

# Chancellor's Report

## on Philanthropy

### ConocoPhillips engineering endowment established at CEM



Trond-Erik Johansen (left), president of ConocoPhillips Alaska, with Chancellor Brian Rogers and Doug Goering, dean of UAF's College of Engineering and Mines.

ConocoPhillips Alaska has established a new \$500,000 engineering endowment to support student academic programs and research in the UAF College of Engineering and Mines. The company has worked with CEM to offer student internships and collaborate on research projects.

"This grant continues our tradition of investing in quality training and education opportunities in Alaska," said Trond-Erik Johansen, president of ConocoPhillips Alaska. "Our company is investing in UAF's engineering programs to create the workforce our state will need in the future. We hope that funding these programs at the University of Alaska Fairbanks will encourage students to stay in Alaska, work in Alaska and bring their skills, technology and innovation to the state."

### Annual scholarship and award breakfast

The 14th Annual Scholarship and Award Breakfast, *Timeless Gratitude*, hosted by Chancellor Brian Rogers and Sherry Modrow, was held on April 19, in the UAF Wood Center Carol Brown Ballroom. The breakfast was generously sponsored in part by The Boeing Company. This annual event celebrates and thanks UAF scholarship donors and connects them with their student recipients. UAF scholarship supporter Bob Ritchie, principal and senior scientist at ABR, Inc—Environmental Research & Services, spoke about creating a culture of philanthropy. In addition, student speakers Nelson Carpluk and Sydney Holden shared their perspective on how scholarships make an impact. This year, nearly \$1 million in privately funded scholarships was awarded to more than 430 students.



Jane Lanford (left) and Jim Movius (far right) of College Rotary with College Rotary Scholarship recipient Sarah Ward and her mother, Ann.



Peggy Huber (left), sponsor of the C. Russell Huber ROTC Scholarship Award with student recipient Stephanie Parker (right).

### BP supports equipment upgrades

BP made a gift of \$100,000 to the College of Engineering and Mines to upgrade existing equipment in the mechanical engineering program, one of the fastest-growing programs on the campus. With more than 200 students, it is now the largest engineering program at UAF. The mechanical engineering design lab will receive new computer-aided design and computer-aided manufacturing equipment which is crucial for preparing graduates to work in industry. This new equipment will also support student recruitment and retention at UAF.

### Usibelli awards

The 2011 Emil Usibelli Distinguished Teaching, Research and Service Awards were presented at a reception on May 2 at the UA Museum of the North. Since 1992, this generous endowment has provided three \$10,000 awards every year to individuals who display extraordinary excellence in teaching, research and public service—the areas representing the tripartite mission of UAF. The 2011 recipients are: **Teaching - Gregory Owens**, associate professor of mathematics in the College of Rural and Community Development; **Research - Vladimir Romanovsky**, professor of geophysics in the College of Natural Science and Mathematics and the Geophysical Institute; **Service - Roger Hansen**, research professor at the Geophysical Institute, state seismologist and director at the Alaska Earthquake Information Center.



Roger Hansen (left), with Vladimir Romanovsky and Gregory Owens.

# Achievements

## Individual

**Dr. Vera Alexander** made a gift of \$10,000 to the Al Tyler Memorial Scholarship, a fund that provides assistance to students who excel in their studies in the UAF School of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences, which encourages young scientists to broaden their understanding of the field.

**Dr. Walt and Marita Babula** donated \$10,000 to support the Babula Children's Garden at the Georgeson Botanical Garden.

**James E. Moody, P.E.** made a \$25,000 gift in memory of his parents, L.E. and Alaska Linck, to establish an endowment in their name that will support the UAF Steel Bridge Program.

**William and Betsy Robertson** made a gift of \$35,000 to establish the William J. & Betsy R. Robertson Scholarship, which will provide awards to sophomore, junior and senior students in excellent academic standing enrolled in any field of study at UAF.

**Jack and Frieda Townshend** made a gift of \$25,000 to establish the Jack Townshend Family Student Research Support Fund at the UAF Center for Research Services. This fund will provide general and expedient support to undergraduate students with the goal of enhancing critical research skills. Townshend recently received the UAF Lifetime Achievement Award, presented at the UAF Campus Research Day on May 5, 2011, in recognition of nearly 70 years of service to science and the community.

## Corporate/Foundation

**Alyeska Pipeline Service Company** made a \$25,000 gift in support of the Alyeska Native MBA Fellowship, completing their pledge of \$125,000 towards the fund. In addition, Alyeska made a gift of \$50,000 in support of the Rural Alaska Honors Institute, completing their pledge of \$250,000 towards the program.

**The Bering Sea Fisheries Research Foundation** made a \$10,000 gift to support Alaska crab research at the School of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences.

**Dr. J. Michael Carroll of Fairbanks Cancer Care Physicians P.C.**, a steadfast supporter of the university and its students, passed away on April 2, 2011. He will be missed by many, including his UAF family. In February, Dr. Carroll and Ginger Carroll made a \$20,000 unrestricted gift, completing their generous pledge of \$50,000 to UAF.

**Dr. Carey Keller of Sportsmedicine Fairbanks** made a \$25,000 gift, \$10,000 to support the Dr. Cary Keller Scholarship and \$15,000 to establish the Coach Ferguson Summer Hockey Scholarship. Dr. Keller has committed to supporting each of these funds annually.

**Friends of Senator Murkowski** made a gift of \$11,000 to support the Senator Frank Murkowski Historical Preservation of Papers fund at the Rasmuson Library.

**The Liz Claiborne and Art Ortenberg Foundation** made an \$80,497 gift towards their pledge of \$250,000 in support of the George Schaller Fellowship in the Resilience and Adaptation Graduate Program.

**NANA Development Corporation** made a gift of \$10,000 in support of Alaska Business Week, a pre-college program hosted on the UAF campus each summer.

**Northrim Bank** made a \$30,000 unrestricted gift to the School of Management.

**The Rasmuson Foundation** made two \$15,000 gifts to the University of Alaska Press to support publishing two books, *My Wrangells* and *Sealife of the Aleutians: An Underwater Photo Journey*.

**Teck Resources Limited** made a \$10,101 gift to the Teck Cominco Alaska Scholarship. This is the second installment of their \$30,303 pledge towards their scholarship which supports students who are residents of Alaska and are majoring in mining, engineering or metallurgical engineering.

**Tesoro Petroleum Companies** made a gift of \$25,000 in support of Alaska Business Week, a pre-college program hosted on the UAF campus each summer.

**John Zarling Aero and Engineering** recently made a \$10,000 gift in support of the Zarling Family Hockey scholarship. To date the Zarlings have donated \$59,000 to the scholarship with the goal of endowing it at \$100,000.

## In-Kind Support

**ConocoPhillips Alaska** made an in-kind gift totaling \$56,000 of self-contained breathing apparatus bottles to the Community and Technical College Fire Science Program.

**Grainger** made an in-kind gift of equipment and supplies totaling \$218,853 to the Community and Technical College Process Technology Program.

## Of Note

**Chancellor Brian Rogers and Sherry Modrow** recently pledged \$25,252 to establish the Chancellors' College Completion Scholarship. The scholarship will make awards to juniors and seniors with financial need. Chancellor Rogers states, "Our effort is part of a much larger one needed to keep our students in school. Too many UAF students who identified themselves as "degree-seeking" when they started college haven't finished. Most report that they wanted to, but couldn't afford it. We've got to change that."

**Our rising star!** Kudos to Megan Damario, annual giving director, for being awarded the Rising Star Award (philanthropy category) for the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education District VIII.



**Kyong Hollen** was selected by the UAF School of Management as the 2011 Business Leader of the Year. She is the 35th recipient of the award. Hollen came to the US in 1986 hardly speaking English, and then worked as many as four jobs at a time. Her perseverance and energy led to her two successful businesses — K Janitorial and from employee to owner of Santina's Flowers and Gifts. Hollen annually supports the Kyong Hollen Business Scholarship which provides scholarships for juniors and seniors majoring in business administration.

**The UAF Steel Bridge Team** took first place overall in March at the Student Steel Bridge Competition at the American Society of Civil Engineers Pacific Northwest Regional Conference in Anchorage. Students designed and built a steel bridge that met competition specifications. The team advanced to the national competition at Texas A&M and placed seventh overall. Thirty-two alumni and friends gave more than \$5,000 to support this year's steel bridge competition.

**Employee co-chairs Clara Anderson and Annette Freiburger**, from the Interior-Aleutians Campus, led the second UAF Annual Giving Program Giving Initiative, *Employees Make It Happen*. This year, nearly 600 UAF staff and faculty have given more than \$225,000 in support of students and programs.

**An Estate Planning Seminar** sponsored by the UA Foundation took place May 25, 2011 in Fairbanks. More than 50 people attended the seminar which covered items such as how to create an effective estate plan, new federal estate tax provisions and charitable giving.

**UAF engineering students** placed 7th in the Shell Eco-marathon Americas event held in Houston this April. With generous support from Shell, eight UAF students built and raced an electric bike to participate for the first time in this competition.



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