

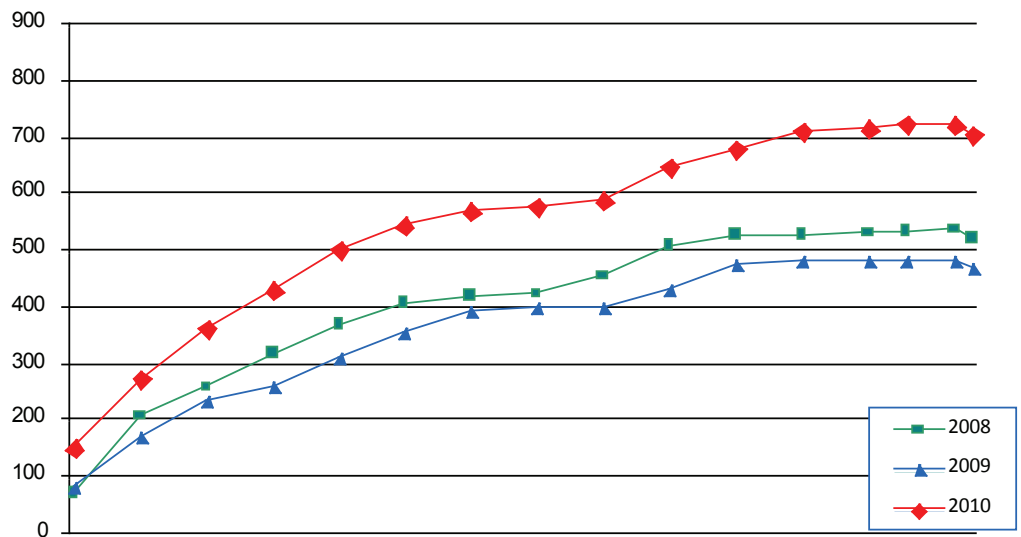
soundings

March 2010

The Numbers are Still Up!

- Spring Enrollment is up 12% over the same time last year at UAS
- On the Juneau campus enrollment is up 17%
- Students are also taking more classes. The number of students taking more than 12 credits is up 50% over last year.

UAS Students 12+ Credits | Spring 2010 | February 12, 2010



| | 9-Nov | 16-Nov | 23-Nov | 30-Nov | 7-Dec | 14-Dec | 21-Dec | 28-Dec | 4-Jan | 11-Jan | 18-Jan | 25-Jan | 1-Feb | 5-Feb | 10-Feb | 12-Feb |
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| 2008 | 70 | 206 | 259 | 317 | 369 | 407 | 420 | 422 | 454 | 508 | 528 | 528 | 530 | 534 | 536 | 522 |
| 2009 | 78 | 171 | 231 | 259 | 310 | 355 | 390 | 397 | 402 | 432 | 475 | 480 | 480 | 481 | 482 | 470 |
| 2010 | 148 | 274 | 364 | 429 | 504 | 545 | 569 | 580 | 587 | 649 | 682 | 713 | 717 | 724 | 723 | 706 |

| | Juneau | | Total | | UAA | UAF |
|----|--------|-------|--------|-------|------|------|
| HC | 2,482 | 17.4% | 3,459 | 12.1% | 7.2% | 8.9% |
| CH | 15,415 | 17.6% | 21,928 | 13.7% | 7.7% | 6.8% |

Submissions

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The Board of Regents Wants to Hear From You!

The three finalists in the running to take the helm of the University of Alaska completed three days of on-campus presentations and community forums Wednesday, March 3 in Juneau. UAS Chancellor John Pugh, Alaska Railroad CEO Patrick Gamble and Southern Polytechnic State University President Lisa Rossbacher toured the UA system's three

largest campuses and met members of the public and answered questions in Fairbanks, Anchorage and Juneau March 1-3.

"We want to hear from our university stakeholders as well as the public about who they think could best lead this complex institution," said the board's vice chair, Tim Brady. We'll accept public feedback right up until our meeting on March 15. After that,

we hope to make an offer to our candidate of choice,” said board chair Cynthia Henry.

To comment on the candidates:

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Mail: Board of Regents Office

P.O. Box 755300, Fairbanks, AK 90775-5300

For information on the search and bios of the candidates, visit the Board of Regents’ website at www.alaska.edu/bor/pres-search.

Here are some quotes from the Juneau visit:

“People who believe being the President of university system is the road to glory usually end up disappointed, indicted or both.” —Lisa A. Rossbacher, president of Southern Polytechnic State University in Marietta, Georgia, part of the University System of Georgia, since 1998; and a professor of geology.

“The State doesn’t yet love the University. We’re still at the dating stage.” —Patrick K. Gamble, president and chief executive officer of the Alaska Railroad Corp. since 2001; and a retired four-star Air Force general.

“The three MAU’s will have to collaborate to grow the University.” —John R. Pugh, chancellor of the University of Alaska Southeast since 1999, former UAS dean of faculty, education, liberal arts and sciences; and former state Health and Social Services commissioner.

Student Government at the Capitol Building 2010

By Tyler Preston, Student Government President

UAS Student government recently concluded hosting the annual UA Legislative Affairs Conference on February 23. It was an all-weekend event orchestrated by UAS and the Coalition of Student Leaders from across the UA system to lobby for the inclusion of need-based aid in Governor Parnell’s scholarship.

As in past years, the weekend kicked off with a luncheon for the Alaskan Legislature - discussions at the tables between student leaders and the legislators ranged from need-based aid and the UA Budget request to deferred maintenance and the proposed Life Sciences building in Fairbanks.

Twin petitions from UAS Senate President Tyler Preston and Coalition Speaker Peter Finn in the Senate Education Committee cut to the chase. They spoke in support of the committee substitution (of bill language) that was introduced by Murray Richmond, an aide in Senator Thomas’ office.

In short, the new legislation would take the governor’s three-tiered plan and change it into a two-tiered one, with a performance-based component balanced by a need-based component. The funding from the two plans would not be linked (i.e. a student wouldn’t have to receive the

performance scholarship to be eligible for the need-based one).

Finn noted that as of 2008, Alaska had a 7.9% college participation rate among low-income students, which placed the state last in the country for low-income attendance, a position that it has held for sixteen years. UAS Senator David House introduced a 2005 study from the US Dept. of Education. It shows that nationally, 29% of high-scoring, low-income students can attain bachelor degrees, roughly the same as their low-scoring, high-income counterparts.

Student leaders spent the remainder of the next two days rushing from one legislator’s office to the next on a round of appointments, each petitioning their representatives to lend support to the bills that would implement a need-based scholarship program in Alaska, punctuated on Monday afternoon by a meeting with the UA Booster’s Caucus, a group of legislators who have assembled to help support University and student needs within the Legislature.

As a result of the weather UAA and UAF delegations were unable to attend the majority of the conference. They will be in Juneau March 9-12, when UAS student government will be hosting a small gathering for them.

UAS Ketchikan Recent Events

February 19, 2010

California Dreamin’ Wine Tasting & Food Pairing

On February 19th, UAS Ketchikan and the Alumni Association had their 5th annual wine festival and food pairing event. The event raised another \$7,200 to benefit the new Rainbird Trail extension that is in the process of being built behind the Ketchikan campus. The event was very successful with over 120 attendees enjoying the great California wines and tasty food.

February 24, 2010

Technology & Society Presentation and Wii Tournament (PTK)

UAS Ketchikan’s Alpha Rho Beta chapter of the Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society hosted a Technology & Society Presentation. The session opened with Rick McDonald giving his Web 2.0 presentation, and was followed by a video showing the amazing potential of Pranav Mistry’s SixthSense Technology to affect the way we experience the technological and social world. This was followed by a Wii tournament and refreshments.

February 26, March 5 & March 12

Three Paradoxes of Affluence (PTK)

UAS Ketchikan’s Alpha Rho Beta chapter of the Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society sponsored a series of three brown bag sessions with John Radzilowski, Assistant Professor of History, exploring some of the paradoxes of affluence. Affluence is the PTK study theme for the 2009-2010 academic year. The three specific topics covered were

Affluence: A Worry of the Affluent; Money: Problem Solver or Problem Maker; and Societal Self-Loathing of the Affluent.

February 27, 2010

Wii Party with Crafts for Children (Student Government)

UAS Ketchikan Student Government sponsored a Wii party with crafts for children to celebrate reaching their first recycling goal and to promote the campus recycling program. Several families participated and enjoyed a nacho bar, in addition to playing Wii and creating fun craft projects.

March 2, 2010

Celebration of the birthday of Dr. Seuss

The UAS Ketchikan campus celebrated the March 2nd birthday of Dr. Seuss with selected readings from his books by Campus Director, Cathy LeCompte. Of course, green eggs and ham were served!



Cathy LeCompte reads to student Misty Archibald and her daughter, Sienna.

Annual Alumni Auction April 2

Faculty, staff and friends of the University are invited to attend the UAS Alumni and Friends Annual Spring Dinner and Auction Friday, April 2 in the Egan Library. This event raises money for student scholarships and alumni programming and features a silent and live auction. A reception and no-host bar begins at 6 pm, dinner is at 7 and the live auction and door prizes begin at 8. Seating is limited so get your tickets now! Tickets are \$30 and are available

at the Alumni Office in the Soboleff Annex, by calling 796-6569 or by email: alumni@uas.alaska.edu.

Save the Date!

The annual Appreciation Luncheon for all employees on the Juneau Campus who gave to the FY10 Faculty / Staff Giving Campaign will be held on Friday, April 2nd in the Glacier View Room. Invitations to follow shortly through campus mail. Haven't given? It's never too late to make a difference! Just contact the Development Office at 796-6416.

Clam Soup Sounds Delicious!

"Clam Soup", a poem by UAS English major and student worker Grace Lumba is a winner for the Poetry Omnibus 2010 project.

The project is put on by organizers/editors Robyn Holloway and Deb Corso (also a UAS student) and the Juneau Arts and Humanities Council. "Clam Soup" will be published on a placard on one of Juneau's Capital Transit buses and is placed for a year. "Woo!" said the poet.

There is a reception and public reading March 13th, 2010 at 7:00pm at the Downtown Public Library.

Clam Soup by *Grace Lumba*

Driving in a big white truck
Out the road, buckets rattling
Mom, dad, sister and me
Waiting for the smell of ocean
To seep through open windows

Bubbles in sand
Mark the clam's breath
Finally our shovels smack
The hard-packed Earth

We dig. And dig. For dinner.

Hayes and Santa Fe

Ernestine Hayes spent a week as the Lannan Writer in Residence at the Institute of American Indian Arts in Santa Fe, where she spoke to creative writing classes, met individually with students, and presented an evening reading on campus. In addition, she was invited to the Santa Fe Indian School to watch their award-winning Spoken Word performances and learn from their process. "It was inspiring and exhilarating," Ernestine says of her visit. "I was very fortunate to have the opportunity to meet so many gifted teachers and artists, and to make so many new friends. I'm extremely impressed at the caliber of their programs, their writing, and all of their art." Ernestine hopes to return to Santa Fe in the near future.

Gladhart Article Published

The Journal of Postsecondary Education and Disability (JPED), the journal publication of AHEAD (Association on Higher Education and Disability) recently published an article by Marsha Gladhart, PhD (School of Education), *Determining Faculty Needs for Delivering Accessible Electronically Delivered Instruction for Higher Education.*

Personnel News

February Anniversaries

Clare Bennett, 5 years; Keni Campbell, 4 years; Alex Cipriano, 12 years; Diana Collins, 9 years; John French, 5 years; Deborah Gregoire, 3 years; John Guthrie, 2 years; Jill Hanson, 7 years; Jeremy Johnson, 2 years; Rekann Keppinger, 2 years; Gail Klein 14 years; Marianne Ledford, 2 years; Sharolyn Maunu, 2 years; Judi Parrott, 16 years; Margaret Rea, 5 years; Gordon Taylor, 3 years; Clive Thomas, 29 years; Elizabeth Williams, 4 years; Nancy Woods, 14 years.

March Anniversaries

Linda Blefgen, 7 years; Michael Ciri, 24 years; Levie Cumlat, 5 years; Ivan Hazelton, 17 years; Andy Holt, 9 years; Jim Isturis, 1 year; Lavina Jack, 5 years; Robert Love, 4 years; Randall Nutting, 13 years; Tim Olson, 1 year; Marsha Squires, 7 years; Betty Thornhill, 2 years.

New Hires

Jacob Achee, IS Technician, IT Services.
Claire Ligsay, grant administrator, Administrative Services.
Laura Murph, Learning Center manager, Ketchikan.
Charles Salinas, testing coordinator, Learning Center.

UAS Biology Faculty News

Carolyn Bergstrom and **Sherry Tamone** attended and judged the Alaska Tsunami Ocean Sciences Bowl for Alaska high school students in Seward, February 5-7.

Carolyn Bergstrom received an \$11,000 award from Alaska EPSCoR to conduct her research on a geographic cline in body plan asymmetry of the starry flounder.

David Tallmon is a junior author on a paper in Conservation Biology entitled "Neglect of genetic diversity in implementation of the Convention on Biological Diversity."

David Tallmon is senior author on a paper appearing in Molecular Ecology Resources entitled *When are genetic methods useful for estimating contemporary abundance and detecting population trends?*



Ice Climbing Class Outing



Students in the Outdoor Studies Ice Climbing 1 class enjoy some prime climbing conditions.

Early Spring Mink Spotted at Education



A darling mink has been hanging out near the School of Education. Photo by Linda Smith.

UAS Involved in Poetry Outloud

UAS Faculty and students were key participants in the statewide high school Poetry Outloud competition at the Juneau Arts and Culture Center February 23. English faculty Karen Mitchell helped organize the event, Director of Admissions Joe Nelson was the MC, UAS student Kaleigh Lambert read a poem during the judges' deliberation and talked about Tidal Echoes and UAS alumni Robyn Holloway read a few poems during the judges' deliberation. English faculty and poet Emily Wall served on a panel of judges.

Summer 2010: UAS MBA Students Go to Europe

The UAS MBA program is offering a class in England this summer and another class in the Ukraine as an opportunity to expand student learning and to let Alaskan students form better international business networks.

In addition to the regular online section, BA 610 Management Information Systems will offer a section in Leeds from June 7th-June 11th. Graham Orange from Leeds Metropolitan University's Innovation North will be teaching the class for UAS.

www.leedsmet.ac.uk/inn/research_graham_orange.htm

Dr. Yuliya Ivanova will teach BA 654 Cross Cultural Competencies in Kiev from June 22nd – June 27th.

For questions about the Kiev class please contact Dr. Yuliya Ivanova, yuliya.ivanova@uas.alaska.edu

For more information about the UAS MBA program or about the Leeds class please contact Rick Wolk, MBA Program Director.



Graham Orange



Dr. Yuliya Ivanova

Hybrid-Electric Vehicle Technology Automotive Course Offering

“Hybrid-Electric Vehicle Technology”, CRN: 40236
 Course dates: Saturdays, 9 AM - 1 PM
 April 3-24, 2010, Cost: \$200.00

This non-credit course is designed to meet the needs of the hybrid-electric vehicle owner, and will focus on models that the students have an express interest in. Topics will include theory of operation, maintenance, and dealing with common problems. For further information, call Tony Martin @ 796-6126.

Spring Forum 2010

The UAS 2010 Spring Forum “Animals & Society in Alaska,” is set for Friday, March 26 and Saturday, March 27. The forum will consist of a variety of speakers, story tellers, and a film festival. Speakers include: Sherry Simpson, Professor of Creative Writing at UAA, Sine Anahita, Associate Professor of Sociology at UAF, Peter Griffen, District Ranger of the Tongass National Forest, Victor Van Ballenberghe, wildlife biologist and author of *In the Company of Moose*, and many UAS faculty members, including: Jennifer Vernon, Alex Simon, and Kevin Maier. If you would like to do a presentation related to the topic of Animals & Society at the forum, please contact Alex Simon.

Gayle Hammons Golden Gift

Gayle Hammons, Adjunct Faculty in the English Department for the Sitka Campus, has been awarded the Golden Gift, from Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, which now has 17 member countries.

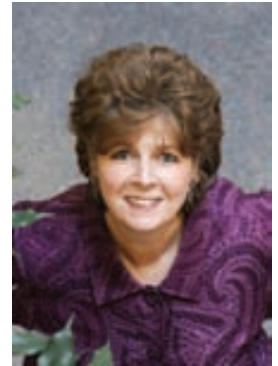
“The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International” is a professional honorary society of women educators. The Society promotes professional and personal growth of its members and excellence in education.

Established in 1929, Delta Kappa Gamma has attained major objectives in improving opportunities for qualified women employed at every level of education as well as in advancing the status of women educators.

Membership is by invitation and is extended to those women educators whose distinguished contributions and achievements in the field of education and to their communities are identified as outstanding.

Every two years, the society offers the Golden Gift Leadership Management Seminar, a leadership/management/communications two-week training seminar, and interested members must apply for one of 30 spots available. Consideration is based on experience, awards, society and community involvement, and society and community leadership. Two recommendations are necessary, and a personal essay is also required.

This is one of the most sought-after scholarships in the Society, and participants are pledging a life-time commitment to the Society with acceptance of this scholarship/gift. It is worth about \$5000, as all travel, housing, and meals are provided to the lucky 30 women. The seminar will be held in Austin, Texas, the home of the Society, for two weeks beginning at the end of June, before the International Convention, to be held in Spokane, Washington this year. Gayle has been a member of Iota Chapter in Sitka since 1995.



Gail Hammons

World of Work Job & Career Fair

Sitka, Alaska, February 17 and 18, 2010

The fifth annual World of Work Job and Career Fair took place at the Centennial Hall in Sitka, Alaska February 17 and 18. Designed primarily to help local high school students better understand the job market, the World of Work (or WOW) fair attracts employers from around the State of Alaska. The job fair is also open to the public. This year, representatives of about 40 companies, agencies and organizations were on hand for the WOW Fair. A popular choice this year was Hot Jobs in Health Care for Alaska. The UAS Sitka Campus manned two booths. Cheryl Stromme

promoted classes in Health Sciences, Bob Love sponsored RRANN, and Louise Driver and Sandra Burgess focused on Admissions and Advising. Elizabeth Williams and Barbara Burnett represented UAS Juneau Campus at the fair. This year had a special guest appearance by Governor Sean Parnell who talked with vendors and students at the fair.



Cheryl Stromme talks with Governor Sean Parnell about the CAN and HIM programs at UAS Sitka Campus.



Elizabeth Williams and Barbara Burnett promote UAS at the WOW fair to special guest, Governor Sean Parnell.

Dean Candidates on Campus

Two finalists for the position of dean of the School of Arts & Sciences are on the Juneau campus this week for interviews and public presentations. The following information is being sent to the three UAS campuses so that all who are interested can have a chance to hear the candidates. If you have questions about the candidates, please contact the Provost's office for assistance.

To Access Dean Candidates Open Forums and Presentations

Schedule:

Mr. Richard Higgs

Mon. 3/8, 3:30-4:30pm Open Forum

Tue. 3/9, 1-2pm Presentation

Dr. Terry Bodenhorn

Thu. 3/11, 3:30-4:30pm Open Forum

Fri. 3/12, 3-4pm Presentation

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Phone in questions and comments:

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Charting Our Course: Developing New Accreditation Standards

A team of faculty and administrators (Jill Dumesnil, Kathy DiLorenzo, Cathy LeCompte, and Robbie Stell) is traveling to the three campuses the week of March 8 to engage the UAS community in a conversation about the new accreditation standards. The Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities will be visiting UAS during fall 2011, to follow up on our progress in responding to the recommendations outlined in their 2009 report. Additionally, we will be writing a report addressing the new Standard One which is also due Fall 2011.

The team will present several sessions on each campus to provide an overview of the new process and delve into specifics on Standard One which pertains to mission and core themes. This is where you come in: we will need your input regarding the interpretation and affirmation of our mission, and your help in identifying our core themes.

The team will be in Ketchikan on March 9, Sitka on the 10th, and Juneau, the 11th. "Charting Our Course" Juneau accreditation workshops will be at 9 AM and 2:30 pm on Thursday, March 11 in Egan 104. Your participation is strongly encouraged and appreciated.

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Gala Mardi Gras Celebration Marks Provost Roberta Stell's 40+ Years With the University



The guest of honor at the March 6, 2010 celebration, Dr. Roberta Stell



Senator Dennis Egan and Chancellor John Pugh announce a proclamation from President Hamilton and the Board of Regents authorizing the renaming of The Learning Center after Provost Stell.

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UAS ARTS AT EGAN SERIES 2010

The University of Alaska Southeast announces a series of arts related events for Spring 2010. All Lectures are FREE and take place on periodic Fridays at 7:00 PM in the Egan Lecture Hall on the UAS Auke Lake Campus.

Friday, March 12

Treasures from the State Film Archives

Alaska State Library Historical Collections Staff

A series of short films including Ted Kennedy's 1968 speech to the Democratic convention in Sitka, Douglas Bridge opening, Tongass totem carving and Alaska Airlines promotional films.

Friday, March 26

Musings on Music

Kyle Pickett, Music Director, Juneau Symphony

Kyle Pickett will talk about several topics, such as early music performance practice and representations of composers and musicians in popular culture. He will then open the discussion to questions about music, the orchestra, conducting, etc.

Contact:

Katie Bausler, UAS Director of PR and Marketing, 796-6530



GEOL 104 Physical Geology students measure the effects of chemical weathering on the Capitol Building marble columns and identify the building-facing stone of the Mendenhall Apartments during a recent Geology lab in downtown Juneau.