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The Office of Intellectual Property and Commercialization (OIPC) has experienced tremendous growth over the past year. David Park (JD) was promoted to Director and Stephanie Wright was added to the team as Technology Transfer Associate allowing for the expansion of the teams capacity and the services it can provide.

OIPC has significantly increased the number of disclosures received, driven in part by enhanced outreach efforts. The Intellectual Property Advisory Committee (IPAC) has welcomed six new members and Nanook Tech Ventures has added two new board members, strengthening its leadership and expertise.

This momentum fuels our commitment to delivering more opportunities and tailored support to researchers with innovative ideas at UAF and UAS. The following document outlines key ways the team has grown—and will continue to grow—through FY26 and beyond.

OIPC has implemented a broad marketing strategy to engage department heads, student clubs, and research labs. By visiting lab meetings, attending student organization gatherings, and presenting at departmental seminars, we have increased awareness of intellectual property (IP) rights and the role commercialization can play in funding new research.

This approach has helped us build trust and familiarity with students and researchers, many of whom were previously unaware of our services. Moving forward we are diving into this approach even further doubling the number of outreach events. So reach out if you'd like us to present tailored information to your specific groups!

OUTREACH

A broad approach

Year in Review **BY THE NUMBERS**

*Total disclosures include 'idea' disclosures and 'invention' disclosures – Invention disclosures are more developed than idea disclosures, reflecting greater research, evidence, and time invested.



Completed & in progress

EXTERNAL MARKETING CAMPAIGNS

In FY2025, OIPC marketed UAF technologies to over 80 industry contacts. We connect innovations with companies for potential licensing, managing conversations so researchers can stay focused on their work. This approach yielded four new licenses, bringing UAF's total active licenses to 12.

Each innovation receives three months of marketing; this year we promoted six patented technologies and one copyrightable work, expanding commercialization opportunities.



Alkali activated fly ash concrete by Nima Farzadnia and the Advanced construction and materials lab

The passive eDNA sediment collection apparatus by Jessica Glass and the Glass Lab



The gillnet gauge by Tav Ammu



Magma Forge the game by Elisabeth Nadin and Dan LaSota

A new model **SUPPORTING SMALL MARKET SOLUTIONS**

We've seen researchers develop highly innovative devices tailored to Alaska's unique needs or their specific fields of work. While the market for these products may be small, the need is very real. The Makerspace Teaching Through Technology Lab in Duckering is helping address this challenge by using a recharge center model to 3D print devices on demand and sell them to users who need these niche products. Through a licensing framework developed by OIPC, any net proceeds are funneled back to the originating lab to support ongoing research. We're excited to launch this model with the Glass Labs PESCA project!



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New year... **NEW SWAG**

With an increase in outreach opportunities comes an increase in giveaways! Stop by our booth at the next tabling event for stickers and the chance to receive a 12oz vacuum sealed coffee mug!



A note **THANK YOU**

OIPC would like to thank the innovators and researchers who cultivate the university's culture of innovation. The office appreciates those who disclosed their research, included the staff in IP education meetings, and shared their research talks with all of us, internally and externally. OIPC affirms its commitment to supporting UAF's students, researchers, departments, and colleges, recognizing their vital contributions.



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