

# Chancellor's Report on Philanthropy



Summer 2010

## 13th Annual Scholarship & Awards Breakfast

Chancellor Brian Rogers and Sherry Modrow hosted the 13th Annual Scholarship and Award Breakfast, Our Legacy through Giving, on April 13 in the UAF Carol Brown Ballroom. This is one of UAF's most cherished events as it brings scholarship donors and recipients together to share their experiences and gratitude. More than 250 donors, students, faculty and friends celebrated the generosity of 396 scholarships and awards totaling more than \$850,000 given to support students. The 2010 Scholarship Breakfast Program is available at [www.uaf.edu/giving/FINAL\\_SB-program-2010-prepress.pdf](http://www.uaf.edu/giving/FINAL_SB-program-2010-prepress.pdf).



*From left to right: Wynola Possenti, Clinton Summers, Richard Possenti (Jr), Sarah Possenti, and Karina Possenti (standing). The Richard G. Possenti Student Research Memorial funding was awarded to Clinton Summers to assist in his research in psychology. The late Richard G. Possenti was an integral part of the UAF Psychology Department and beloved faculty member.*

*From left to right: UAF students Megan Richards and Molly Dischner shared their heartwarming stories of why scholarships are important to them. This year, Megan received the Usibelli Honors and Harriet Hess scholarships and Molly was awarded the Marian and W.F. Thompson and Ward Sims Memorial scholarships.*



*Left: Roy '09 and Stephanie (UA Foundation) Strandberg created one of the 16 new private scholarships established in the 2009 - 2010 academic year. The Warren G. Brown Memorial Scholarship, created in memory of Stephanie's late brother, was awarded for the first time to music major Haley Baksis (center).*

*Right, Center: The Boeing Company, represented by Jim Malingowski, generously helped support the breakfast. Jim had the opportunity to meet with the students in which Boeing has supported from the Rural Alaska Honors Institute and the Alaska Native Science and Engineering Program.*



## Alumni Giving

UAF is proud to salute our very own alumna and longtime supporter Grace Berg Schaible '49 for her extraordinary contributions to UAF students, Alaska philanthropy and nonprofits across the state. Grace shares the following perspective on her commitment to philanthropic giving: "Some of my greatest mentors have all been younger than me and are professionals who are committed to philanthropy. I've learned so much from these mentors who have each broadened my understanding about the generosity and impact of giving. It is very rewarding to be able to give back to the community and state that has been so good to me."



Grace's commitment to giving back is an inspiration to us all. We are honored that Grace is a UAF alumna and dedicated philanthropist.

## In Loving Memory

The late Calvin J. Lensink was a 1954 alum who received an MS degree in wildlife management from UAF. Calvin studied martens in Alaska for his MS and Alaska sea otters for his PhD (Perdue '62). Calvin remained in Alaska for his professional career as both a field biologist and an administrator for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.



With a \$650,000 estate gift, the Calvin J. Lensink Endowment was created to support graduate students and research focused on wildlife management, ecology and the environment. Lensink also left an in-kind donation of books and Alaska Native artwork to UAF.

UAF has exceeded its goal of \$5.66 million dollars raised in 2009 – 2010.

To date, UAF has received \$6,643,314 dollars from more than 3,390 donors.

**Thank you for your commitment to  
Alaska's First University.**

## Achievements

**Alyeska Pipeline Service Co.** made a generous gift of \$75,000 towards its pledge to the University of Alaska Fairbanks in support of the Alaska Native MBA Fellowship and the Rural Alaska Honors Institute.

**The Bernard Osher Foundation** donated \$1,050,000 to benefit nontraditional students at UAF who have experienced a gap in their education and are now returning to school.

**Bob Elsner**, UAF emeritus professor, and his wife Betty recently gave \$10,000 in memory of their son Steven Elsner, to support the Library/Lounge onboard the new UAF Research Vessel Sikuliaq. Bob was one of the original PI's (principal investigators) on the initial proposal for the new arctic research vessel back in 1973. Bob and Betty are the first donors to the R/V Sikuliaq.

**Flint Hills Resources Alaska** made a generous gift of \$25,000 to support the Museum School Tour Program. This brings Flint Hills's total giving to UAF to \$136,000 in 2009 – 2010.

**Dr. J. Michael Carroll and Ginger Carroll** of Fairbanks Cancer Care Physicians made their third unrestricted gift of \$10,000 towards their generous \$50,000 pledge.

**Jane Holt** made a generous \$50,000 donation of a charitable gift annuity to support the John L. McAllen Scholarship in Mining Engineering.

**Jeff Cook**, director of internal affairs for Flint Hills Resources Alaska and longtime UAF supporter, was appointed to the Rasmuson Board of Directors. Our community and state benefit from his leadership and commitment to the university.

**The Jessie O'Bryan McIntosh Trust** distributed \$27,505 as a gift to the Jessie O'Bryan McIntosh Scholarship fund. This scholarship benefits students of high academic standing.

**John and Fran Zarling** made an additional gift of \$12,000 their Hockey Scholarship fund. To date the Zarlings have donated \$42,000 to the Zarling Family Hockey Scholarship with the goal of endowing it at \$100,000.

**Kiwanis of Chena** donated \$12,000 to the Joan Clutts Scholarship to benefit education students at UAF.

**Max Easley '91**, senior vice president of BP Alaska, was chosen as the 2010 College of Engineering and Mines Distinguished Alumnus.

**Teck Resources** made a \$10,101 gift to the Teck Cominco Alaska Scholarship, completing their total pledge of \$30,303. The Teck Cominco Alaska Scholarship supports students who are residents of Alaska and are majoring in mining, engineering, geological engineering or metallurgical engineering.

## UA Museum of the North Benefits from In-Kind Support

**Candy Waugaman** made an in-kind gift, totaling \$12,000, of the *Three Dog Teams* watercolor painting.

**Dorothy and Herbert Vogel** made an in-kind gift, totaling nearly \$500,000, of the Dorothy and Herbert Vogel Collection.

**Mabelle Smith** made an in-kind donation, totaling nearly \$60,000, of the Smith Ivory Collection.

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*Dancing with the Cars Gala*

## Of Note

- **Dancing with the Cars!** UAF and local community members enjoyed music, great food and live auction fun at Chancellor Brian Roger and Sherry Modrow's 2010 gala celebration at the Fountainhead Antique Auto Museum. Proceeds from the evening benefited the UAF School of Management's Arctic Innovation Competition and the Doyon Foundation's scholarship program.
- **Welcome Aboard!** We are pleased to announce that Barbara Travis has accepted the office coordinator position at UAF Development! Barbara is a nice addition to the team with her professionalism, experience in development, and her knowledge of the university.
- **Museum Family Pass** The UA Museum of the North partnered with Fort Wainwright to offer museum passes through the Army libraries. The passes for military families admit up to two adults and four children to the museum at no charge. Wells Fargo's corporate partnership with the museum supports the program.
- **CASE Comes to Campus** The Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) has begun a series of trainings at UAF. This summer Penelope Hunt, vice chancellor of development at the University of Illinois at Chicago, will present two one-day trainings: Development for Academic Officers on May 25 and Training for Major Gift Officers (date to be determined). Development staff, academic deans and administrators will have the opportunity to train and exchange ideas. We can always improve our knowledge and understanding of fundraising practices and procedures.
- **Tom Albanese** — alumnus, CEO of one of the world's largest mining companies and annual UAF donor — gave the keynote address at UAF's 88th commencement ceremony May 16. Tom also received an honorary doctor of science degree.

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