UAS Alumni Association makes record scholarship awards and plans for the future with endowment growth

Following the success of their annual Spring Banquet & Auction, the University of Alaska Southeast Alumni Association (UASAA) Board of Directors announced their decision to award ten $2,500 student scholarships totaling $25,000 for the coming 2013-14 Academic Year. In the last 10 years the association has given over $310,158 in support of the university and awarded 80 student scholarships totaling $14,250 between all three UAS campuses: Juneau, Ketchikan and Sitka.

To sustain UAS Alumni efforts over time, the association has established three endowed funds within the University of Alaska Foundation. An endowed fund is one in which cash gifts to the principal are never spent but rather invested in perpetuity, with a portion of the annual interest earnings used to support a specified cause. Of the association’s three endowed funds, two directly support the scholarship program. The UASAA’s general scholarship fund has a principal balance of $104,705 and the Ketchikan Alumni Chapter Scholarship fund has a principal balance of $14,510.

The UASAA’s third endowed fund was created in 2007 for the specific purpose of supporting alumni relations programming at UAS. While basic program or operating money is often what every non-profit organization needs the most it, all too often, tends to be the most difficult to raise as most donors would, understandably, rather give to student scholarships than to program support. The UASAA has overcome this challenge by creating a truly unique Southeast Alaskan experience: a golf tournament that starts in Juneau and travels round-trip up the scenic Lynn Canal by catamaran, thanks to partner Allen Marine Tours, to the nearby community of Haines to play the 18-hole tournament. All net proceeds from the annual tournament are dedicated to the Alumni Operating endowment, which currently has a principal balance of $94,363. This year’s event was held on June 1st.

UAS also has a fourth endowment in support of Alumni Relations within the UA Foundation – this one created not by the association but through private donation in 2010 by an alumnus and his spouse. The Alumni Advancement Fund was created with the specific purpose to increase alumni giving to the University of Alaska Southeast. The fund currently has a principal balance of $42,597.

For information on how you can join UAS Alumni & Friends (UASAA), call Keni Campbell, Alumni Relations Manager: 796-6569.
1) **Egan Classroom Wing Auditorium / Grand Piano**  
Campaign 2005-2008 for $75,000 for purchase and maintenance of a $40,000 Steinway grand piano. $31,000 was raised by selling piano keys and $13,360 in concert revenue benefiting the fund, remainder through private support. Endowment set up for maintenance; current balance is just over $1,700 in the spendable and just over $30,000 in the principal.

2) **Egan Library Room 210 / “The Ford”**  
Original oil painting by Eustace Paul Ziegler. Appraised value is $225,000. Donated by Paula and Charles Smith in July 2012.

3) **Mourant Courtyard / “Loki” the Raven**  
Sculpture by UAS Alumna artist Lisa Rickey. Donation of $5,000 by the UAS Alumni Association in 2004-2005 with a $2,500 match from the UAS General Support Fund.

4) **Mourant Courtyard / Eagle Totem Campaign**  
Campaign 2008-2011 for $160,000 for carving and construction of totem. Major gifts included donation of the log valued at $40,000 from Sealaska, $25,000 from the Rasmuson Foundation as a gift-match, and the remainder in private donations.

5) **Mourant Courtyard / Whale Campaign**  
Campaign 2010-2011 for project cost of $105,000, including the purchase, shipping and placement of the bronze Humpback Whale sculpture. Major gifts include a gift match from the Rasmuson Foundation of $20,000. The 12-foot bronze sculpture is by renowned Alaskan artist R.T. “Skip” Wallen. Mr. Wallen received an Honorary Doctorate of Fine Arts from the University of Alaska Southeast in 2006.

6) **Outdoor Ceramic Kiln**  
Funded in the early 2000s with major donation by Mapco.

7) **Auke Lake Trail / Sheffield Bridge & Alumni Walk**  
Auke Lake Trail Campaign 2006-2008 raised $1.22 million dollars, with $999,274 in private support and $223,982 in public support through the Alaska Trails Initiative. Rasmuson Foundation donated $500,000 as a gift-match. Major donors giving at least $10,000 have signs commemorating their gifts and include: UAS Alumni & Friends Association, First National Bank Alaska, Myra Howe, and Robert Boochever. The trail was dedicated in June 2011. Sheffield Bridge, dedicated to the former Governor of Alaska, Bill Sheffield. Sheffield pledged $100,000 in 2006, bridge was completed in 2010.

8) **John & Lily Noyes Pavilion**  
Phase I Campaign: 2001-2003 campaign of $525,000. Dedicated in July 2003. Construction of a 2,800 sq. ft. structure that accommodates 300 people. Major gifts include $100,000 from the Noyes family and $100,000 from the Rasmuson Foundation and gifts of $10,000 and above from Williams Alaska Petroleum, First National Bank Alaska, and UAS Student Government.

Phase II Campaign: 2003-present. For additional features at the Noyes Pavilion, including seating and curtains $20,800 raised, including a $10,000 gift from Williams Alaska Petroleum.