

# CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

## on Philanthropy



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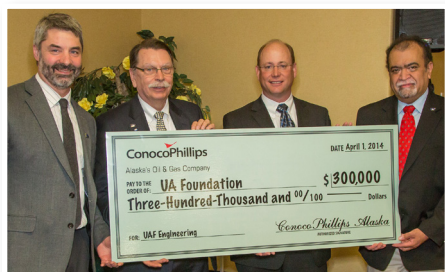
### Support for unmanned aircraft program soars

UAF's unmanned aircraft program recently received a generous gift of two Cloud Cap TASE 300 imaging systems valued at \$190,000 from UTC Aerospace Systems. The new cameras will support research at the Alaska Center for Unmanned Aircraft Systems Integration (ACUASI) at the Geophysical Institute. Unmanned aircraft are able to observe and collect data from areas that are dangerous or impossible to reach by manned aircraft. "The emphasis on unmanned aircraft operations in the northern latitudes is of increasing importance, and partnerships such as this help to expand UAF's capabilities," said ACUASI Director Marty Rogers. UAF was recently named one of six unmanned aircraft system test sites by the Federal Aviation Administration. The FAA designation highlights UAF's role as a premier research facility and will support a broad range of studies, including environmental observation and monitoring, marine mammal research, mapping, and search and rescue missions. The team conducts research missions here and across the globe.



An unmanned aircraft makes a test run.

### ConocoPhillips' tradition of giving



From left, Dean Doug Goering, Chancellor Brian Rogers, Nick Olds, ConocoPhillips Alaska and Professor Shirish Patil.

UAF Engineering Endowment. The gift brings the company's total donation to the endowment to \$1 million. ConocoPhillips also offers internships to students, and many have moved into full-time positions with the company after graduation. Additionally, ConocoPhillips gave \$17,000 in support of the GeoFORCE program in the College of Natural Science and Mathematics.

A \$300,000 gift from ConocoPhillips will support the College of Engineering and Mines Petroleum Development Laboratory and the ConocoPhillips

### Usibelli Award recipients honored

Recipients of the 2014 Emil Usibelli Distinguished Teaching, Research and Public Service Awards were honored at a reception held on May 6 at the UA Museum of the North. These awards, considered among the university's most prestigious, are funded annually from a \$600,000 endowment established by Usibelli Coal Mine in 1992. Each winner receives a cash award of \$10,000. In the spirit of philanthropy that the Usibellis have demonstrated, the award recipient for distinguished research, Professor Roger Ruess, chose to donate his award to UAF to support undergraduate students within the Bonanza Creek Long Term Ecological Research program.



From left, Joe Usibelli, Roger Ruess (Research), Elena Sparrow (Public Service), Joe Thompson (Teaching) and Chancellor Brian Rogers.

### Students and donors celebrate the impact of scholarships



Student speakers Rachel Blackwell and Iris Fletcher.



Ann Tremarello and a scholarship recipient meet at the event.

The 16th annual UAF Scholarship & Award Breakfast took place on April 15, 2014. More than 200 people attended this event, bringing together scholarship recipients and donors. Scholarship recipients Rachel Blackwell and Iris Fletcher shared their experiences with scholarship support, and Provost Susan Henrichs spoke about the challenges students face and her desire to help them through giving. UAF's impact from generation to generation was illustrated by a recent estate gift of more than \$2.5 million from alumna Marjorie, '58, and Leonard Wright in support of scholarships. The philanthropic gift, announced at the scholarship breakfast, is among the largest made by individuals to UAF. It provides scholarship support for students in any field of study who demonstrate financial need as well as good academic performance and potential. Each year, more than \$1 million in privately funded scholarships are awarded to UAF students.



Leonard and Marjorie Wright. Photo courtesy of Galen Dreis.



Chancellor Rogers speaks via video conference.



## Achievements

**Year to date giving.** Thanks to the generous philanthropic support of more than 4,500 donors, gifts to UAF total \$12 million, surpassing the \$8 million goal for fiscal year 2014. Thank you to all who support UAF students and programs!

### Individual

**Judy Norrgard Cole** donated \$10,000 to the Cole Family Scholarship in memory of Patrick Cole.

**Wallace McGregor** made a \$10,000 gift in support of the Robert H. Trent Memorial Fund.

**Grace Berg Schaible** donated \$25,000 in support of the UA Museum of the North for art acquisition and exhibit enhancement.

**Marco P. Tremarello** gave \$15,000 to the Joseph Sr. and Rose R. Tremarello Memorial Scholarship in honor of Rose and Joe Tremarello, and Joe Tremarello Jr.

### Corporate/Foundation

**Alyeska Pipeline Service Co.** made two gifts totaling \$60,000 to support the Alyeska Pipeline Native Fellowship, in the School of Management, and the Rural Alaska Honors Institute. They also made a \$5,000 gift to AISES support.

**Associated General Contractors of Alaska** made a \$15,000 gift to support the ASCE Steel Bridge Competition in the College of Engineering and Mines.

**CoBank** made a payment of \$25,000 on its \$100,000 pledge in support of the Marine Advisory Program and the CoBank Alaska Young Fishermen Summit.

**ExxonMobil Foundation** donated \$25,000 for the GeoFORCE program in the College of Natural Science and Mathematics.

**The Japanese Alpine Club** made a \$11,830 gift to the Institute of Northern Engineering.

The **Edward J. Kuhn Revocable Trust** donated \$40,000 to establish the Edward J. Kuhn Endowed Scholarship to support students in the School of Education.

**McKinley Capital Management** gave \$10,500 unrestricted to the School of Management.

**Northrim Bank** donated \$50,000 in unrestricted support to the School of Management.

The **Pollock Conservation Cooperative** made gifts totaling more than \$173,600 to support the Pollock Conservation Cooperative Research Center in the School of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences. The cooperative includes **Arctic Storm**, **American Seafoods Co.**, **Glacier Fish Co.**, **Starbound LLC** and **Trident Seafoods**. In total, the cooperative has donated more than \$13 million to the PCCRC.

**Shell Exploration and Production Co.** donated \$50,000 to support the GeoFORCE Alaska program in the College of Natural Science and Mathematics.

**Sumitomo Metal Mining Pogo** made a \$353,000 payment toward its \$1,059,000 pledge to the Mining Engineering Research Endowment in the College of Engineering and Mines.

Longtime donor **Wells Fargo** contributed \$25,000 to support military appreciation programs at the UA Museum of the North.

### Legacy Society

The UAF Legacy Society recognizes donors who have made provisions to include UAF in their estate plans. There are currently **103** members. To learn more please visit: [www.uaf.edu/giving/ways/planned/](http://www.uaf.edu/giving/ways/planned/).

## Troth Yeddha' Legacy Initiative

The Troth Yeddha' Legacy is a key philanthropic fundraising priority underway at UAF that will create a park and an indigenous studies center to honor Alaska's first peoples and create a lasting bridge between indigenous cultures and higher education. The initiative's goal is to raise \$25 million to complete the Troth Yeddha' Legacy in two phases. Phase one will raise \$5 million to create the park located between the UA Museum of the North and the Reichardt Building and design the indigenous studies center as part of our centennial celebrations in 2017. Phase two will build the indigenous studies center.

A dedicated planning committee is in place to help move this effort forward. Co-chairs are **Aaron Schutt**, president and CEO of Doyon Ltd. and **Miranda Wright**, former director of the Department of Alaska Native and Rural Development Program. World-renowned architect **Johnpaul Jones of Jones and Jones Architects** has developed renderings and plans for the project. To date, **Jones and Jones** has donated more than \$73,000 in design and architectural services to the Troth Yeddha' efforts.



The above list reflects gifts of \$10,000 and above made to the University of Alaska Fairbanks between Jan. 25 and May 4, 2014.

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## Of note

**In memory.** Helen Atkinson, UAF's first woman graduate in engineering, recently passed away. She was 98. Helen was a long-time supporter of UAF and was a former member of the UA Board of Regents. Donor **Kim Zonge** passed away in April. She and husband Ken, '62, who passed away in November 2013, established the Dr. Kenneth L. Zonge Scholarship. In February, **Mike Stepovich LLD (Hon)** '09, passed away. A tireless advocate for statehood, he was the last governor of the Territory of Alaska. UAF also recently lost **Robert Hunsucker** and **Donald Turner**, both former Geophysical Institute faculty. **Art Ortenberg** of the Liz Claiborne and Art Ortenberg Foundation died in February. The foundation pledged \$250,000 to UAF to establish a fellowship for conservation research.

**Congratulations.** Professor emeritus **Peggy Shumaker** has been named the 2014 Rasmuson Foundation Distinguished Artist. The award recognizes artists who have demonstrated creative excellence and stature. **Linda Hulbert** and **Dr. Cary Keller** were recently appointed to the UA Foundation Board of Trustees.



Anne Doyle

**Staff News.** Anne Doyle joined the Development team in March as the donor relations officer. She manages UAF's privately funded scholarships.



Amy Hartley

**Hartley**, public relations officer for the GI, has accepted the major gift officer position and joins the Development team on May 27. First-time donor **Richard Nyman** made a gift of \$50,000 to create an unrestricted endowment in support of the Institute of Northern Engineering. He attended UAF in the early 1950s and studied mining engineering. For more than 30 years, Nyman Equipment assisted oil companies and other businesses with transportation for projects throughout northern Alaska.

**Student callers are making a difference.** Since the fall of 2010, UAF phonathons have raised more than a quarter-million dollars from nearly 1,800 pledges.

During the spring phonathon from Feb. 16 to April 10, student callers met their spring goal by raising \$27,500 from 235 donors.

**Coming soon!** June 28–July 12, the Alaska International Piano-e-Competition will bring 24 of the brightest young pianists from around the world to UAF to participate in an international piano competition. To learn more or purchase tickets visit: [www.uaf.edu/piano/](http://www.uaf.edu/piano/).

**Save the date.** The 2014 Donor Recognition Event will take place on Nov. 20 at 5:30 p.m. at UAF.



2013-14 UAF student callers.

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