

Chancellor's Report on Philanthropy

UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA FAIRBANKS

Summer 2009



The *Fairbanks Daily News-Miner* offered internships to four UAF students, who also benefited from generous new scholarships sponsored by the *News-Miner*. The students are (clockwise from top left) Ashley Briggs (news reporting), Matt Simpson (online reporting), Kortnie Westfall (sports), and Ashley Anklowitz (photography).

Highlights

Northrim Bank, the newest corporate partner of the UA Museum of the North, joins BP, *Fairbanks Daily News-Miner*, Flint Hills Resources, Holland America Line, Totem Ocean Trail Express and Wells Fargo. Northrim made a recent \$15,000 gift to the museum, in addition to an earlier \$30,000 gift to the School of Management general fund.

Rural Alaska Honors Institute recently received several generous renewal gifts, including \$50,000 from **Wells Fargo** and \$50,000 from **Alyeska**. RAHI, a vital bridging program for Alaska Natives going to college, starts its 26th summer with almost 70 students. In addition, **Boeing** generously renewed two gifts to RAHI and the Alaska Native Science and Engineering Program with \$10,000 total support. Other RAHI support comes from **Rasmuson Foundation**, which made a \$15,000 gift directed by board member Nadine Winters.

Fairbanks Cancer Care Physicians, P.C. made a generous \$10,000 Annual Giving gift.

Dr. Gary Laursen, senior research scientist at IAB, pledged \$25,000 to support a graduate fellowship for Mycology students, the first of its kind at UAF.

Professor Emerita Lael Morgan gave a wonderful \$5,000 gift to establish the Shanon Gallant Memorial Art Scholarship, in tribute to a former student.

KUAC TV was recently honored with a prestigious award from the National Educational Telecommunications Association, given for outreach efforts for KUAC's production of International Polar Year segments.

The American Chemical Society made a \$12,000 gift for the ACS-Hach Scientific Foundation Scholarship for chemistry students interested in teaching.

Teck Cominco gave a gift as part of a \$30,303 pledge over three years, to support mining engineering student scholarships.

Totem Ocean Trailer Express, lead sponsor for the annual TOTE Family Fun Fest, renewed its support for the museum with a \$20,000 gift. The popular event, held June 7, draws hundreds of families for hands-on activities at the museum. Their partnership also supports museum outreach, exhibits and research.

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Of Note

UAF alumna and trustee Grace Berg Schaible has been honored with the President's Medal for Excellence by the University of Alaska. The award recognizes individuals with unwavering and extraordinary dedication to the University of Alaska.

Transitions in UAF Development: UAF alumna **Emily Drygas** was named director of Development after serving three months as acting director. **Naomi Horne** begins a new dual appointment July 1 as major gifts officer for the College of Liberal Arts and Rasmuson Library. An alumna of UAF, she has more than six years' experience at UAF Advancement. **Allison Carter**, who previously served as Advancement Services director, has been appointed the director of Development Support.

The UAF Annual Giving program won a Bronze CASE award for its young alumni "flash-video" appeal. As of mid-May, Annual Giving has raised nearly \$150,000 in unrestricted funds to reduce student debt. To view the award winner see: www.uafigiving.org/youngalumni/.

The UAF Lena Point Fisheries Building in Juneau was dedicated April 28, celebrated by dignitaries including Gov. Sarah Palin, and SFOS students (below).



Photo: Carin Stephens, SFOS



through the lens: recent events

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A WORLD of THANKS!

The Annual Scholarship Breakfast is a success! With \$800,000 given via 464 awards and scholarships to students during the past academic year, UAF is proud to celebrate scholarships. More than 225 students, donors, UAF faculty and staff attended April 14, to hear guest speakers share their perspectives on scholarships in their lives.



Chancellor Brian Rogers impressed upon the audience that economic factors are squeezing students and institutions in various ways, making scholarships all the more essential. "Donors often tell me how meaningful it is for them to know that they are truly doing something important," said Rogers.



That sentiment was echoed by *Fairbanks Daily News-Miner* journalist and UAF alumnus Dermot Cole, who wrote about the breakfast in his column. (See our website for the link: www.uaf.edu/giving/) He and his brothers, also alumni, Pat Cole and UAF faculty member Terrence Cole, are strong supporters of the William P. Cole Phi Alpha Theta History Scholarship in honor of their father. They met recipient Rudy Riedlsperger (second from right, above) at the event.



Rachel Thomas (top, at right) looks at photos with Michael Lehman, the Zonge Engineering Scholarship recipient.

Matthew Balazs (middle) was one of two student guest speakers, inspiring donors and students alike.

Recalling the importance of scholarships and explaining why she supports them, Joy Morrison, UAF director of Faculty Development, noted, "As a foreign student many years ago, I simply could not have attended college if it weren't for scholarships." As members of the Ruth Lister Scholarship Committee, Joy and Susan McInnis (above, right) urge fellow faculty members to commit to scholarship support, as well.



“Thank you for encouraging me to attend the scholarship breakfast. I had a wonderful time. I never realized how much donors care about these scholarships until this morning.”

~ Jenny Grieve, the first Golden North Rebekah Lodge (est. 1913) Scholarship recipient.

Attendees came from all over the country: Cliff Hubbard (below, right) from Houston, Texas, came to meet the student from Cameron who received the Velma Hubbard Memorial Scholarship, in honor of his late wife, an alumna and former UAF Registrar's Office staff member.



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Heather Neal (above) with Jeff Cook, from Flint Hills Resources, is an engineering senior and recipient of the Aaron Howard Townsend Civil Engineering Memorial Scholarship. As guest speaker, she marveled at the leadership opportunities and aspects of education beyond the classroom that arose from her scholarship opportunities.