



UAS Alumni & Friends Newsletter

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Dear Keni,

Welcome to the inaugural issue of the UAS Alumni & Friends electronic newsletter! The alumni board is delighted to communicate directly with you and help you stay on top of what is happening with your association and with UAS.

Read on to see how the new Auke Lake trail is taking shape, to learn about upcoming Association events and to see what your Association has been doing to support UAS.

As always, we welcome your feedback and comments. Let us know what you think!



Sincerely,

Bob Mitchell, President
UAS Alumni Association

Buildin' Bridges and Breakin' Trail



Forty thousand square feet of geotextile fabric. Twenty-five hundred cubic yards of six-inch crushed rock. Four hundred cubic yards of D-1 gravel. Seven wooden footbridges. Four hundred feet of floating boardwalk. How's this for a shopping list? To this add 13,500 hours of labor from Trail Mix and numerous volunteers and \$1.3 million in fund-raising. Mix this together, add a dash of vision and an ample sprinkling of determination and what

do you get? You get the largest trail project in Juneau history, connecting the UAS campus with the existing trailhead near the boat ramp and rebuilding the remains of an existing trail along Peterson Hill. You also get an attractive destination that provides educational and recreational opportunities for UAS students and helps to build a bridge with the Juneau community.

Chancellor Pugh first conceived building the Auke Lake Trail in 2001 during master planning for the campus. Before beginning construction, UAS sought and received regulatory approval from over a dozen federal, state and local agencies and sought feedback from local residents. The City and Borough of Juneau played an instrumental role, agreeing to provide \$200,000 in development of the park located at the existing boat ramp.

[Click here for the full article.](#)

Want to learn more?
Watch a video on You Tube: [Auke Trail Video](#)

Float Bridge @ Auke Lake



Chancellor John Pugh's vision of building an interpretive trail around Auke Lake begins to take shape.

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Mark Your Calendar!



[October 24 Alumni & Friends Beer & Wine Tasting: Sample beers and wines while networking with Alumni & Friends - tickets available now!](#)

November 22 [Holiday Entertaining 101](#): Gourmet cooking class at Chez Alaska

November 29 [Great Alaska](#)

Making a Difference for UAS

UASAA holds a number of successful events throughout each year that provide an opportunity for people to connect with UAS and with each other. If you haven't participated in an event recently, check out the *Mark Your Calendar!* section.

In addition to our events, we have made financial contributions that have benefited the university and its students. Your Association donated about \$25,000 to support the university over the past year and well over \$100,000 over the past five years. Among recent donations, UASAA granted ten \$1,000 alumni scholarships to UAS students this year, we donated \$7,500 to help the university purchase a handicap-accessible van and added to the principal balance of the alumni scholarship and operating endowments held at the University of Alaska Foundation. Our Ketchikan chapter spearheaded events that also raised funds for a proposed trail in Ketchikan which complements a multi-year donation the Association made to expand the Auke Lake Trail at the Juneau campus.

Our ability to support UAS is directly tied to our paid membership, which has increased from approximately 70 in the year 2000 to over 400 today.

We are Your Association!

The mission of this organization can be boiled down to serving as a conduit between the university and its alumni and friends, and to promote and support the university. We would be unable to accomplish this mission without the support of our alumni and friends through paid memberships in the Association and through the generous support of our community at our annual auction each Spring. Would you like to help? If you are not a member, click [here](#) to become one. If you would like to volunteer your time or let us know what you've been up to, we'd love to know!

[Click here to send us an email.](#)

This is your Association and **you can make a difference!**

UAS News

(click below)

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[UAS Reaches Record for Number of Grads](#)

[Robotic Mini-Snowmobiles set for Icefield Test](#)

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[Shootout in Anchorage](#): Final two games of the 31st annual Shootout at UAA

December 6 [Gingerbread Magic 101](#): Bring the kids and decorate your very own gingerbread house

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