Chancellor's Report on Philanthropy



Spring 2011

Student-calling program kicks off

The UAF Annual Giving Program kicked off the inaugural student calling program Nov. 3 – Dec. 8, 2010. Students tripled their fundraising goal of \$10,000 and raised more than \$30,000 from 170 donors, nearly 50 of which were brand new supporters! "It's really great to be going to a school where the alumni are so supportive. It means a lot to us students." These



were the words Alex Bertram (right) shared when he contacted UAF alumni. Alex, a freshman majoring in mining engineering, came to UAF from Atlanta, Ga. Alex is a natural fundraiser. With his confident demeanor, Alex set the bar high when he received a gift of \$7,500 one evening! **A big thank-you** for all the hard work from our phonathon pioneers, students Kelsey Greenup, Alex Bertram, Chris Saucier, Mike Hankee and Laura Engbretsen, and a heartfelt thank-you to our generous UAF alumni and friends.

Giving comes full circle

The 2010 donor reception, "Giving Comes Full Circle," took place Nov. 17 in the UAF Great Hall. The annual event celebrates donors' philanthropic support and dedication to UAF. Some 180 people joined to honor Grace Schaible (individual donor), Wells Fargo Foundation (foundation donor) and New York Life (corporate donor).



Brian Rogers presents Grace Schaible with an original piece by Art faculty members Todd Sherman and Jim Brashear.

Reaching out across campus

Chancellor Brian Rogers (center) with Marisa Sharrah (left) and Jeff Cook (right), both of Flint Hills Resources Alaska, celebrate Flint Hills' recent gift of \$135,000 to UAF. This generous donation will impact many programs and students at UAF including the School of Management's visiting faculty and Students in Free Enterprise programs; the Alaska Summer Research Academy; UAF athletics; UAF's Community and Technical College; the College of Engineering and Mines' Engineering Week/open house; and the UA Museum of the North.

Support for CTC

A special thanks to Jim Sampson and the Fairbanks Pipeline Training Center for their generous gift in support of the Battalion Chief Phil Rounds Memorial Scholarship, established for the UAF CTC fire science program. It is through generous support from donors like these that many CTC students can reach their educational goals.



Kinross Fort Knox supports engineering

Rajive Ganguli, professor of mining engineering and chair of the Department of Mining and Geological Engineering, accepts a check for \$25,000 from Lauren Roberts, vice president and general manager of Kinross Fort Knox.

Kinross Fort Knox recently made the donation to the UAF College of Engineering and Mines' Mining Engineering Research Endowment.

The endowment provides critical research support for mining and geological engineering students enrolled in UAF's MS or PhD programs.



Achievements

Ardella Follmann made a gift of \$25,000 endowing the Erich Follmann Memorial Student Research fund. This fund will benefit graduate students in wildlife biology or the School of Fisheries in Ocean Sciences whose research is in the area of mammalian carnivores in the Arctic. This fund has been created in memory of Ardella's late husband, UAF Professor Erich Follmann, a noted wildlife biologist and much-revered student advisor.

Barbara Fay made a gift of \$20,000 to the Vernon and Beda Slwooko Memorial Scholarship, which benefits students in any field of study at UAF who plan to promote the future of St. Lawrence Island.

Beaver Sports made a gift of \$10,000 to the Beaver Sports Whisenhant Ski Scholarship benefiting student-athletes on the cross-country ski team.

BP Alaska gave a recent gift of \$10,000 to the Athletics Department, totaling a gift of \$50,000, to purchase and install brand-new Daktronics scoreboards in the Patty Center gymnasium, home of the women's volleyball team and the men's and women's basketball squads.

Fairbanks Memorial Hospital made a gift of \$100,000 to the UAF Community and Technical Colleges' allied health program.

Ron Disher, a reindeer rancher from Waterville, Ohio, donated \$5,000 to the Reindeer Research Program at UAF. This is the start of a five-year commitment Disher has made to the program.

The Alaska Aerospace Corporation made a gift of \$20,000 to benefit the Alaska Space Grant Program.

The Alaska Peace Officers Association made a gift of nearly \$26,000 to the Troy Duncan Memorial Justice Scholarship, the John Kevin Lamm Memorial Scholarship, and the Roland E. Skip Chevalier Memorial Scholarship. These scholarships benefit students in the fields of justice and public safety.

The Charles G. Koch Charitable Foundation made a gift of \$11,500 to their named fund that supports the School of Management's economics program.

Icicle Seafoods made a gift of \$40,000 to UAF; \$25,000 to benefit Alaska State Chamber of Commerce's Alaska Business Week, an in-kind gift donation of microscopes and general supplies for the microbiology lab at the Bristol Bay University Center totaling \$9,000, and \$6,000 toward the Bristol Bay Campus' Youth Leadership Conference.

Mary Louise Rasmuson made a gift of \$20,000 in memory of Elmer Rasmuson to benefit the Rasmuson Library and the School of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences.

New York Life recently fulfilled their \$450,000 pledge by making a gift of \$150,000, supporting the New York Life Alumni, ASRA and RAHI scholarships, in addition to benefiting the ASRA and RAHI programs.

Northrim Bank made an unrestriced gift of \$30,000 to the School of Management.

Joe Usibelli and Peggy Shumaker made a gift of \$30,000, \$10,000 to benefit the creative writing program and \$20,000 to benefit the Alaska Literacy Series, a new fund at UAF.

Princess Tours made a gift of \$25,000 to fulfill its \$100,000 pledge to the School of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences' Marine Advisory Program.

Tom and Raye Ann Robinson made a gift of \$15,000 to their named scholarship, which supports students majoring in accounting at UAF.

Robert L. Lathrop made a gift of \$25,000 to the Lathrop Ethnology fund supporting the ethnology department at the UA Museum of the North, a fund that Bob has previously supported at the \$280,000 level.

Tahereh Barnes-Murphy and James Murphy made a gift of \$10,000 to the John M. Murphy Memorial Geology Scholarship in memory of John M. Murphy.

United Catcher Boats made a gift of nearly \$48,000 to the School of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences' Shared Chum Salmon Baseline Development project. This project addresses the important issue of chum salmon genetic analysis and will provide crucial data to assist national and state fisheries professionals.

Wells Fargo made a gift of \$50,000 to the Rural Alaska Honors Institute for a 2011 Introduction to Business college freshman course.

Bill and Helga Watterson increased their gift to \$15,000 this year to the Annual Fund, benefiting areas of greatest need at UAF.

In-Kind Support

Mary Taylor made an in-kind gift of 27 ethnological items to the UA Museum of the North totaling \$10,000.

Northern Power Systems made an in-kind gift of a wind turbine blind, totaling \$10,000, to the Alaska Center for Energy and Power.

Of Note



Dancing with the Cars!

UAF and local community members enjoyed music, great food and live auction fun at Chancellor Brian Rogers' and Sherry Modrow's 2011 gala celebration at the Fountainhead Antique Auto Museum. Proceeds from the evening went to the UAF Giving Green Sustainability Initiatives Fund and the Fairbanks Community Food Bank.

On Saturday, April 9, the 24th annual Chocolate Bash, "Chocolate, Coffee, Cordials and Formals," took place at the UA Museum of the North.

On Tuesday, April 19, the 14th Annual Scholarship and Award Breakfast was held to honor donors who support scholarships in the Wood Center Carol Brown Ballroom.

Military Appreciation Day

The UA Museum of the North, with the support of Wells Fargo's \$25,000 gift, hosted a military appreciation reception last November. Military personnel have volunteered at the museum's public programs, donated important specimens to their collections and partnered with them for field operations, like the ichthyosaur recovery in 2002.

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