

Forty-Eighth Annual Commencement

SUNDAY, MAY 5, 2019, 2:00 PM

*Academic Procession	Led by the Mt. Juneau Tlingit and Woosh.ji.een Dancers Grand Marshal: Associate Professor Robin Gilcris, President of Faculty Senate
Traditional Welcome	Áak'w Kwáan Elders Rosa Miller and Frances Houston
*The National Anthem *Alaska's Flag Song	Ms. Taylor Vidic and Ms. Alyssa Fischer
Introduction of Dignitaries and Commencement Remarks	Chancellor Richard A. Caulfield, Ph.D.
Commencement Address	Ms. Valerie Nurr'araaluk Davidson
Conferring of Degrees	Regent Dale Anderson Chancellor Richard Caulfield Provost Karen Carey Interim Dean of UAF Graduate School Dr. Michael Castellini
Conferring of Honorary Doctorate of Science Degree to Mr. Richard Carstensen	Regent Dale Anderson Chancellor Richard Caulfield
Presentation of Meritorious Service Awards to Ms. Cheryl Samuel Ms. Alison Browne Ms. Sally Smith Ms. Kathy Kolkhorst Ruddy	Regent Dale Anderson Chancellor Richard Caulfield
2019 Commencement Student Speaker	Mr. Nicholas Bursell, B.A. English, Creative Writing
Vice President's Remarks	Dr. Paul Layer, University of Alaska Vice President for Academics, Students, and Research
Charge to the Graduates	Regent Dale Anderson
Closing of 2019 Commencement	Chancellor Richard Caulfield
*Recessional	<i>Glacier Blue Funk</i> , by Dr. Linda Rosenthal
	* Audience stands.

OUTSTANDING STUDENT ACADEMIC AWARDS 2019

Avallon Gregg
A.A.S. Business Administration, Accounting

Sonni Nicole Cottrell Suson
A.A.S. Business Administration, General Business

Chelsea Lorraine Sieh
*B.B.A. Management; Bob Ellis Award for
Outstanding Graduate in Management*

Aileen S. Naylor
B.B.A. Accounting Excellence Award

Destinee Green
*M.P.A. Natural Resource Policy;
Ernest Gruening Award for Outstanding Graduate
in Public Administration*

Elizabeth Anne Rumpfelt
B.A. English

Brinna Snow
Outdoor Studies

Kathleen Brigid McCaffrey
B.A. Geography and Environmental Studies

Aspen Daigle
B.L.A.

Orin Ambrose Pierson
B.L.A. (e-Learning)

Evan L. Carnahan
B.S. Mathematics

Eleanor I. Burgess
B.A. Social Science

Margaret Lynn Baca
B.A. Elementary Education

Tristan Leal
B.A. Special Education

Susan Yvonne Dyer
M.A.T. Elementary Education

Trygve Rob Sandvik
M.A.T. Secondary Education

2019 GRADUATES

CL Cum Laude
MCL Magna Cum Laude
SCL Summa Cum Laude

Certificate

ACCOUNTING TECHNICIAN
Mary Nancy Anne Albano Agne
Heather Renee Albertson
Crystal Danielle Day
Jessica Kay Hamilton
Quy Ngoc Nguyen
Jodi Lynn Van Kirk

DRAFTING TECHNOLOGY
Amanda E. Filori
Eric Gordon Mullen

**HEALTH INFORMATION
MANAGEMENT CODING
SPECIALIST**
Juanita Lynn DeRose

**OUTDOOR SKILLS &
LEADERSHIP**
Hope Courtney
Robert R. Liendo
Erin McCarthy
Richard McGrail
Brittany Ooman
Matthew Roda
Maria Romfoe
Eric P. Ruud
Derek Shapiro
Brinna E. Snow

**PRE-NURSING
QUALIFICATIONS**
Dorothy Elisabeth Chapman
Erika Marie Cruz
Susan J. Hart
Jennifer J. Jimenez Gomez
McKenna Marie Kincaid
Sara A. Wood

**PRE-RADIOLOGIC
TECHNOLOGY
QUALIFICATIONS**
Korbyn Elizabeth Powers
Rogelio N. Shapland-Murray

**SMALL BUSINESS
MANAGEMENT**
Shevonda Burkhart
Steffen L. Frazier
Mary M. Giuliani
Jasmine M. Hibbert
Sonni Nicole Cottrell Suson

Associate of Arts

Nicholas William Allred
Tanessa A. Ashenfelter
Nathan Andrew Block
Clark C. Bolanos
Breanne J. Carroll CL
Taylor J. Dallas
Beverly Anne L. Dela Cruz
Meghan Christine DeSloover
Victoria Elston
Jillian Marie Ferguson
Idalia O. Garcia-Terry
Corina K. Giamakidis
Cheyenne I. Girmscheid

Quin P. Gist
Pierson H. Lam CL
Kevin N. Macan
Eric Gordon Mullen
Marina I. Ogai CL
Thomas A. Ramos
Eleanor Ruth Ruchti
Jade L. Ruiz
Jeryd Edward Schauwecker
Rogelio N. Shapland-Murray
Austin Michael Stevens
Elisha Rae Thibodeau
Felix Antonio Thillet Jr
Kacie Jay Timothy
Ashlee Nicole Tucker
Deborah S. Webb CL
Rose L. Wolfe

Associate of Applied Science

**BUSINESS
ADMINISTRATION**
Caitlin J. Driscoll
Angela M. Heck
Pamela Nord
Joardan S. Savland
Sherri Lee Soileau

ACCOUNTING
Ma Lorraine Angeles
Stefanie L. Bingham CL
Hezekiah Josiah Bodine
James R. Dunn CL
Alisa H. Elie
Avallon Gregg MCL
Quy Ngoc Nguyen
Sean Walter Niewoehner
Casey C. Orbeck
Sarah Anni Johnson Wright
MCL

GENERAL BUSINESS
Rhea M. Bromley CL
Shevonda Burkhart
Krystal Michele Haavik
Michael E. Helms Jr
Brehanna Rae Johnson
Courtney Nicole Lecrone
Kathryn Violet Noreen
Annmarie Roles
Kayla M. Roys
Nanette R. Solano CL
Sonni Nicole Cottrell Suson
Steven J. Swartzbart
Connor Dale Ulmer
Amy Nicole Young

**CONSTRUCTION
TECHNOLOGY**
Caden Lee Smeaton

HEALTH SCIENCES
Chanel Briana Anderson
Erika Marie Cruz
Corina K. Giamakidis
Jennifer J. Jimenez Gomez
Chelsea F. Kilgore
Nicole K. Neussendorfer
Cayla Ray Rogers
MaryEllen Andrea Taela Smith
Jessica Ashley Travis CL
Sara A. Wood CL

POWER TECHNOLOGY

DIESEL
Sage Marie Glamann
Kristin D. Gross
Joshua L. Magnuson
Deven J. Mason
Kevin R. Wilkins

MINE MECHANIC
Connor Dean Fuller
Deven J. Mason

Associate of Science

Laurie Kaitlyn Pauline Dunne
Lee Darien Foulkes
Tabatha A. Hommel
Sarah Novell-Lane
Ronald W. Radcliffe
Jessica Marie Stevens
Fredrik S. Thorsteinson

Bachelor of Arts

ART
Adelle M. Labrecque

BIOLOGY
Kyran Allan Mollette

ELEMENTARY EDUCATION
Emily Raeanne Ault
Margaret Lynn Baca
Rosheille Ann Benlot CL
Taelyn Rakkel Coffee
Donald James Combs Jr CL
Marina Margaret Crow
Josephine Alexandra Daniels
Aaron Devon Dolphin-Chavie
Emily Christene East
Kaitlyn Marie Heil SCL
Chantell Lee Helm CL
Trista Marie Jackson
Lauren Mary McCausland
Taylor Storme Messer
Andria S. Michaels
Hannah Marie O'Daniel
Stacy Jean Roberts
Kathryne I. Roldan
Alissa Ann Rountree MCL
Jesse J. Stringer
Deborah S. Webb CL

ENGLISH
CREATIVE WRITING
Nicholas James Bursell
Dylyn Ari Peterson
Elizabeth Anne Rumpfelt MCL
Melissa Nicole Scriven

LITERATURE
Nathan Andrew Block
Brandon Douglas Wilks

**GEOGRAPHY &
ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES**
Morgan Jean-Marie Johnson
Brittany Ooman CL

OUTDOOR STUDIES
Kathleen Brigid Kinneen
McCaffrey CL

SOCIAL SCIENCE
Eleanor I. Burgess CL
Patricia Nickell-Zimmerman
Griffin Robert Plush
Hannah Lee Cassell
Holly Lynn Fisher MCL
Miguel Henri Gonzales
Rohrbacher

Joshua Clifton Vantrease CL
Ginger Marie White MCL
Roy J. Wilson
Danielle Frances Anderson
Rachael Anne Fia CL
Sarah P. Fitzgerald CL
Ashley N. Gotschall
Joanna N. Hamblin CL
Olga M. Lipson
Cassidy L. Somerville
Cynthia A. Bashaw
Donnyel C. Burras
Amy M. Montgomery
Erin N. Russell

SPECIAL EDUCATION
Jennifer F. Inguagiato
Tristan Y. Leal
Austin Roof
Jodi Mae Smith CL

Bachelor of Business Administration

ACCOUNTING
Joy L. Antolin
Johanna A. Brown
Cody A. Campbell
Calla Mae Christensen CL
April Marie Flynn
Lauri M. Lingafelt
Caleb M. Lyons
Ilona A. Mayo
Jennie E. McGarrigan
Aileen S. Naylor
Valeria Newcomer CL
Heather Ruth Ramirez-Nunn
Juanito V. Senarillos
Jill Morgan Smith CL
Adrien Elise Speegle CL

**HUMAN RESOURCE
MANAGEMENT**
Evgeniya Sergeevna
Malakhova-Quartly
Natasha M. Nichols

MANAGEMENT
Christopher Jay Baker
Jean Marie Bennett CL
Rhonda Kay Calkins
Mandee D. Collins
Tiana N. Ekis
Samuel O. Graham CL
Marcy J. Herman
Kathryn Violet Noreen
Chelsea Lorraine Sieh
Brooke Ashley Skjold
Taylor D. Vidic
James Clayton Wiggins

**MANAGEMENT
INFORMATION SYSTEMS**
Leeanna Renee Dahl
Mohamed Bari Ishie CL

MARKETING
Tracy Autumn Wiest Estes

Bachelor of Liberal Arts

**ALASKA NATIVE
LANGUAGES & STUDIES**
Claire R. Helgeson CL
Austin R. Tagaban

INDEPENDENT DESIGN
Aspen Rose Daigle MCL
Breanna Lee Walker

**INTERDISCIPLINARY
STUDIES**
Casey Michael Burkert
Chelsea F. Kilgore
Kelli Jayne Menze
Kristen L. Rees
Adriane Marie Honerbrink
Orin Ambrose Pierson
Johnny A. McIntyre
Kelsey L. Savikko CL
Gloria R. Anderstrom
Antoinette Kathleen
Baxstrom CL
Megan Nicole Chang Hart
Boudicca Vistana Rudkin
Patricia Smith CL
Clair Karen Fitzpatrick CL
Jenna Aousha Hallenbeck
Emma C. Bullock
Meryl C. Chew
Guadalupe A. Cruz
Trinidad Delmi Cruz

**OUTDOOR &
ADVENTURE STUDIES**
Makaila Elizabethanne
Olson

Bachelor of Science

BIOLOGY
Jamie Kay Messerschmidt
Sarah Patrice Thrower
Ilya Konstantinovich
Turchaninov CL
Harmony Jade Wayner
Delana Wilks

**ENVIRONMENTAL
SCIENCE**
Melissa M. Arnold
Kyle Scott Martini
Gretchyn Loren
ODonnell
Cayla Ray Rogers

**GEOGRAPHY &
NATURAL RESOURCES**
Robert P. Schenker

MARINE BIOLOGY
Madison P. Bargas
Lee Darien Foulkes
Axel Gunnar Gillam
Emma Kathleen Gillam
Anna Christina Tafoya

MATHEMATICS
Michael Justin Bushey
Evan L. Carnahan MCL
Marshall Lawrence Ray
Johnson
Jasper Vic G. Soriano
Zefeng Xian

Master of Arts in Teaching

**ELEMENTARY
EDUCATION**
Rebecca Marie Adams
Serena Anne Augustin
Carolyn Mariah Brashar
Violet Rainbeaux Brooks
Braxton James Cox
Brenna Cox
Alexander Dailey
Susan Yvonne Dyer
Melissa L. Endicott
Allison J. Erickson
Tasha Taylor Hazen
Megan Heathman

Jillaine Yvette Heinrich
Rhett Thomas Hickel
Nicholle Johnston-Fisher
Alison Kay Knipfer
Molly Kathleen Lashier
Logan Ray Lott
Brian Alexander Lyke
Amanda Jean McDonald
Molly Lynn McFarland
Christa Haglund Metzger
Allison Eileen Miller
Katrina L. Monta
Lori Christine Moore
Kimberley Danielle
Morgan
John W. Orsborn
Shawnel Kay Padilla
Hannah Beth Ragland
Viana Rodriguez Stam
Thomas J. Schwartz
Kjirsten Lisa Swanson
DeAnna Barbara Thoma
Jamie G. Westnedge

**SECONDARY
EDUCATION**
Christina Apathy
Marie-Louise Colver
Jared Dale
Blake Andrew Fletcher
Sara T. Guinn
Sarah E. Hamacher
Lauren E. Hess
Aurora Anne Hoefflerle
Ian Charles Hudson
Tennessee D. Judkins
Olivia Claire Lihou
Robin L. Lockwood
Charles Michael McKenry Jr
Logan Olesen Pitney
Trygve Rob Sandvik
Shawn Neal Seetomona
Brent Alex Siphert
Erik Andrew Sivertsen
Sheldon . Turner
Natalie Ann Ward

SPECIAL EDUCATION
Grace C. Beckman
Teanna J. Day
Kaitlynn Marie Jackson
Joni Leah McCarty
Kasey L. McNamee
Wendy S. Page
Meridith Rooney
Connor McCarthy Wall
Joshua A. Wilhelm

Master of Education

**EDUCATIONAL
TECHNOLOGY**
Cherie Marie Lindquist
Matthew E. Stineff

**EDUCATIONAL
LEADERSHIP**
Stefanie Alexander
Jennifer McArthur Barnes
Natasha Baumgartner
Tracy L. Bell
Todd A. Boynton
Amanda V. Bryant
Kirsten Buckmaster
Cody W. Burnham
Connie L. Christian
Gregory A. Clark
Evelyn Alice Esmaikka
Robin J. Gage

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Marilyn Joy Gail
Joseph Blair Groves
James Bryan Harris
Michael D. Hautala
M Megan Hayes
Sarah L. Hutchison
Scott Allen Jonsson
Michael T. Kage
Caitlin Keith
Gretchen Ellen Kelly
Theronn D. King
Leslie J. Kramer
Adam Krick
Andrew William Larrabee
Cassie Ann MacDonald
Elizabeth James Marks
Nathan McArthur
Lyle Walter Melkerson
Deborah L. Merle
Brittany Nichole Nerland
Paige Norman
Teresa Marie Paukan
Julie Anne Pepe
David A. Riemer
Katherine Bevans
Schneider
Jocelyn Lee Schubert
Crysta J. Svendsen
Pavla Fedotovna Tyson
Nicholas Brian Walston
Colby Way
Johanna Wood
LEARNING DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY
Josephine Lynn Leach
Jule L. Peterson
Gerald J. Scarzella
Mariah Meadow Smith
MATHEMATICS EDUCATION
Gary E. Leiter
Shauna Rose Martinez
Shauna Rose Scudero
READING SPECIALIST
Erica Lee Browitt
Margaret E. Schmitt
Kristin Marie Starr
Tricia Hope Turley
Betsy A. Vanek
SPECIAL EDUCATION
Ashley F. Allman
Gina Michelle Auldridge
Mindi Jean Baczuk
Tyler Arthur Glaser
Jennifer Faith Greene
Kenneth V. Griffin
Kelly Ann-Mullican Kowal
Liana I. Perez
Taylor Lauren Prewitt
Paul School
Andrew Nathan Vandivier

Master of Public Administration

Lyle Dinn
Allison Erika Ferko
Carrie Michelle Haisley
Mackenzie Renee Harvey
Corry Ann Grigg Isabell
Melissa Sue Jenkins
Laurette M. Kaiser
Jessica C. Kiana
Erika Wanda-Ann Klawonn
Alesia Melody Kruckenberg

Cristina M. Lamboy
Tammy Annette McKeown
Jennifer Lyn Moorlag
Jacob Andrew Norton
Erin Amelia Ohlson
Melissa Nicole Peguero
Lynne Janine Reece
Melanie M. Rodriguez
Rus'sel Suzette Sampson
Sara Jean Truitt
Tracy Maria Vanderkuijl
Jaylene Z. Wheeler
Hayley Renee Williams
Nichole Anne Wood
Karen Zeman
NATURAL RESOURCE POLICY
Jenny Amundsen
Di Grappa
Destinee Green
Christine Anne McNally
Patrick Michael O'Connor
Christopher Jon Pearson
John W. Wright
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
Shawna D. Hildebrand

Graduate Certificates

EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY
Josephine Lynn Leach
Jule L. Peterson
Gerald J. Scarzella
Matthew E. Stineff
ELEMENTARY EDUCATION
Serena Anne Augustin
Kathryn Marie Borchart
Carolyn Mariah Brashar
Violet Rainbeaux Brooks
Carmel Elizabeth Easley
Gillian L. Edwards
Cheryl D. Fuchs
Nicholle Johnston-Fisher
Brenna Dalyn Kennicker
Daniel R. Kullander
Matthew Brandon Liston
Caitlin McNeil
Katrina L. Monta
Kristen C. Pratt
Viana Rodriguez Stam
Kjirsten Lisa Swanson
James White
Courtney Marie Wilhelm
MATHEMATICS EDUCATION K-8
Gary E. Leiter
Shauna Rose Martinez
Shauna Rose Scudero
READING SPECIALIST
Erica Lee Browitt
Kristin Marie Starr
Tricia Hope Turley
Betsy A. Vanek
SECONDARY EDUCATION
Taylor Ann Helland
Michael Thomas Kenny
SPECIAL EDUCATION
Myrna L. Everhart
Jennifer Faith Greene
Joanna Jeanne Hinderberger
Haley Marie Krautbauer

Judy Ann Lyon
Casey Dean McCarty
Cara Ann Pellegrino
Taylor Lauren Prewitt
Paul School
Kate Marie Steinel
Karen Denise Towery
Andrew Nathan Vandivier
Adam Micheal White
John Edward Williams

Occupational Endorsements

ACCOUNTANT
Collin Arthur Dando
Alice Nicole Hennick-Rich
JoyLynne U. Ribao
Galina Silverstruk
Ashley Vecellio
Marylene Honor Wales
Suzanne Walling
Brandon Nicole Wigfield

CERTIFIED NURSE AIDE TRAINING

Dallas J. Aguiar
Sacha K. Anderson
Shea Lynn Bartolaba
Daniel Forrest Bishop
Kit Marie Burroughs
Anne Elizabeth Coogan
Scot K. Douglas
Joshua Taylor Elmore
Ryenne Elizabeth Fontana
Taryn Elizabeth Fortin
Katrina Ethel Fraker
Leslie Anne Gartman
Maya M. Garza
Lorena Rebecca Gray
Peyton M. Harp
Kaitlyn Nichole Janquart
Celeste T. Kalmakoff
McKenna Marie Kincaid
Gracie Katherine Lazar
Miranda L. Lind
Leilani D. Maka
Christina Ann Marshall
Lilly Ann Mashburn
Shawn Mauldin
Sophia M. McLaughlin
Ericka J. Nebert
Felipe L. Ogoy III
Cody Patrick Parker
Martin Lucas Reid
Montanna Requa
Jolynn Elain Shriber
Heilala O. Toetuu
Patricia Tuiai

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS
Brandi L. Blair
Annmarie Roles
David M. Stafford
POWER TECHNOLOGY
DIESEL/HEAVY DUTY
Stephen Elwin Blackwell
Kristin D. Gross
Jacob Kane Hotch
Austin Ladwig
Joshua Craig Lawson
Morgan James Moir
Kevin R. Wilkins
DIESEL/MARINE
Morgan James Moir
Travis D. Stilwell

MINE MECHANIC

Austin Ladwig
Tristan A. Mead
RESIDENTIAL/LIGHT CONSTRUCTION
Ionel D. Casulucan
Joseph M. Cox
Jordan Deming
Kai Deming
John Anthony Nance Garner
Daniel Leblanc-Tweedy
Isaiah R. Nelson

WELDING TECHNOLOGY

Darrin Darringer Austin
Oscar N. Griffin
Nikolaos C. Hebert
Jeremiah Moore Houston
Neil A. Johnson
Kylee S. Larsen
Scott Lawler
Christopher A. Radach
Orion K. Sanguine
Josh R. Welty

UAA Associate of Applied Science

NURSING

Rachel Marie Bernasek
Angela Nicole Endicott
Miranda Guizio
Heather Noel Neely
Nicole K. Neussendorfer
Maike Andrea Undurraga Perl
Shayna Rohwer CL
Stephanie Sauve
MaryEllen Andrea Taela Smith
Maria Taug
Loni Abigail Weggel
Kristina Williams

UAA Master of Fine Arts

CREATIVE WRITING & LITERARY ARTS
Jonas Lamb

UAF Bachelor of Arts

JUSTICE
Leah A. Haskell
SOCIAL WORK
Bradford Gregory Parfitt

UAF Master of Science

FISHERIES
Douglas Duncan
Rhea Ehresmann
Tessa Minicucci
Jodi Neil
April Rebert

UAF Doctor of Philosophy

ETHNOHISTORY: INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES
Zachary R. Jones
FISHERIES
Maggie Chan

Alaska's Flag Song

Alaska's Flag

First verse written by Marie Drake

Second verse written by Carol Beery Davis

Music by Elinor Dusenberry

Eight stars of gold on a field of blue,
Alaska's flag, may it mean to you,
The blue of the sea, the evening sky,
The mountain lakes and the flowers nearby,
The gold of the early sourdough's dreams,
The precious gold of the hills and streams,
The brilliant stars in the northern sky,
The "Bear," the "Dipper," and shining high,
The great North Star with its steady light,
O'er land and sea a beacon bright,
Alaska's flag to Alaskans dear,
The simple flag of a last frontier.

A Native lad chose the Dipper's stars
For Alaska's flag that there be no bars
Among our culture. Let it be known
Through years the Native's past has grown
To share life's treasures, hand in hand,
To keep Alaska our Great Land
We love the northern midnight sky,
The mountains, lakes and streams nearby.
The great North Star with its steady light
Will guide all cultures, clear and bright,
With nature's flag to Alaskans dear,
The simple flag of the last frontier.

The Recessional

Glacier Blue Funk is an original composition by Dr. Linda Rosenthal, Professor of Music and UAS Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters, 2005.

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Speakers

Valerie Nurr'araaluk Davidson

Davidson was appointed by Governor Bill Walker in December 2014 to serve as Commissioner of the Alaska Department of Health & Social Services. During her tenure, Davidson implemented expanded Medicaid coverage to over 45,000 Alaskans, implemented Medicaid Reform and negotiated the Alaska Tribal Child Welfare Compact with 162 Alaska Tribes. Davidson served as Alaska's first Alaska Native female lieutenant governor in the final weeks of the Walker administration. Prior to state service, Davidson worked for over 15 years as a national policy maker on matters affecting Indian health. Davidson earned a Bachelor of Education with a specialty in Early Childhood Education and a minor in Bilingual Education from UAS and a Juris Doctor degree from the University of New Mexico School of Law. Davidson is an enrolled tribal member of the Orutsaramiut Traditional Native Council. Davidson considers her four children to be her greatest accomplishment.

Nick Bursell

Bursell serves as the Student Government President at UAS and the University of Alaska's Coalition of Student Leaders Chair. He is from Juneau and studies English with a Creative Writing emphasis. He has completed the Ted Stevens Legislative Internship Program at UAS and has participated in National Student Exchange. Aside from academics, Nick enjoys hiking mountains, gaming, and writing for fun.

Honorees

Richard Carstensen, Honorary Doctorate of Science

Carstensen is the co-founder of and senior naturalist for Discovery Southeast. His educational focus includes study of biogeography, landforms, natural communities, forest, alpine and stream ecology, birding, mammals, wild edibles, tracking and sign interpretation, GIS mapping and air photo interpretation, journaling, and field sketching.

Cheryl Samuel, Meritorious Service Award

Samuel is an internationally renowned artist, creating superlative examples of the textiles she studies. A meticulous researcher and student of indigenous artists and Elders, Samuel documented and mastered the techniques of Ravenstail weaving.

Alison Browne, Meritorious Service Award

A lifelong, third-generation Alaskan, Alison Browne worked as a legislative fiscal analyst for the Alaska Senate and House Finance Committees and at the Alaska Permanent Fund Corporation for 15 years in administrative and management positions. Ms. Brown has served on many boards and is an avid supporter of the symphony, opera, and the arts in Juneau.

Sally Smith, Meritorious Service Award

A former Fairbanks legislator and Juneau mayor, Sally Smith has also worked for 5 governors, directed two state agencies and served as a Field Representative for U.S. Senator Mark Begich. With a special emphasis in music, Ms. Smith has served on many boards in Juneau.

Kathy Kolkhorst Ruddy, Meritorious Service Award

A prominent attorney for over 40 years, Kathy Kolkhorst Ruddy is a lifelong supporter of the university who has demonstrated a deep commitment to supporting arts and theater in the community.



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