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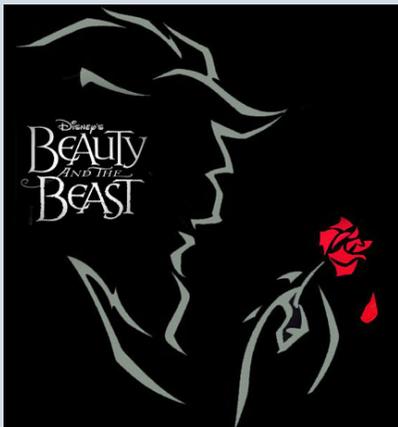
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Group seating at Beauty and the Beast



Disney's Beauty and the Beast, the smash hit Broadway musical, is coming to Anchorage and we have group seating for UAS Alumni & Friends!

Based on the Academy Award-winning animated feature film, this eye-popping spectacle has won the hearts of over 35 million people worldwide. This classic musical love story is filled with unforgettable characters, lavish sets and costumes, and dazzling production numbers including "Be Our Guest" and the beloved title song. Experience the romance and enchantment of Disney's Beauty and the Beast at the Atwood Concert Hall!

UAS Alumni & Friends has purchased group seating in the orchestra section at the Saturday, January 14, 3:00 PM matinee performance. Tickets are only \$55 for current members (an \$80 value). Must be a member to attend (memberships start at \$35). Call or email the alumni office if you are interested (907) 796-6569 or alumni@uas.alaska.edu.

Why UAS? Alumni Edition

Check out the newest additions to the Why UAS? Ad Campaign starring:

Glen Bruchmann (AAS '11), **Ruth Danner** (MBA '98, BLA '92), **Mary Folletti** (MAT '10, BA '08), and **Kent Scheler** (BS '06). The new ads are running on local TV stations, and can also be seen on the website: www.uas.alaska.edu/why-alumni. Other Why UAS? Spots include Students and Faculty editions.

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

Robert Casperson, (BLA '04, MAT '04): Robert Casperson has been appointed the new head coach for the JDHS Crimson Bears. Casperson takes over from Coach Steve Potter who announced his retirement this summer. Casperson began with the JDHS program in '99 and became freshman coach in 2000 amassing an 85-12 record. He led the JV team since '07 and has a cumulative record of 92-20. He also has coached Floyd Dryden Middle School and worked with the local Hooptime organization. Coach Casperson is a member of the Alaska Association of Basketball Coaches. He is a 6th grade Language Arts/Social Studies teacher at FDMS and is married with two children.

Source: *Juneau Empire Staff Report. (22 September 2011). "New Hoops Coach." Juneau Empire. Retrieved 23 November 2011 from <http://juneauempire.com/sports/2011-09-23#.Ts17LVbNmuE>*

Marianne Manning (B.Ed. '94): Marianne Manning is offering oil painting classes for children, operating out of the first floor of her Hemlock Street home, in tandem with a portrait painting business. Manning is a former teacher at Harborview Elementary and Juneau-Douglas High School, a mother of five and grandmother of four. For her business, she's decided to focus on portraiture for the time being. And for her painting classes, she plans to give kids the option of painting portraits or something else. She'll be teaching the kids in oils from the outset, an unusual choice when working with children who often begin with watercolors or acrylics. Though oils are more expensive and potentially more complicated to learn, Manning feels giving kids an opportunity to use high-quality raw materials might help foster a love of painting.

Source: *Fletcher, Amy. (22 September 2011). "Juneau artist launches business." Peninsula Clarion via Juneau Empire. Retrieved 23 November 2011 from <http://peninsulaclarion.com/community/2011-09-22/juneau-artist-launches-business#.Ts1Y4FbNmuE>*

Ashley Ahrens (BBA '12, graduated August 2011): Elgee Rehfeld Mertz, LLC, has promoted Ashley Ahrens to senior accountant. Ahrens joined the firm in 2003 while still in high school at JDHS. She went on to study business administration with an emphasis in accounting at the University of Alaska Southeast, graduating earlier this year. "[She] consistently demonstrates a high level of technical proficiency and expertise in her assigned areas, and adds value to each of her assignments and client relationships through her effective and timely communications with partners, clients and staff," ERM partner Bridget Lujan stated in a release.

Source: *Juneau Empire Staff Report (13 Sept 2011). "Juneau accounting firm announces two promotions." Juneau Empire. 23 November 2011 from <http://juneauempire.com/local/2011-09-14/juneau-accounting-firm-announces-two-promotions#.Ts14AFbNmuE>*

MPA Online Yearbook

Did you know that UAS has an online yearbook for graduates of the MPA program going back to 1975? The Master of Public Administration (MPA) program began in 1972 when the Juneau campus assumed full college status. The school went from the University of Alaska Southeast, to the University of Alaska Juneau, returning to the University of Alaska Southeast in 1986. Since the inception of the program there have been over 200 graduates beginning in 1975. The website is based on the department's computer database, and graduates are encouraged to contact the School of Management with any corrections. Right, is a photo of Sara Lawson, one person you can find through the online yearbook. Sara Lawson (MPA, '08) is working as a consultant in nonprofit management, and is an adjunct faculty member of UAS. She also was the co-recipient in 2009 of the Gruening Award, which is given to the MPA Outstanding Student of the Year.



UA Strategic Direction Listening Sessions

UA Statewide personnel will be facilitating listening sessions in Ketchikan on Monday, November 28, in Sitka on November 30, and in Juneau on December 15. Provost Caulfield will be attending the sessions in Ketchikan and Sitka as well as in Juneau. These are focused on listening to stakeholders external to the university but are open to anyone interested. For more information, go to <http://www.alaska.edu/shapingalaskasfuture/>.

Consider making your year-end donations to a UAS Alumni Association fund at the UA Foundation

Donations to UAS funds at the UA Foundation are tax deductible.

It's easy to donate. If writing a check, simply note the fund name and/or number in the memo line. If you want to donate online, just visit the UA Foundation's Give Now page:

http://www.alaska.edu/foundation/ways_to_give/give-now/

and indicate one of the funds listed below to benefit a UAS Alumni Association fund:

Alumni Scholarship Endowment (80574)

UASAA Ketchikan Scholarship Endowment (80117)

Alumni Operating Endowment (80892)

...or donate to any UAS fund of your choice. A full listing of funds in need of support can be found at www.uas.alaska.edu/development

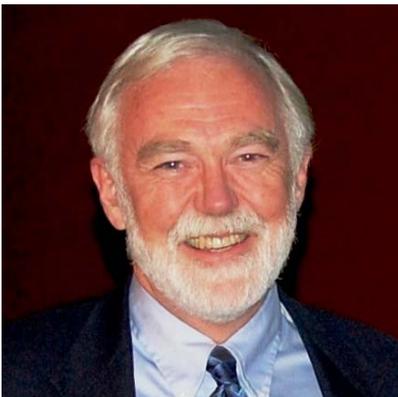
What's happening at UAS?

New UAS Leadership Positions

Several changes in UAS leadership positions have taken place this fall. Dr. Rick Caulfield continues as Provost but also take on the role of Executive Dean, School of Career Education. Robin Gilcrist is now in a joint faculty/administrative role as Associate Dean for Juneau Programs in Career Education. At the same time, Marsha Sousa expands her role as Dean of Arts and Sciences to include Vice Provost for Research. Carol Hedlin continues as Vice Provost for Academics and Accreditation. Deborah Lo takes on a wider role as Dean of Education and Graduate Studies, while John Blanchard begins his service as Interim Dean, School of Management.

Meet the Provost!

Dr. Richard Caulfield serves as Provost at the University of Alaska Southeast, including campuses in Juneau, Ketchikan and Sitka. As chief academic officer at UAS he reports to Chancellor John Pugh and works closely with faculty, staff, and students in support of academic innovation and excellence. He serves on the UA Statewide Academic Council (SAC) and is responsible for ensuring that UAS academic programs are fully compliant with regional, national, and professional accreditation standards. He is actively engaged with implementing the university's strategic and assessment goals and strategies. Read more about Provost Caulfield here: <http://www.uas.alaska.edu/provost/meet-provost.html>



UAS MBA Program Discontinued

Read about the decision to suspend admission to UAS MBA program and accommodation of currently enrolled students here: <http://www.uas.alaska.edu/som/mba/>

Soundings - UAS Faculty & Staff Newsletter

<http://www.uas.alaska.edu/soundings/>

Most recently published November 21, but archived issues dating back to 1997 are available there as well.

Chancellor's Report - published quarterly. Read the upcoming December 2011 release here:

http://www.uas.alaska.edu/soundings/chan-reports/cr_dec_2011.pdf

Thank you, Students!



The UAS Student Alumni Association, a chapter of UAS Alumni & Friends recently led a fundraising effort to raise money for the UAs whale sculpture fund at the UA Foundation.

By selling raffle tickets for a prize of two ticket vouchers donated by Alaska Airlines, they were able to contribute \$4,090 to the fund. To learn more about the Whale Sculpture Campaign, and about the statue itself, please visit the UAS Development website. The Humpback Whale was selected as the mascot of UAJ in 1980.

"Spike" is currently on display outside the Juneau Arts & Humanities Council in beautiful downtown Juneau and will migrate to the campus soon.

The whale was retained after the restructuring into the University of Southeast (UAS) in 1987 to include the Ketchikan and Sitka campuses. A student contest was held to name the mascot and the whale has been known as "Spike" ever since.

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 due by 5 pm on December 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 2012 and expire at the end of 2014.