

CHANCELLOR'S REPORT ON PHILANTHROPY

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HERRMANN WINS EDITH R. BULLOCK PRIZE FOR EXCELLENCE

The University of Alaska Foundation presented Mark Herrmann with the 2019 Edith R. Bullock Prize for Excellence. Herrmann is dean of UAF's [School of Management](#) and has been a faculty member for more than 25 years. The Bullock Prize is the foundation's most prestigious award.

Herrmann's affiliation with the university dates back to 1991 when he was hired as an assistant professor within the Economics Department after earning his Ph.D. He worked his way up from assistant professor to full professor and subsequently to dean.

"While Dr. Herrmann is a well-established and seasoned leader, he is simultaneously an up-and-coming leader of the UA system," said former student Christi Bell, associate vice provost and executive director of the University of Alaska Anchorage Business Enterprise Institute, in her nomination letter. "This honor



Pictured left to right: Provost Anupma Prakash, Dean Mark Herrmann, Linda Hulbert, Meg Nordale and Chancellor Dan White at the UAF Faculty Senate meeting on Oct. 7, 2019.

would not only recognize the work that Dr. Herrmann has already accomplished, but simultaneously recognize an entrepreneurial and innovative leader of the UA system at a time when we desperately need more of these types of leaders."

Foundation board members Linda Hulbert and Meg Nordale presented Herrmann with the award at an Oct. 7 UAF Faculty Senate meeting at the Wood Center ballroom on the Fairbanks campus.

Hulbert reminded the group about the history of the prize, established in 1988 with a generous gift from the late Edith

Bullock, a gifted businesswoman who served in the Alaska Territorial Legislature, on the UA Board of Regents and as a trustee with the UA Foundation.

"In her time on both university boards, Edith recognized that the university's success rests upon the effort of individuals, which is definitely still true today," Hulbert said.

Nordale noted Herrmann's sense of humor and commitment to putting students first.

Under Herrmann's leadership, the School of Management has increased revenue and reduced costs while improving the student experience, increasing enrollment and graduation rates, and expanding community outreach. These accomplishments have not gone unnoticed outside the university. The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business International has continually accredited both

the school and its accounting program. This distinction has been achieved by only 182 universities worldwide. The AACSB has recognized UAF as a shining example of a learning environment that integrates knowledge, practice and professional development and sets the standard for business schools across the nation.

"The Edith R. Bullock Prize carries the name of a woman whose works and services within the state of Alaska have been widely recognized for excellence. Likewise, Dr. Herrmann's tenure with the university has transformed the School of Management into one of the best-managed schools in the University of Alaska system, and it is internationally recognized as a gold standard for other business schools," said foundation Chair Alex Slivka. "His efforts embody the excellence that Mrs. Bullock wished to showcase through this prize."



Linda Hulbert presents the Bullock Prize to Mark Herrmann.

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DONOR SPOTLIGHT: CATHY CAHILL

Cathy Cahill leads UAF's [Alaska Center for Unmanned Aircraft Systems Integration](#), part of the Geophysical Institute. With a Ph.D. in atmospheric science and decades of research experience as a UAF chemistry professor, she's well known for her expertise in understanding the poor air quality in Fairbanks. She also has extensive experience developing unmanned aircraft

payloads and conducting remote sensing, wildlife monitoring and emergency response activities.

On the side, she's a philanthropist.

We recently asked Cahill what inspired her to give to UAF.

"In this time of significant financial uncertainty, it is my hope my charitable gifts will allow the university to choose an area of urgent need and buffer

some of the amazing faculty, staff and students at UAF from the uncertainty," said Cahill, who has worked as a UAF professor since 1998. "UAF has been very good to me, and I am fortunate to be in a financial place where I can return the favor. Additionally, I prefer to give unrestricted gifts because they can be used immediately to help the university family."



Cathy Cahill displays UAF's SeaHunter unmanned aircraft. (Photo courtesy of Alaska Center for Unmanned Aircraft Systems Integration.)

Staff update

Teresa Chepoda Usibelli has joined the UAF team as a major gift officer, bringing fundraising, business and leadership skills with her.

Originally from Washington state, Teresa came to Alaska in 1985 and married the late John Usibelli, a mining engineering alumnus and production manager at Usibelli Coal Mine.

Teresa earned her alcohol and substance abuse counseling certification from UAF's Tanana Valley Campus and worked for Tanana Chiefs Conference, traveling to remote villages.

She then moved to Healy, where she worked as the mayor's special assistant in the newly formed Denali Borough and developed several businesses.

After selling the businesses, Teresa returned to Fairbanks, where she spent eight years in development and planned giving for the Catholic diocese.

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With gratitude: recent gifts to UAF

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USIBELLI COAL MINE gave a generous gift to support the University of Alaska Fairbanks.

DOUGLAS ISLAND PINK AND CHUM gave to the College of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences DIPAC Marine Fisheries Fund and the DIPAC Fisheries Technology Program.

INDIVIDUAL

CLARENCE '69 AND MARGIE LINTZ* gave to the Clarence and Margie Lintz Memorial Fund. It provides financial support to UAF education students completing internships and practicums in rural Alaska. Clarence passed away in 2018 and his wife, Margie, in 2014.

CATHY F. CAHILL, director of UAF's Alaska Center for Unmanned Aircraft Systems Integration, gave to the UAF Annual Fund.

OTHER

NOME PUBLIC SCHOOLS gave to UAF's Kuskokwim Campus in Bethel for the cultural safety project.