Dear Keni,

This has been another great year for the UASAA Association. We not only held a number of events for members and guests, but we were able to award ten $2,500 scholarships to UAS students!

We started off the year with a very successful (and fun) banquet and auction in April, and raised $21,617. We held our annual golf tournament in Haines on a cold and windy day in June, and we will be hosting the annual Gingerbread Magic on December 7th.

Once again we coordinated with the other UA Alumni Associations and rented two box seats at a Mariner’s game and watched the team actually beat the Los Angeles Angels on a beautiful evening in July!! We elected to forego our annual wine tasting due to the increasing proliferation of such events over the past few years, and instead held a Whale Sculpture Celebration and Fall Networking Event, complete with live music, to commemorate the completion of the fundraising campaign (with over $75,000 being raised!). We also helped Ketchikan with a fund raising cruise that raised a combined total of $7,000 and enabled us to endow the Carroll Fader Maritime Scholarship Fund.

We have even more planned for 2014 - including group seating at the Anchorage Concert Association’s production of West Side Story on January 18th. The tickets are now available so contact the Alumni Office if you are interested in attending.

What keeps this organization going is the vitality and enthusiasm of its members. We try to offer a wide assortment of events to appeal to the interest to everyone, but we need your help to carry this off. We strongly encourage you to renew your membership (or extend your membership and become a lifetime member) and to bring your friends with you as you participate in our many events.

In addition, if you have ideas for other activities, let us know - we’re always interested in expanding our offerings. Together we can build and expand our network of members who not only have a great time together socially, but who continue to promote UAS and financially support its students.

I’m sincerely looking forward to seeing you at one or more of our events in 2014!

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Special Group Seating in the Orchestra Section with UAS Alumni & Friends!
$ 50/seat ($80 value!!) - tickets available NOW
Must be a member to purchase (easy to join - memberships start at only $35)
Notes and News on Alumni & Friends

News is mined from various sources, but the best source is YOU!
Please send updates and information on yourself or your classmates to alumni@uas.alaska.edu

Molly Yerkes, principal at Dzantik'i Heeni Middle School in Juneau was awarded the $25,000 Milken Educator Award, which is given to outstanding educators across the United States every year by the Milken Family Foundation. The foundation searches for its 40 annual winners on its own without nominations or applications. Yerkes earned an MAT, MPA and BLA from UAS.

Former alumni board member and graduate Venietia Santana has opened a new restaurant in Juneau, V's Cellar Door. The fusion restaurant features Korean and Mexican cuisines. It is located in downtown Juneau at 222 Seward Street.

Kelly Shattuck, who earned her AA from UAS, recently completed a one-year term as President of the Juneau Chamber of Commerce. She remains on the board as Past President for two more years. Kelly works for Shattuck & Grummett Insurance.

PND Engineers Inc., has hired Tara Sanders as an accounting technician. She graduated from UAS with bachelor's degree in business administration in accounting and has more than 10 years of Alaskan accounting experience.

2011 graduate Grace Lumba is working as the Family Services Coordinator for the Association for the Education of Young Children in Juneau. Additionally, Lumba was featured in the 2012 UA Foundation Annual Report. To read the full article on Grace, follow this link.

From the Alaska Journal of Commerce, "Movers & Shakers 06/02/13" article: "Sen. Lisa Murkowski has added Allison Nyholm to her legislative team in Washington, D.C. Nyholm will focus on appropriations, transportation and aviation matters - particularly those unique to Alaska's skies. Raised in Soldotna, Nyholm joins Murkowski's office after working on Alaska-specific policies for the better part of a decade, including five years for the State of Alaska as the associate director for the Office of the Governor in Washington, D.C., where she directed the state's federal appropriations process. Nyholm will serve as Murkowski's legislative assistant responsible for appropriations, surface transportation, aviation and water project infrastructure. She is a graduate of the University of Alaska Southeast in Juneau, and received her master's degree in public policy and master's degree in business administration from the George Washington University and University of North Carolina respectively. Nyholm is also an FAA certified private pilot."

From the Alaska Journal of Commerce, "Movers & Shakers 01/16/13" article: "KeyBank has selected Amanda LeDesma to manage its branch in Soldotna. She most recently managed Key's Kenai and Ketchikan branches. In her new position, she is responsible for the day-to-day operations as well as providing financial services, Saturday, January 18, 2 PM
Purchase tickets by calling the UAS Alumni Office at (907) 796-6569 or email alumni@uas.alaska.edu.

Only 26 tickets available - get yours today!

Thank You!

For reading scholarships this past spring:
Pauline Strong, Kevin Myers, Robbie Stell, AJ Canik, Kelly Ludwig-Johnson, and Brandy Disbennett

For pinning our 2013 graduates at Commencement:
Karen Polley, Robbie Stell, and Marie Olson

For volunteering at our annual Golf Tournament:
Melissa Ordner, JT Nell, Hannah Neil, Kristin Brown, Henry Masters, JoAnne Craig, Cody & Heather Bennett, Bobbi McCoy, and Linda Sylvester.

2013-2014 Calendar of Events
UAS Alumni & Friends and the Office of Development & Alumni Relations

Mark your calendar and plan to attend

NOVEMBER CAREER SERVICES SERIES
joint Alumni and Student events sponsored by the UAS Student Alumni Association:
Resume Writing - November 6 at Noon and November 8 at 3 PM (same program), in Egan Classroom 115.
Interviewing - November 13 at Noon.
Networking - November 20 at Noon and November 20 at 3 PM (same program)
Employer Panel - date TBA

DECEMBER 7 - Gingerbread Magic 101
including investments and mortgages, to both small business and consumer clients. LeDesma has more than nine years of financial services experience and holds a state insurance license as well as series 6 and 63 securities licenses. A member of Kenai Rotary and the Salvation Army’s advisory board, she is currently completing a bachelor's of business administration degree at the University of Alaska Southeast."

Whale Sculpture Comes to Campus

The Juneau Campus is undergoing lots of construction this fall. The Whale Sculpture is now the centerpiece of the new pedestrian plaza, and dorms are being constructed next to the Noyes Pavilion.

For more news about UAS:

**Soundings - UAS Faculty & Staff Newsletter**
Most recently published November 6, but archived issues dating back to 1997 are available there as well

**UAS Facilities Planning and Construction**
Read about the plans for all three campuses, including the Anderson Pedestrian Connection, Auke Lake Way Reconstruction, the New Freshman Dorm, and the U.S. Forest Service Research Laboratory on the Juneau Campus; the Career and Technical Education Remodel on the Sitka Campus, and projects at the Ketchikan Campus.

Now Accepting Nominations for the Alumni Board

Interested in being on the Alumni Board? We are currently in the nomination process. As an active member you can nominate yourself or another individual. Nominations are reviewed by the Board Development Committee and forwarded to the ballot through them.

**Nominations are due by 5 pm on Dec. 2.**

To nominate, please email alumni@uas.alaska.edu with the name and contact information of the nominee. Board seats run for 3 years. This upcoming election will be for seats that will begin in January 2014 and expire at the end of 2016.

**Current board members:**
Barbara Burnett, President
Mary Lou Madden, Vice President
Nathan Zierfuss, Treasurer
Rita Bowen
Karen Polley
Roberta Stell
John Svensson

Bring the kids and decorate your very own gingerbread house! - now taking registration by email and phone 796-6569 or alumni@uas.alaska.edu must be a member to attend

**JANUARY 18 - "WEST SIDE STORY"**
Alumni Group Seating at 2 PM Matinee in Anchorage at the Performing Arts Center. Tickets available NOW! Call the alumni office to purchase. Tickets only $50 ($80 value). Must be a member to attend.

... and more to come check your email and mailbox! alumni@uas.alaska.edu and 907-796-6569.

Evening at Egan

Join us for the two final presentations of the year:

**November 8 | Egan Library**
"At the Mouth of the River of Bees: Human-animal communication after The Change,"
featuring Kij Johnson, author of the UAS 2013 One Campus One Book selection.

**November 15 | Egan Lecture Hall**
"Deconstructing Racism: Power and Privilege in our Community"
featuring Lance (X'unei) A. Twitchell, Assistant Professor of Alaska Native Languages. Lance will facilitate a panel of community leaders in this important discussion.

Your membership makes this possible.

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