreat. It focuses on large, multidataset analysis to identify surge cycles, ice flow variability, and thinning processes. Results highlight complex ice dynamics impacting the glacier's extent and surface variations through time.

Major professor: Dr. Martin Truffer

Emily Jo Graves **

Ph.D. Geophysics

B.S., Lake Superior State University, 2016; M.S., University of Texas at El Paso, 2018.

Thesis: Multi-Scale InSAR Investigations of Anthropogenic and Natural Processes in the American Southwest

Surface deformation can be driven by variations in subsurface fluid pressure and other natural and anthropogenic processes. This dissertation produces and utilizes InSAR-derived average velocity fields and displacement time series to reveal and understand these multiscale processes, their interactions and impacts for a portion of the American Southwest.

Major professor: Dr. Ronni Grapenthin

Aakash Gupta **

Ph.D. Geophysics

B.E., Jadavpur University, 2014; M.Tech., Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur, 2016.

Thesis: Navigating Seismic Anisotropy, with Applications to Alaska

Seismic anisotropy characterizes how elastic waves travel through solid materials with different speeds, depending on the direction of the waves and the direction of particle motion of the waves. This dissertation provides steps taken towards addressing the larger goal of quantifying anisotropy in the Earth from crystal to whole-Earth scales.

Major professor: Dr. Carl Tape

* Summer degree recipient

** Fall degree recipient

Kristin Kraus

Ph.D. Biological Sciences

B.A., Metropolitan State University of Denver, 2016; B.A., University of Colorado Denver, 2020; B.S., University of Colorado Denver, 2020.

Thesis: Inorganic Carbon Transport and Fate in Boreal Forest Headwater Streams

This study investigated the influence of discontinuous permafrost on the terrestrial transport and in-stream fate of inorganic carbon in a boreal headwater catchment based on long-term measurements and modeling. Results indicate that discharge and permafrost presence are important modulators of stream solute concentrations and lateral and vertical dissolved inorganic carbon fluxes.

Major professor: Dr. Jay Jones

Amanda Michelle McPherson

Ph.D. Geophysics

B.S., University of Alaska Fairbanks, 2016; M.S., University of Alaska Fairbanks, 2018.

Thesis: Novel Applications of Seismic Source Estimation

Seismic source estimation is a fundamental tool of seismology and succinctly answers the question: why is the ground shaking? It is routinely applied to give information about the mechanism and size of an earthquake. This work applied the technique toward investigating airborne force sources, very-low-frequency earthquakes and seismic velocity models.

Major professor: Dr. Carl Tape

Hannah Mevenkamp **

Ph.D. Biological Sciences

B.S., Georg-August-Universität Göttingen, 2020.

Thesis: Multiple Sources of Uncertainty in High-Latitude Terrestrial Ecosystem Modeling

Model uncertainties in terrestrial biosphere modeling of high latitudes arise from several sources and different steps of the modeling process. This study applied a holistic approach, evaluating initial conditions-, parameter- and structural-based uncertainty to ensure a realistic assessment of all possible outcomes, as well as the best chances of model improvement.

Major professor: Dr. Eugenie Euskirchen

Emily Peterson

Ph.D. Environmental Chemistry

B.S., University of Washington, 2021.

Thesis: Landscape Drivers of Dissolved Organic Matter Cycling Across Interior Alaska

Warming Arctic and sub-Arctic landscapes are undergoing changes that impact aquatic biogeochemical cycling in inland surface waters. This study evaluates landscape drivers of dissolved organic matter composition across spatial and temporal scales to assess the response of inland waters to ongoing climate disturbance.

Major professor: Dr. Sarah Ellen Johnston

Garrett Anthony Savory **

Ph.D. Biological Sciences

A.A.S., Hocking College, 2002; B.S., Utah State University, 2005; M.S., University of Alaska Fairbanks, 2013.

Thesis: Evaluating Dietary Protein Sources and Protein Balance in Herbivorous Mammals Using Stable Isotope Analysis of Amino Acids

This study evaluated the importance of dietary and gut microbial protein sources in herbivores with different digestive physiologies, and in moose during different seasons, using amino acid carbon isotopes. Additionally, the study evaluated amino acid nitrogen isotopes to predict underweight status in muskoxen that underwent severe loss of body mass.

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Ph.D. Geophysics

B.S., University of North Alabama, 2016.

Thesis: Earthquake Relocation, Fault Complexity, and Nucleation Patterns in Interior Alaska

Interior Alaska's diffuse but active intraplate seismicity obscures fault structures. Using matched filtering, cross-correlation and relocation, this work refines fault geometry, revealing segmented strike-slip systems and varied nucleation behaviors. The results clarify deformation processes and improve seismic-hazard understanding for Fairbanks and nearby infrastructure.

Major professor: Dr. Carl Tape

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Ph.D. Physics

B.S., Point Loma Nazarene University, 2020.

Thesis: The Role of Ionospheric Conductance for Magnetospheric Energy Dissipation and Transport at Earth and Jupiter

Magnetosphere-ionosphere coupling, controlled by conductance, governs planetary space environments. Modeling of Earth and Jupiter enables the comparison of different drivers of energy transport and dissipation. Solar insolation shapes Earth's ionospheric electron content and magnetospheric energy dissipation, while Jupiter's rapid rotation and internal plasma source regulates magnetospheric dynamics and temperature distribution.

Major professors: Dr. Peter Delamere and Dr. Doga Ozturk

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Ph.D. Mathematics

B.S., Ivan Franko National University of Lviv, 2016; M.S., Ivan Franko National University of Lviv, 2018; M.S., Tufts University, 2023.

Thesis: Optimal Control and Inverse Problems for Partial Differential Equations and Variational Inequalities

The research presented in this dissertation addressed optimal control problems for nonlinear evolutionary variational inequalities involving Volterra-type operators and investigated the inverse dynamic problem for the Dirac system on finite metric graphs. Both areas have significant applications in contact and quantum mechanics, bridging optimization and physical modeling.

Major professor: Dr. Sergei Avdonin

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Ph.D. Geophysics

B.S., Nanyang Technological University, 2020.

Thesis: Toward Multidisciplinary Volcanic Eruption Models and Forecasts in Alaska: Contributions from Automated Seismic and Acoustic Signal Detection

Explosive volcanic eruptions pose increasing risks to a globally connected population. Advanced detection, characterization and relocation techniques are applied to decades of seismic and infrasound data from Alaska volcanoes to build enhanced event catalogs. Integrated with multidisciplinary insights, these catalogs reveal unique unrest patterns, supporting volcano monitoring and eruption forecasts.

Major professor: Dr. David Fee

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Ph.D. Geoscience

B.S., University of Hawaii, 2017; M.S., University of Alaska Fairbanks, 2019.

Thesis: Characterizing Magmatic Processes at Pavlof and Augustine Volcanoes, Alaska, Through Changes in Volatile, Melt, and Phenocryst Geochemistry

This study investigated magmatic processes by examining mineral compositional changes across dissolution surfaces in crystal clots at Augustine Volcano and changes in geochemistry between recent eruptions, as well as volatile concentration changes in melt inclusions during magmatic ascent at Pavlof Volcano.

Major professor: Dr. Taryn Lopez

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Ph.D. Biochemistry and Neuroscience

B.S., University of Alaska Fairbanks, 2021.

Thesis: Harnessing Pathogen Neurotropism for Targeted Nervous System Delivery

This dissertation investigates pathogen-derived chimeric peptides and proteins as potential drug delivery platforms selective for the nervous system. This is achieved by creating chimeric constructs that leverage the inherent selectivity of neurotropic viruses and neurotoxins.

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Ph.D. Environmental Chemistry

B.S., Nanjing University of Information Science & Technology, 2018.

Thesis: Understanding the Sources and Variability of Air Pollution in Northern High Latitudes: Using Formaldehyde (HCHO) as a Tracer

Formaldehyde (HCHO) variability across the Arctic was quantified using satellites and models. Wildfires emerged as the predominant driver of pan-Arctic interannual HCHO variation, and a new algorithm was developed to estimate associated surface particulate pollution. Across North America, HCHO diurnal cycles were characterized to reveal regional photochemical processes.

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Cert., Baking and Pastry Arts
- Sarah E. Koenig**
Cert., Culinary Arts
- Cheyenne Koop ***
Cert., Medical Assistant
- Tsvetelina Yordanova Kostova**
Cert., Applied Accounting
- Shawna M. Kruger ***
Cert., Applied Business Management: Computer Applications
- Shawna M. Kruger ***
Cert., Healthcare Reimbursement
- Shawna M. Kruger ***
Cert., Medical Assistant
- Brendan A. Lahr**
Cert., Airframe and Powerplant
- Rachel C. Lake ***
Cert., Airframe and Powerplant
- Anthony W. Lancaster**
Cert., Diesel/Heavy Equipment
- Roman A. Lane ***
Cert., Airframe and Powerplant
- Isabel S. Lawler**
Cert., Baking and Pastry Arts
- Isabel S. Lawler ****
Cert., Culinary Arts
- Kristen M. Lewis**
Cert., Early Childhood Education
- Samuel R. Lewis ***
Cert., Airframe and Powerplant
- Alex Loaiza ***
Cert., Baking and Pastry Arts
- Alex Loaiza ***
Cert., Culinary Arts
- Jackson T. Long ***
Cert., Airframe and Powerplant
- Ngaire R. Long**
Cert., Culinary Arts
- Elizabeth Lumley ***
Cert., Information Technology Specialist
- Joshua S. Madnick**
Cert., Automotive Technology
- Elise P. Marbury**
Cert., Information Technology Specialist
- Peyton J. Markham**
Cert., Information Technology Specialist
- Inlyahelina K. Masters**
Cert., Pre-Nursing Qualifications
- Kendra L. McAlpin**
Cert., Baking and Pastry Arts
- Kendra L. McAlpin**
Cert., Culinary Arts
- Andie McQueen ****
Cert., Healthcare Reimbursement
- David J. McQuillen**
Cert., Automotive Technology
- Joshua Miles**
Cert., Diesel/Heavy Equipment
- Carter J. Miller**
Cert., Culinary Arts
- Carter J. Miller**
Cert., Baking and Pastry Arts
- Otto F. Nedwick**
Cert., Airframe and Powerplant

Tyler A. Neumann
Cert., Instrumentation Technology

Jennifer Nickel *
Cert., Medical Assistant

Shaelene M. Nickoli *
Cert., Early Childhood Education

Aidan R. Ogilvie-Fiacco
Cert., Instrumentation Technology

Diangely J. Orengo **
Cert., Medical/Dental Reception

Anders L. Parrott
Cert., Information Technology Specialist

Victoria Pennington **
Cert., Pre-Nursing Qualifications: BSN Prepared

Odin F. Peter Raboff
Cert., Baking and Pastry Arts

Odin F. Peter Raboff
Cert., Culinary Arts

Leah Jade Pitka
Cert., Automotive Technology

Livia Putzel *
Cert., Airframe and Powerplant

Jeremy L. Releford
Cert., Diesel/Heavy Equipment

Jacob D. Rogers *
Cert., Airframe and Powerplant

Joana Irene Romero Cupul
Cert., Baking and Pastry Arts

Joana Irene Romero Cupul
Cert., Culinary Arts

Brynn Rosario
Cert., Applied Accounting

Rodolfo Diego Sanchez
Cert., Baking and Pastry Arts

Rodolfo Diego Sanchez
Cert., Culinary Arts

Derrick A. Sanders
Cert., Diesel/Heavy Equipment

Pierce J. Schreder *
Cert., Airframe and Powerplant

Erin M. Schuch *
Cert., Airframe and Powerplant

William C. Sheehan
Cert., Diesel/Heavy Equipment

Dawn M. Simmons
Cert., Healthcare Reimbursement

Delaynie C. Smith **
Cert., Culinary Arts

John T. Smith **
Cert., Applied Business

Jacob Henderson Stone
Cert., Drafting Technology

Waylen D. Sullivan
Cert., Diesel/Heavy Equipment

Stephen J. Sutherland II
Cert., Automotive Technology

Leena S. Tangog *
Cert., Medical Assistant

Zachary Terry
Cert., Diesel/Heavy Equipment

Leonora C. Tesoro
Cert., Medical Assistant

Saralyn R. Theriault *
Cert., Applied Business Management: General Business

Annabelle M. Thomas
Cert., Baking and Pastry Arts

Annabelle M. Thomas
Cert., Culinary Arts

Monica J. Thomas
Cert., Healthcare Reimbursement

Sicilie-Renee Marie Van Zile
Cert., Healthcare Reimbursement

Benaiah R. Vanderlugt *
Cert., Airframe and Powerplant

Atlas W. Wagner
Cert., Automotive Technology

Amy E. Waldroup *
Cert., Medical Assistant

Christopher D. Williams
Cert., Baking and Pastry Arts

Christopher D. Williams
Cert., Culinary Arts

Hayden N. Wiltse **
Cert., Applied Accounting

Nicole L. Wolf **
Cert., Healthcare Reimbursement

Sarah B. Woodard
Cert., Airframe and Powerplant

Ivy M. Wyatt
Cert., Drafting Technology

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DIVISION OF EXPLORATORY STUDIES AND ACADEMIC SUCCESS

Trent Sutton, Dean

Baccalaureate Degrees

Renan L. Aeo

summa cum laude, B.S., Geologic and Social Processes of the Arctic: Interdisciplinary Studies. *Climate Scholar — Highest Distinction*

Jaime Ames

B.A., Interdisciplinary Studies: General Studies

Wayne H. Appold

B.A., Interdisciplinary Studies: General Studies

Kit Ayers **

summa cum laude, B.A., Interdisciplinary Studies: General Studies

Wanda B. Baltazar *

B.A., Indigenous Early Childhood Education, Family Support & Language Revitalization: Interdisciplinary Studies

Blake William Bogart

B.S., Mineral Resource Development: Interdisciplinary Studies

Hannah J. Brooks *

B.A., Interdisciplinary Studies: General Studies

Channing M. Buckmaster *

magna cum laude, B.S., Plant Science and Ethnobotany: Interdisciplinary Studies

Jawn M. Carl

B.A., Interdisciplinary Studies: General Studies

Randi L. Carpenter *

cum laude, B.A., Interdisciplinary Studies: General Studies

Ethan K. Christiansen *

magna cum laude, B.S., Interdisciplinary Studies: General Studies

Frances J. Collins

B.A., Interdisciplinary Studies: General Studies

Teshina R. Dorsey

cum laude, B.S., Arctic Environmental Science, Policy, and Place-Based Management: Interdisciplinary Studies: Individualized

Anastacia M. Dorvall

B.A., Interdisciplinary Studies: General Studies

Michael T. Emerson **

summa cum laude, B.A., Interdisciplinary Studies: General Studies

Jodi Fouche

B.A., Interdisciplinary Studies

Robert C. Funke **

cum laude, B.A., Outdoor Recreation and Arctic Tourism: Interdisciplinary Studies. *Climate Scholar — Highest Distinction*

Rodolfo A. Garcia-Sanchez

B.A., Ethics, Culture, and Government: Interdisciplinary Studies

Abigail Marie Garner *

B.A., Interdisciplinary Studies: General Studies

Jordan L. Gill *

B.A., Interdisciplinary Studies: General Studies

Cayley E. Hamilton **

magna cum laude, B.A.A.S., Interdisciplinary Studies: General Studies

Abigail L. Hanna *

magna cum laude, B.A., Interdisciplinary Studies: General Studies

Emma M. Harry

B.A., Interdisciplinary Studies: General Studies

Aereth J. Hytry

B.S., Interdisciplinary Studies: General Studies

Kristina L. Walker **

B.A., Communication Sciences and Disorders: Interdisciplinary Studies

Katherine D. LeBlanc

cum laude, B.S., Science Education within Diverse Communities: Interdisciplinary Studies. *Honors Climate Scholar*

Brittany L. Madros

B.A., Tribal Child & Family Wellness Systems: Interdisciplinary Studies

Kristin S. Mallett **

B.S., Interdisciplinary Studies: General Studies

Olivia Martorina **

B.A., Interdisciplinary Studies: General Studies

Gladys M. Mekiana

B.A., Interdisciplinary Studies: General Studies

Toby C. Monroe **

B.A.A.S., Interdisciplinary Studies: General Studies

Theresa M. Morache

B.S., Interdisciplinary Studies: General Studies

Jalai Okeith *

B.A., Interdisciplinary Studies: General Studies

Erin L. Pedersen

B.A., Interdisciplinary Studies: General Studies

Clementina E. Piciaccia

B.A., Interdisciplinary Studies: General Studies

Megan E. Roberts **

magna cum laude, B.A.A.S., Interdisciplinary Studies: General Studies

Samantha J. Saccomen

B.A., Interdisciplinary Studies: General Studies

Lydia L. Smith **

B.A., Interdisciplinary Studies: General Studies

Indigo A. W. Sonneborn

summa cum laude, B.A., Interdisciplinary Studies: General Studies. *Honors Climate Scholar*

Larissa D. Strunk **

B.S., Interdisciplinary Studies: General Studies

Brendan C. Sweeney

B.S., Interdisciplinary Studies: General Studies

Michael P. Taylor *

B.A., Interdisciplinary Studies: General Studies

Don S. Thibedeau

cum laude, B.S., Interdisciplinary Studies: General Studies

Erica M. Wagner

B.A., Interdisciplinary Studies: General Studies

Ethan M. White **

B.A., Interdisciplinary Studies: General Studies

Robert E. Wolfe **

B.S., Interdisciplinary Studies: General Studies

Brooke L. Woods

B.A., Tribal Governance of Fisheries: Interdisciplinary Studies

David C. Wortman **

summa cum laude, B.A., Interdisciplinary Studies: General Studies

Kayla M. Yanez **

summa cum laude, B.A., Community and Environmental Studies: Interdisciplinary Studies

* Summer degree recipient

** Fall degree recipient

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

Douglas Cost, Dean

Master's Degrees

Dominique R. Aboud **

M.Ed., Counseling: Clinical Mental Health

Victoria Avery *

M.Ed., Counseling: Clinical Mental Health

Payton M. Baker

M.Ed., Special Education

Janet A. Ballek

M.Ed., Education: Secondary Education

Paula Bengtson

M.Ed., Counseling: Clinical Mental Health

Nicole Y. Bickford–St. Pierre **

M.Ed., Counseling: Clinical Mental Health

Rachel A. Blume

M.Ed., Education: Secondary Education

Pamela Suzanne Bosch

M.Ed., Education: Secondary Education

Juan E. Cediel **

M.Ed., Counseling: Clinical Mental Health

Salma Connelly *

M.Ed., Counseling: Clinical Mental Health

Tiffany Creelman **

M.Ed., Counseling: School Counseling K–12

James E. Doss

M.Ed., Education: Secondary Education

Morgan R. Edwards

M.Ed., Education: Secondary Education

Isabela Mari Gonzalez

M.Ed., Education: Secondary Education

Angela J. Graves

M.Ed., Special Education

George Wesley Hartlieb III

M.Ed., Education: Secondary Education

Georgeanna L. Heaverley

M.Ed., Education: Secondary Education

Maggie J. House

M.Ed., Education: Secondary Education

Devony B. Irwin

M.Ed., Education: Secondary Education

Hope Jennings **

M.Ed., Special Education

Ariana J. Jensen

M.Ed., Education: Secondary Education

Anna R. Kerr **

M.Ed., Counseling: Clinical Mental Health

Meredith C. LaValley **

M.Ed., Counseling: Clinical Mental Health

Karen B. Low

M.Ed., Counseling: School Counseling
Secondary

Allison M. Lucas

M.Ed., Special Education

Lillian A. Mitchell

M.Ed., Education: Secondary Education

Kody A. Moore

M.Ed., Education: Secondary Education

Jeffrey F. Muenzmay

M.Ed., Education: Secondary Education

Jade Wood Najjar

M.Ed., Counseling: School Counseling
Secondary

Miriam A. Olivo **

M.Ed., Counseling: Clinical Mental Health

Alejandra Orihuela Silva

M.Ed., Counseling: Clinical Mental Health

Alice M. Patton **

M.Ed., Counseling: School Counseling
Secondary

Zeke M. Shomler

M.Ed., Education: Secondary Education

Parker S. Stone

M.Ed., Education: Secondary Education

Caitlin G. VanDyke *

M.Ed., Education: Elementary Education

Olivia Grace Villa

M.Ed., Counseling: School Counseling K–12

Heidi A. Wiese

M.Ed., Counseling: School Counseling
Secondary

Anna C. Willis

M.Ed., Special Education

Angela D. Wittenberg

M.Ed., Special Education

Karen Witthoeft

M.Ed., Counseling: School Counseling
Secondary

Chelsey B. Zaukar

M.Ed., Education: Secondary Education

Postbaccalaureate and Graduate Certificates

Janet A. Ballek

Gr. Cert., Secondary Education: Initial Teacher Certification

Amber L. Bennett

Gr. Cert., Post-Baccalaureate K-12 Special Education Licensure: Initial Teacher Certification

Rachel A. Blume

Gr. Cert., Secondary Education: Initial Teacher Certification

Pamela Suzanne Bosch

Gr. Cert., Secondary Education: Initial Teacher Certification

James E. Doss

Gr. Cert., Secondary Education: Initial Teacher Certification

Morgan R. Edwards

Gr. Cert., Secondary Education: Initial Teacher Certification

Rhiana C. Gay **

Gr. Cert., Counseling

Isabela Mari Gonzalez

Gr. Cert., Secondary Education: Initial Teacher Certification

Angela J. Graves

Gr. Cert., Post-Baccalaureate K-12 Special Education Licensure: Additional Teaching Endorsement

Janell M. Grenier

Gr. Cert., Secondary Education: Initial Teacher Certification

George Wesley Hartlieb III

Gr. Cert., Secondary Education: Initial Teacher Certification

Georgeanna L. Heaverley

Gr. Cert., Secondary Education: Initial Teacher Certification

Maggie J. House

Gr. Cert., Secondary Education: Initial Teacher Certification

Charlotte Louise Hunter

Gr. Cert., Elementary Education: Initial Teacher Certification

Devony B. Irwin

Gr. Cert., K-12 Art: Initial Teacher Certification

Ariena J. Jensen

Gr. Cert., Secondary Education: Initial Teacher Certification

Eliza Joekay

Gr. Cert., Elementary Education: Initial Teacher Certification

Mari Ann Kay Joseph

Gr. Cert., Elementary Education: Initial Teacher Certification

Lillian A. Mitchell

Gr. Cert., K-12 Art: Initial Teacher Certification

Kody A. Moore

Gr. Cert., Secondary Education: Initial Teacher Certification

Jeffrey F. Muenzmay

Gr. Cert., Secondary Education: Initial Teacher Certification

Steven C. Murray

Gr. Cert., Post-Baccalaureate K-12 Special Education Licensure: Initial Teacher Certification

Zeke M. Shomler

Gr. Cert., Secondary Education: Initial Teacher Certification

Parker S. Stone

Gr. Cert., Secondary Education: Initial Teacher Certification

Fletcher S. Tague Shell *

Gr. Cert., Elementary Education: Initial Teacher Certification

Alexis Raye G. Taylor

Gr. Cert., Secondary Education: Initial Teacher Certification

Mary K. Tester *

Gr. Cert., Post-Baccalaureate K-12 Special Education Licensure: Initial Teacher Certification

Rose V. Thorne

Gr. Cert., Post-Baccalaureate K-12 Special Education Licensure: Additional Teaching Endorsement

Brian V. Warhol

P.B. Cert., Teaching Credential - Secondary Education: Initial Teacher Certification

Chelsey B. Zaukar

Gr. Cert., Secondary Education: Initial Teacher Certification

Baccalaureate Degrees

Alyssa H. Adams

B.A., Elementary Education

Elena C. Brown

cum laude, B.A., Elementary Education

Cora Lena Charles

cum laude, B.A., Elementary Education

* Summer degree recipient

** Fall degree recipient

Gracy A. Culbert

magna cum laude, B.A., Secondary Education;
History

Elizabeth L. Eaton

B.A., Elementary Education

Sonya S. Edwards

B.A., Elementary Education

Gabrielle L. Falke

B.A., Elementary Education

Isaac L. Jordan

B.A., Secondary Education; English

Allyse N. La Fountain

B.A., Elementary Education

Jordan L. Larson

cum laude, B.A., Elementary Education

Gavin K. Lee

B.A., Elementary Education

Hannah Iris Montanez

B.A., Elementary Education

Lisa Fitka Olick

B.A., Elementary Education

Amanda Jean Paniptchuk

B.A., Elementary Education

Julia A. Sellars

B.A., Elementary Education

Sonni Natasha Marie Shavings

B.A., Elementary Education

Miriam A. Stitz

B.A., Elementary Education

Kristina L. Sunie

B.A., Elementary Education

Brady L. Tomberlin

magna cum laude, B.A., Secondary Education;
History

Beatrice M. Turley

cum laude, B.A., Secondary Education; History

Alfred V. Ulroan

B.A., Elementary Education

Lisa N. Unin

B.A., Elementary Education

Lacy M. Reuter

summa cum laude, B.A., Elementary Education

Carli Y. Walch

cum laude, B.A., Elementary Education

Colin A. Warren

summa cum laude, B.A., Secondary Education;
English. *Honors Climate Scholar*

Grace A. Weyanna

B.A., Elementary Education

Joanna I. Wiggins

cum laude, B.A., Secondary Education; History

Kaylin A. Wolf

B.A., Elementary Education

Certificates

Tamara J. Anaver **

Cert., Local Knowledge Educator

Sonni Natasha Marie Shavings

Cert., Local Knowledge Educator

EMERITI RECOGNITION

DR. SHANNON K. ATKINSON DEMASTER

Professor of Fisheries, Emeritus

Dr. Shannon K. Atkinson DeMaster served the University of Alaska Fairbanks with distinction in teaching, research and service from 2000 to 2026.

Dr. Atkinson DeMaster has taught a wide range of undergraduate and graduate courses, and she has led 41 graduate student committees and served on 33 more.

Dr. Atkinson DeMaster is internationally recognized for her contributions to marine mammal physiology, endocrinology and conservation science. Her research program has been notable not only for its productivity but also for its community engagement and integration with teaching.

Dr. Atkinson DeMaster has served the university and public through international scientific committees, community events and leadership in interdisciplinary research and education programs.

The University of Alaska Fairbanks expresses its deep appreciation to Dr. Shannon K. Atkinson DeMaster for her extensive contributions to the state of Alaska and to the university.

EMERITI RECOGNITION

DR. STEPHEN “WALKIE” CHARLES

Associate Professor of Yup’ik Language, Emeritus

Dr. Stephen “Walkie” Charles served the University of Alaska Fairbanks with distinction in teaching, research and service from 1995 to 2025.

Dr. Charles’ excellence in teaching and mentorship has been widely recognized with multiple awards. He designed and taught a wide range of courses, specializing in Yugtun (Yup’ik) language instruction.

Dr. Charles studied methods of teaching second languages. He developed materials for teaching the central Alaska Yup’ik language and contributed to research on Indigenous language assessment and acquisition.

Dr. Charles served as the first Alaska Native director of UAF’s Alaska Native Language Center. He was inaugural chair of the Alaska Native Language Preservation and Advisory Council and co-chair of the American Anthropological Association’s Committee on Indigenous Education.

The University of Alaska Fairbanks expresses its deep appreciation to Dr. Stephen “Walkie” Charles for his extensive contributions to the state of Alaska and to the university.

EMERITI RECOGNITION

MR. BILLY CONNOR

Director of the Arctic Infrastructure Development Center, Emeritus

Mr. Billy Connor has served the University of Alaska Fairbanks with distinction in teaching, research and service from 2005 to 2026.

Mr. Connor taught courses and regularly mentored students on their capstone and service-learning projects. He helped develop an internship program with Alaska's state transportation agency, where he worked for 28 years.

Mr. Connor, after joining UAF, led and contributed to multiple permafrost and infrastructure research projects, courses and conferences. He authored definitive reference books on ice roads and on building roads and airfields on permafrost. He recently led the completion of the load frames in the Usibelli Building's high bay.

Mr. Connor delivered transportation expertise to tribal communities across Alaska. He chaired and served on numerous national and professional committees, elevating UAF's national visibility.

The University of Alaska Fairbanks expresses its deep appreciation to Mr. Billy Connor for his extensive contributions to the state of Alaska and to the university.

EMERITI RECOGNITION

DR. PATRICIA DOAK

Associate Professor of Biology and Wildlife, Emeritus

Dr. Patricia Doak has served the University of Alaska Fairbanks with distinction in teaching, research and service from 1998 to 2026.

Dr. Doak's teaching, which featured regular course updates and new labs, inspired many students to pursue graduate studies. She chaired the graduate committees of 10 master's students and served on many more.

Dr. Doak's research has focused on the mechanisms behind insect population outbreaks, a topic of interest to stakeholders across Alaska. In particular, she and collaborators are synthesizing 20 years of data tracking the aspen leaf miner outbreak in Interior Alaska.

Dr. Doak's insights and high standards have contributed greatly to the biology and wildlife program, and she has served as the long-time chair of the College of Natural Science and Mathematics Curriculum Committee.

The University of Alaska Fairbanks expresses its deep appreciation to Dr. Patricia Doak for her extensive contributions to the state of Alaska and to the university.

EMERITI RECOGNITION

MR. DARRIN “BEAR” EDSON

Superintendent of Operations, Emeritus

Mr. Darren “Bear” Edson served the University of Alaska Fairbanks with distinction in facilities operation and maintenance from 1995 to 2026.

Mr. Edson began his UAF career as a student equipment operator and served in numerous roles before ultimately rising to superintendent of operations for Facilities Services.

Mr. Edson cares deeply about UAF’s people, focusing consistently on student needs and being always willing to help by stepping up personally, finding a workaround or making something happen behind the scenes.

Mr. Edson has embodied the spirit and culture of UAF for decades, starting with his long-ago service as the Nook polar bear mascot (one alleged source of his nickname) and continuing today in his humor, humanity and professionalism.

The University of Alaska Fairbanks expresses its deep appreciation to Mr. Darrin “Bear” Edson for his extensive contributions to the state of Alaska and to the university.

EMERITI RECOGNITION

DR. HAJO EICKEN

Director of the International Arctic Research Center, Emeritus

Dr. Hajo Eicken served the University of Alaska Fairbanks with distinction in teaching, research and service from 1988 to 2023.

Dr. Eicken taught undergraduate and graduate courses focused on sea and glacier ice for more than two decades, and he served as chair of more than a dozen graduate students' committees.

Dr. Eicken has made foundational contributions to sea-ice geophysics, Arctic observing systems and climate science. He has published more than 180 peer-reviewed journal articles and 21 book chapters and edited volumes. He also helped pioneer the integration of Iñupiat sea-ice knowledge with scientific methods.

Dr. Eicken led UAF's International Arctic Research Center for the past decade. Under his stewardship, IARC grew into a globally recognized hub for interdisciplinary Arctic science. As director, Dr. Eicken demonstrated an unwavering commitment to connecting science with the needs of decision-makers and local communities.

The University of Alaska Fairbanks expresses its deep appreciation to Dr. Hajo Eicken for his extensive contributions to the state of Alaska and to the university.

EMERITI RECOGNITION

DR. DONALD L. HAMPTON

Research Professor of Space Physics, Emeritus

Dr. Donald L. Hampton served the University of Alaska Fairbanks with distinction in teaching, research and service from 2006 to 2026.

Dr. Hampton holds a research position but has taught multiple classes and served on 11 graduate committees.

Dr. Hampton's research focuses on optical techniques to quantify the aurora's energy input into the upper atmosphere, which helps explain how space weather affects ozone levels, atmospheric energy transport and the drag experienced by satellites.

Dr. Hampton has served as chief scientist at Poker Flat Research Range, where he often leads tours. He has served on NASA's Sounding Rocket Working Group. He has also developed world-class imaging networks across Alaska that benefit a broad community of space physics researchers.

The University of Alaska Fairbanks expresses its deep appreciation to Dr. Donald L. Hampton for his extensive contributions to the state of Alaska and to the university.

EMERITI RECOGNITION

DR. KATHERINE S. HEDSTROM

Oceanographer, Emeritus

Dr. Katherine S. Hedstrom served the University of Alaska Fairbanks with distinction in teaching, research and service from 2001 to 2025.

Dr. Hedstrom served on multiple student graduate committees and always generously gave her time to students, despite having, as a staff scientist, no formal teaching duties at UAF.

Dr. Hedstrom, for over two decades, has served as the key connection between UAF's ocean modeling expertise and the national and international communities of ocean modeling. Much of the ocean circulation modeling for Alaska waters in the past 20 years has been based on her numerical model domains and computer code.

Dr. Hedstrom provided a valuable public service, with no expectation of reward, by guiding young investigators new to the modeling enterprise, and she continues to offer her time to tackle ocean modeling challenges.

The University of Alaska Fairbanks expresses its deep appreciation to Dr. Katherine S. Hedstrom for her extensive contributions to the state of Alaska and to the university.

EMERITI RECOGNITION

MS. JOAN E. HORNIG

Associate Professor of Elementary Education, Emeritus

Ms. Joan E. Hornig served the University of Alaska Fairbanks with distinction in teaching, research and service from 1999 to 2026.

Ms. Hornig, using her engaging teaching style, deep subject expertise and ability to foster critical thinking and creativity, has taught, supervised and mentored hundreds of elementary teachers across the state.

Ms. Hornig founded and co-led a multimillion-dollar, grant-funded partnership with rural schools and organizations for the past dozen years, bringing culturally sustaining, arts-infused methods into university coursework and professional development while supporting district-based teacher recruitment and retention.

Ms. Hornig served since 2019 as chair of the Elementary Education Department; and she played an integral role in the School of Education's accreditation for more than 15 years.

The University of Alaska Fairbanks expresses its deep appreciation to Ms. Joan E. Hornig for her extensive contributions to the state of Alaska and to the university.

EMERITI RECOGNITION

DR. MICHAEL S. KOSKEY

Associate Professor of Indigenous Studies. Emeritus

Dr. Michael S. Koskey served the University of Alaska Fairbanks with distinction in teaching, research and service from 2007 to 2025.

Dr. Koskey taught broadly in anthropology, cross-cultural and Indigenous studies and rural development. He led 39 committees for graduate students, who valued his generosity, depth of knowledge and diverse experiences.

Dr. Koskey conducted internationally recognized research and published prolifically, and his circumpolar study of reindeer herding at the end of the 20th century remains a key contribution to Arctic anthropology.

Dr. Koskey served as chair for both the Center for Cross-Cultural Studies and the Department of Alaska Native Studies and Rural Development. While serving on committees developing UAF research and degree programs, he worked to ensure respectful partnerships with organizations and communities outside the university.

The University of Alaska Fairbanks expresses its deep appreciation to Dr. Michael S. Koskey for his extensive contributions to the state of Alaska and to the university.

EMERITI RECOGNITION

DR. ELLEN D. LOPEZ

Professor of Public Health Education and Dean of the College of Liberal Arts, Emeritus

Dr. Ellen D. Lopez served the University of Alaska Fairbanks with distinction in teaching, research and service from 2008 to 2026.

Dr. Lopez is an outstanding classroom teacher who advised multiple graduate students and also supported numerous students through her leadership in the Biological and Medical Student Training program.

Dr. Lopez's scientific inquiries included groundbreaking work in community-based participatory studies and culturally grounded health research with Alaska Native communities.

Dr. Lopez served five years as dean of the College of Liberal Arts, offering respect, compassion and resilience to colleagues. She has served the Fairbanks community through such activities as facilitation of the Fairbanks Native Association's Hopeful Connections support group and service on the Breast Cancer Detection Center's board.

The University of Alaska Fairbanks expresses its deep appreciation to Dr. Ellen D. Lopez for her extensive contributions to the state of Alaska and to the university.

EMERITI RECOGNITION

MR. CHARLES W. MASON

Professor of Journalism, Emeritus

Mr. Charles W. Mason has served the University of Alaska Fairbanks with distinction in teaching, research and service from 1990 to 2026.

Mr. Mason's outstanding teaching earned him UAF's 2019 Usibelli Distinguished Teaching Award. He led the teaching transition from film to digital imagery, then pioneered UAF's online photography courses. Using his dual appointment in the Art Department, he created master's and bachelor's degrees in fine art photography.

Mr. Mason's photography has been featured widely in media, books and exhibits, and his numerous accolades include the World Press Photo's Oskar Barnack Award, the international equivalent of a U.S. Pulitzer Prize.

Mr. Mason served as Journalism Department chair for 26 years, as well as on numerous committees. His efforts secured funding for the Snedden Endowed Chair in Journalism.

The University of Alaska Fairbanks expresses its deep appreciation to Mr. Charles W. Mason for his extensive contributions to the state of Alaska and to the university.

EMERITI RECOGNITION

MR. NED ROZELL

Science Writer, Emeritus

Mr. Ned Rozell has served the University of Alaska Fairbanks with distinction in science writing from 1994 to 2026.

Mr. Rozell, as an employee of the UAF Geophysical Institute, authored the weekly Alaska Science Forum column, which appears in numerous news outlets across the state and beyond. He has written several books, including one in progress about the history of the Geophysical Institute.

Mr. Rozell's words explain scientific findings and investigations in an accurate, interesting manner, informing readers about the contributions that university researchers and others make to knowledge about Alaska. His columns often originate with excursions into Alaska's remote regions with scientists and friends.

Mr. Rozell frequently shares his insights and experiences through public speaking and teaching.

The University of Alaska Fairbanks expresses its deep appreciation to Mr. Ned Rozell for his extensive contributions to the state of Alaska and to the university.

EMERITI RECOGNITION

MR. MATT SEYMOUR

Executive Officer, Emeritus

Mr. Matt Seymour has served the University of Alaska Fairbanks with distinction in fiscal compliance and research administration from 1995 to 2026.

Mr. Seymour began his UAF career as a student assistant in the Bursar's Office and rose through positions of increasing responsibility until being hired as the Institute of Arctic Biology's executive officer in 2021. During this time, he earned an MBA and served as an active-duty Army reservist in Iraq.

Mr. Seymour, in his most recent position at IAB, developed a grant expenditure tracking and projection tool for principal investigators; and, operating mid-pandemic, he built a cohesive, loyal and high-performance administrative team; and he demonstrated an exemplary ability to bridge gaps in communication and understanding between departments.

The University of Alaska Fairbanks expresses its deep appreciation to Mr. Matthew Seymour for his extensive contributions to the state of Alaska and to the university.

EMERITI RECOGNITION

DR. MARGARET B. SHORT

Associate Professor of Statistics, Emeritus

Dr. Margaret B. Short served the University of Alaska Fairbanks with distinction in teaching, research and service from 2006 to 2026.

Dr. Short taught courses across the breadth of the undergraduate and graduate programs in statistics, and she supervised 15 master's students. She also helped develop a new data science program.

Dr. Short's research focused on Bayesian statistics, with a recent emphasis on more effective modeling of fish movements, which involved collaborations with students, UAF faculty and state researchers.

Dr. Short's participation in UAF's Statistical Consulting Seminar benefited research far beyond her own department. She also served in the Faculty Senate and as a referee for multiple peer-reviewed journals. She volunteered as a judge at middle and high school science fairs for many years.

The University of Alaska Fairbanks expresses its deep appreciation to Dr. Margaret B. Short for her extensive contributions to the state of Alaska and to the university.

EMERITI RECOGNITION

DR. CHARLES SEAN ASIKŁUK TOPKOK

Professor of Curriculum and Instruction, Emeritus

Dr. Charles Sean Asikłuk Topkok has served the University of Alaska Fairbanks with distinction in teaching, research and service from 2006 to 2026.

Dr. Topkok’s courses were known for their rigor and for centering Indigenous knowledge, values and ways of learning. He chaired and co-chaired 20 graduate student committees.

Dr. Topkok’s research has included initiatives on place-based science education, Arctic community resilience during the COVID-19 pandemic and cultural connections in science learning.

Dr. Topkok served as director of the Center for Cross-Cultural Studies, in the Faculty Senate and on numerous committees. He has led the Pavva Iñupiaq Dancers, served as a consultant to the television series “Molly of Denali” and worked to advance the vitality of Iñupiaq culture, language and values.

The University of Alaska Fairbanks expresses its deep appreciation to Dr. Charles Sean Asikłuk Topkok for his extensive contributions to the state of Alaska and to the university.

HONORARY DOCTOR OF SCIENCE



VERA KINGEEKUK METCALF

Yupik leader, subsistence advocate, arctic policy advisor

Vera Kingeekuk Metcalf is a respected Yupik leader whose lifelong work has advanced Indigenous knowledge, subsistence traditions and Arctic policy at local, national and international levels.

Born and raised in Savoonga on St. Lawrence Island, Metcalf has built enduring partnerships among communities, research institutions and government agencies to ensure that Arctic Indigenous voices inform decision-making.

A graduate of the University of Alaska Fairbanks with a bachelor's degree in rural development, Metcalf has served since 2002 as director of the Eskimo Walrus Commission at Kawerak Inc. In this role, she has been a leading advocate for community-based research and the co-management of Pacific walrus, working to protect both marine mammal populations and the subsistence lifeways that depend on them. Her work bridges technical, policy and cultural domains, consistently centering Indigenous knowledge as essential to effective stewardship.

Metcalf's expertise has been recognized through appointments to the U.S. Arctic Research Commission, to the executive committee of the Inuit Circumpolar Council, and as special advisor on Native affairs to the U.S. Marine Mammal Commission. She is also widely respected for her contributions to cultural preservation, including her role in the repatriation of more than 1,000 ancestral remains to St. Lawrence Island and her work on publications documenting Yupik history and knowledge.

Metcalf continues to support education, research and the arts in Nome and Savoonga, while serving on the advisory committees for UAF's College of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences and Alaska Sea Grant.

HONORARY DOCTOR OF HUMANE LETTERS



AGNIK POLLY SCHAEFFER

Iñupiaq teacher, school founder, culture bearer

Agnik, whose English name is Polly Schaeffer, is a revered Iñupiaq language teacher, culture bearer and visionary educator whose decades of work have helped sustain and revitalize the Iñupiaq language and way of life in Northwest Alaska.

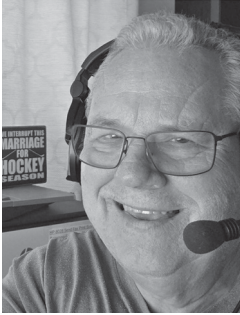
Born at Aksik, upriver from Noorvik, Agnik was raised by her parents, Ikaaq and Qatlu Sheldon, first-language Iñupiaq speakers. She grew up in a subsistence lifestyle, but her father strongly valued formal education. She attended school in Wrangell and Sitka, including Mount Edgecumbe High School, and graduated from Nome-Beltz High School in 1967. In 1968, she married Tarruq Peter Schaeffer of Kotzebue.

Agnik began teaching Iñupiaq in 1984 at the Northwest Arctic Borough School District. In 1998, she and her husband co-founded Nikaitchuat Ilisagviat in Kotzebue — the state’s first tribally run Iñupiaq immersion school. The school’s name means “anything is possible in a place of learning.” More than 25 years later, Nikaitchuat remains a model for educators, parents and Iñupiaq learners across Alaska.

Agnik led the development of curriculum grounded in the Iñupiaq environment and way of living and shared it widely with teachers across the Iñupiaq Nunaat. Her leadership reflects the school’s core values: multilingualism, the cognitive benefits of language acquisition, the cultural insight gained through language learning and cross-cultural understanding.

Now retired, Agnik continues to serve as a culture bearer, elder advisor and advocate, guiding regional efforts to strengthen Iñupiaq language and culture. She serves on the Kotzebue Elders Council and the Iñupiaq Language Commission and has received numerous honors, including the Eileen Panigeo MacLean Education Award from the Alaska Federation of Natives and Educator of the Year from the Alaska Native Education Council.

MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD



BRUCE CECH

For his service and dedication to the university

Bruce Cech has been the enduring “Voice of the Nanooks” for nearly four decades, building a lasting bond between the University of Alaska Fairbanks and generations of fans, alumni and families across Alaska and beyond.

Born in Saginaw, Michigan, Cech began his broadcasting career in his home state before moving to Fairbanks and committing himself to Nanook athletics. After 37 seasons calling Nanook hockey — including three seasons broadcasting remotely from Michigan — his volunteer service has spanned nine head coaches and 18 athletic directors.

Cech was inducted into the Fairbanks Hockey Hall of Fame in 2012. He is an active member of the Face-Off Club and a steady presence at UAF fundraising events. He has been a key figure in major initiatives, including the Hockey Alumni Association and UAF’s 100 Years of Hockey celebration.

Cech is the 2026 recipient of the UAF Alumni Association’s William R. Cashen Service Award, which honors individuals who have demonstrated outstanding service to UAF and the alumni association.

MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD



MAURICE "MORRIS" MCGINTY

For his service and dedication to education, youth and community

Maurice "Morris" McGinty is a respected Koyukon Athabascan educator, tribal leader and public servant whose life's work reflects a deep commitment to youth, community and cultural preservation.

Born in 1943 in a winter camp near Kaiyuh, McGinty was raised by his grandparents in Nulato. After serving in the Army and using the GI Bill to pursue higher education, he earned a bachelor's degree in elementary education from UAF in 1977 and a master's in educational leadership in 1987.

McGinty devoted decades to the Yukon-Koyukuk School District as a teacher, guidance counselor, basketball coach and principal, instilling in students a love of learning alongside a strong sense of identity and purpose.

He has served on the district's school board since 2006, including 10 years as board chair. He also serves as second chief of the Nulato Tribal Council and has volunteered on councils and committees dedicated to advancing community health, socioeconomic well-being and tribal self-determination.

Throughout his career, McGinty has emphasized community involvement and the preservation of Athabascan cultural traditions, shaping generations of students and earning deep respect across the region.

MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD



LISA PUTNAM

For her advocacy and philanthropy on behalf of the university

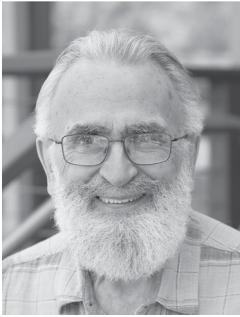
Lisa Putnam has dedicated more than two decades of service to the University of Alaska Fairbanks through leadership, philanthropy and sustained community engagement.

As vice president of public relations for Usibelli Coal Mine and executive director of the Usibelli Foundation, Putnam has helped direct hundreds of thousands of dollars to support student success, workforce development, research and athletics. She helped establish endowed scholarships in applied management and homeland security and emergency management and is a longtime emcee and supporter of UAF's Arctic Innovation Competition.

A member of the Chancellor's Board of Advisors and the College of Business and Security Management Advisory Council, Putnam brings industry perspective to strengthen academic programs and student opportunities. Prior to joining Usibelli, she served as president and CEO of the Greater Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce, where she advocated for the Interior's economic well-being, workforce development and education.

She is also a passionate advocate for Nanook athletics, recognizing the vital role sports play in enrollment, retention and community pride.

MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD



JACK WILBUR

For his leadership and service to the university

Jack Wilbur has built a legacy of service to the University of Alaska Fairbanks and the Interior through decades of leadership in engineering, community development and philanthropy.

A lifelong Fairbanksan, Wilbur began his engineering career in 1975 and became a registered mechanical engineer in Alaska in 1978. When the firm Ellerbe chose to exit Alaska in 1985, he was among six employees who purchased it, forming Design Alaska. He served as president from 1995 to 2014 and continues today as chief financial officer.

Under his leadership, Design Alaska prioritized hiring UAF engineering graduates and provided tuition support for employees pursuing undergraduate and advanced degrees. Wilbur launched several philanthropic initiatives connecting the firm to the broader community, including the Design Alaska Holiday Concert with the Fairbanks Symphony Orchestra, Alaska Live with KUAC and the Design Alaska Wild Arts Walk with Friends of Creamer's Field.

Wilbur has served on UAF advisory boards and committees spanning engineering, economic development and commencement. He was named Business Leader of the Year by UAF's College of Business and Security Management in 2007 and received the UAF Alumni Association's William R. Cashen Service Award in 2009. Throughout his career, he has been a steadfast advocate for higher education, reflecting his deep-rooted belief in the transformative power of a UAF education.

ACADEMIC TRADITIONS

For centuries, pomp and circumstance have brought color and dignity to celebrations of academic achievement. Today's academic regalia traces back to medieval universities, where caps and gowns were worn by institutions closely tied to the church. These garments set scholars apart from townspeople, who also wore gowns in everyday life. While the attire of doctors and clerics varied in formality, each remained distinctive. In the United States, standards established in the late 19th century now allow observers to recognize a scholar's level and field of study.

GOWNS

Three styles of black gowns can be seen in UAF's academic procession. Certificate, associate and baccalaureate gowns feature long, pointed sleeves. Master's gowns have oblong sleeves with a curved cut in the front. Doctoral gowns are distinguished by velvet panels and bell-shaped sleeves accented with three velvet bars.

HOODS

Today, UAF's master's and doctoral candidates will be hooded, marking their advancement beyond the bachelor's degree to a higher level of academic achievement. Each hood is lined with UAF's colors — blue and gold — while the velvet trim represents the graduate's field of study.

MORTARBOARDS

The square Oxford cap, known as the mortarboard, is black with a long tassel attached at the center. You may also notice University of Alaska regents and some faculty wearing soft, beret-style caps, a tradition observed at certain institutions.

For undergraduates receiving their first degree, the tassel is traditionally worn on the right and moved to the left after the diploma is awarded. At UAF, recipients of certificates and associate, baccalaureate and master's degrees wear blue and gold tassels, while doctoral graduates wear gold tassels.

The mortarboard takes its name from its resemblance to the square board used by bricklayers to hold mortar. An academic legend tells of a wise Greek teacher who dressed his graduates in mason's robes and mortarboards, saying, "Their destiny is to build. Some will build cities, some will build lives — perhaps one will build an empire — but all will build upon the solid foundation of knowledge."

CHANCELLOR'S MEDALLION

During the Middle Ages, medallions signified membership in religious orders and workers' guilds and, in the Renaissance, membership in elite orders of knighthood and prominence in government office. Today, colleges and universities strike medallions to commemorate important events and achievements or to designate a person of consequence. The UAF chancellor's medallion signifies the authority vested in the chancellor.

The chancellor's medallion features the head of a polar bear — a nanook. Todd Sherman, a former art professor who also served as dean of the College of Liberal Arts, created the image. Medallion production collaborators included computer art student Lucas Cheek '14, former Rasmuson Library graphic designer Dixon Jones and Eric Johansen '85, a mechanical technician in the College of Engineering and Mines. Gwich'in Athabascan artist Dixie Alexander used dentalium shells, glass pony beads, crow beads and smoke-tanned moosehide to create the neckpiece that holds the medallion.

UNIVERSITY MACE

Bodyguards of French and English monarchs carried ceremonial war clubs, or maces, in the Middle Ages. Later, the mace became an important symbol of office in civil processions and academic pageantry. The grand marshal carries the University of Alaska mace in the commencement procession and places it in a stand on the stage during commencement ceremonies to signify the importance of the occasion.

The mace was commissioned by the University of Alaska Alumni Association in honor of the university's 1967 golden anniversary and was created by UAF Professor Emeritus Ron Senungetuk using silver, jade and rosewood. At the top of the mace, a disk in the center of two open orbs depicts the University of Alaska seal on one side and the Alaska state seal on the other. The materials were selected to symbolize qualities of durability, strength and beauty.

TRADITIONAL STAFF

The traditional staff carried by the student marshal was crafted by the Rev. Dr. Chief Trimble Gilbert, first traditional chief of the Tanana Chiefs Conference region, a Gwich'in Elder, fluent speaker of Dinjii Zhuh K'yaa and dedicated cultural leader from Arctic Village, Alaska. Gilbert gave this staff to UAF in 2014 to honor the creation of the Troth Yeddha' Park and future Indigenous studies center. The details of each traditional staff vary by region. This staff is made of birch and is adorned with caribou hide, porcupine quills, dentalium shells and an eagle feather.

Chief Gilbert's leadership across the TCC region, particularly with Indigenous youth, has been beyond measure. The inclusion of this traditional staff in the commencement procession represents UAF's continued commitment to the Indigenous peoples and cultures of Alaska.

ALUMNI COMMENCEMENT REPRESENTATIVE



MEADOW RIEDEL

A longstanding symbol of academic achievement, personal growth and new beginnings, the turning of the tassel marks the transition from student to graduate. The UAF Alumni Association has selected alumna Meadow Riedel '00 as the 2026 Alumni Commencement Representative, who will lead graduates in this meaningful tradition.

As external affairs manager for Kinross Alaska, Meadow Riedel stands at the forefront of Alaska's communications landscape. A lifelong Alaskan and an accredited public relations professional, she leads stakeholder engagement, sustainability and external strategy in support of responsible mining in Alaska. Beyond her professional work, Riedel is a dedicated (and very proud!) alumna of the University of Alaska Fairbanks, having served on the UAF Alumni Association Board (2021-2024) and in a variety of advisory roles. She is a tireless advocate for Nanook Nation, embodying the leadership and service that define the UAF spirit. Riedel is honored to take part in this milestone for the Class of 2026.

WELL WISHES

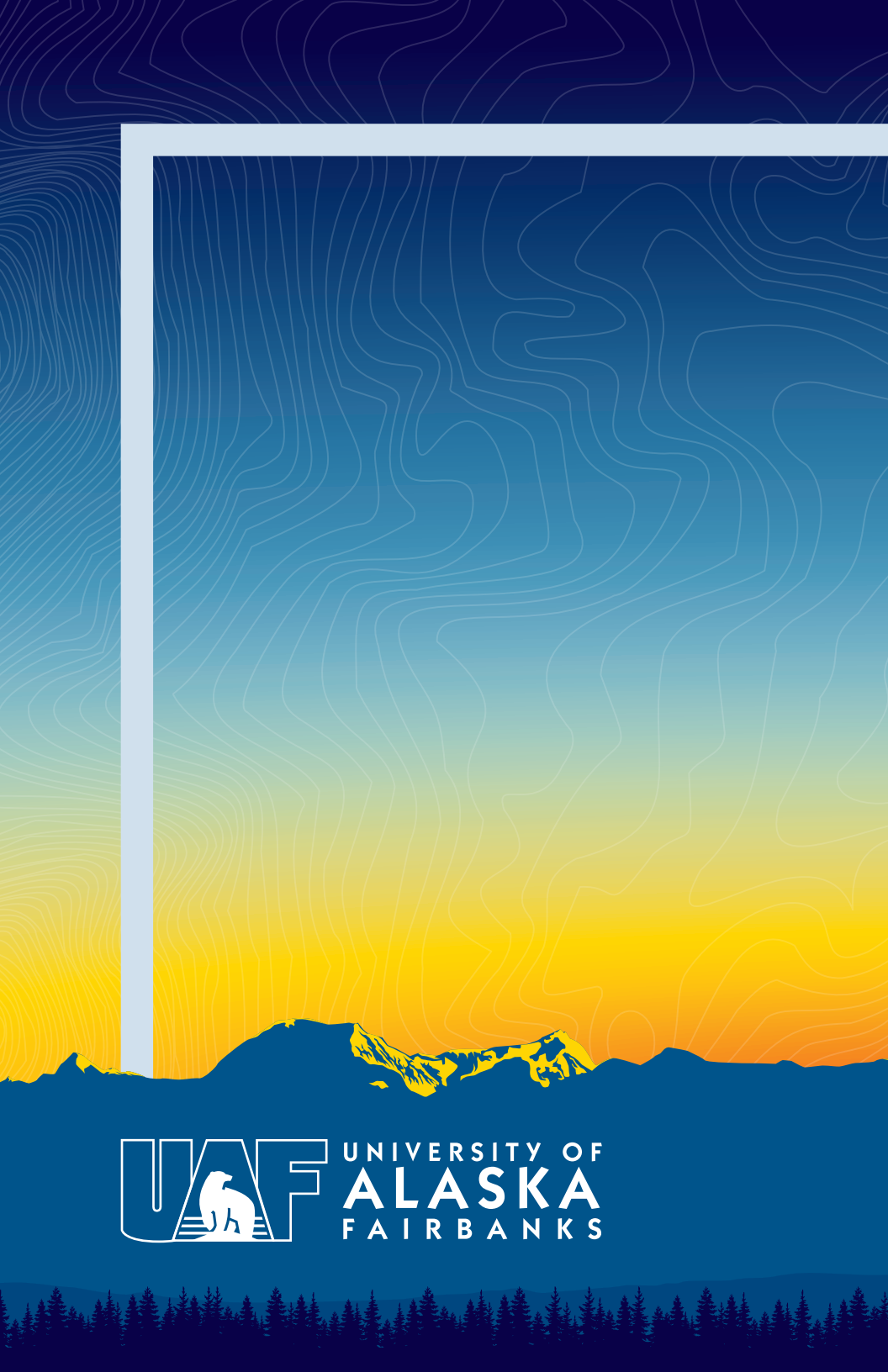
THE ALASKA FLAG SONG



Music by Elinor Dusenbury. Words by Marie Drake and Carol Beery Davis.

Eight stars of gold on a field of blue,
Alaska's flag, may it mean to you;
The blue of the sea, the ev'ning sky,
The mountain lakes, and the flow'rs nearby;
The gold of the early sourdough's dreams,
The precious gold of the hills and streams;
The brilliant stars in the northern sky,
The "Bear," the "Dipper," and shining high,
The great North Star with its steady light,
O'er land and sea a beacon bright,
Alaska's flag to Alaskans dear,
The simple flag of a last frontier.

A Native lad chose our Dipper's stars
for Alaska's flag that there be no bars
among our cultures. Be it known
through years our Natives' past has grown
to share our treasures, hand in hand,
to keep Alaska our Great Land.
We love the northern midnight sky,
our mountains, lakes and the streams nearby;
Our great North Star with its steady light
will guide our cultures clear and bright
with Nature's flag to Alaskans dear –
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