

## *From the Provost*

### **New UAS Sitka Campus Director Paula Martin**

Dr. Paula Martin began work at the UAS Sitka Campus on Monday, October 5<sup>th</sup> as the new Campus Director. She was the top candidate in our expanded national search. She comes to Sitka from UAA's Kenai Peninsula College where she served as Associate Campus Director and was actively involved in curriculum development and expansion of online and blended degree programs. We welcome Paula to our UAS family and look forward to working with her!

### **New UASK Marine Transportation Degree**

The University of Alaska Board of Regents has just approved a new 2-year Associate of Applied Science in Marine Transportation degree at the University of Alaska Southeast Ketchikan Campus. The degree is pending approval by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities, but will most likely be available in spring 2016. UAS currently offers classes and training for people working in various maritime industries, such as fishing, charter boats, tug and barge industry, AMHS, USCG, etc. UASK will now have a formal degree program which will allow more students to access funding for tuition. Students can also continue on and pursue a bachelor's degree.

### **Regional Maritime & Career Center (Tech Center) Renovation Update – Ketchikan Campus**

The UA Board of Regents also approved the first stage of the Regional Maritime and Career Center renovation project in Ketchikan. They gave the green light to hire an architectural firm to design and produce architectural and engineering documents. Bettisworth Welsh Whiteley LLC was awarded the contract and will begin this phase immediately.

### **UAS Ketchikan Awarded New 5-Year Title III Grant**

Congratulations to Bill Urquhart, Title 3 Project Director, for receiving a new 5-year Title III Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian Serving Institution grant from the US Department of Education. The purpose of the grant is to increase UASK's institutional capacity to deliver eLearning degree programs to Alaska Native and rural Alaskan students.

### **UAS Sitka Awarded New 5-Year Title III Grant**

The Complete to Compete: A Holistic Approach to Student Success for Alaska Native and High-Need Students Title III project will focus on furthering efforts toward integrating student affairs and academic affairs in supporting students and faculty. This is an Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian Serving Institution grant award from the US Department of Education.

### **President Johnsen visits UAS Ketchikan Campus**

President Jim Johnsen visited the Ketchikan campus on Friday, October 2. He met with faculty, staff and students; toured both the main campus and the UAS Ketchikan Regional Maritime and Career Center and met with community and campus leaders for lunch. He toured Vigor Alaska Shipyard and heard about the Ketchikan campus partnership with Vigor AK. All in all, it was a busy day learning about the Ketchikan campus; its faculty and staff; Ketchikan's economy; and student issues and concerns.



### **School of Arts & Sciences**

Assistant Professor Heidi Pearson is leading a study to develop a short-term video camera attachment system for small dolphins. This suction-cup tag will record diving patterns and social interactions of free-ranging dolphins. This project includes collaborators from NOAA, the University of Sydney, and the New Zealand Department of Conservation. It is supported by the National Geographic Society/Waite Grants Program.

Assistant Professors Andrea Dewees and X'unei Lance A. Twitchell successfully nominated long time UAS supporter Kathy Ruddy for the "Friends of World Languages" award of Alaskans for Language Acquisition (AFLA) association. Kathy has been an advocate for Tlingit revitalization for more than a decade. Recently, on behalf of herself and her late husband, Kathy made a gift to Alaska Native Languages & Studies, the Nora and Richard Dauenhauer Alaska Native Language Lab, the Cyril George Alaska Native Knowledge Collection at the UAS Egan Library, and the film Haa Yoo X'atangi Káx Kulagaawú: a film on the Life and Work of Richard & Nora Dauenhauer. This generous community support helped UAS secure a \$25,000 grant from Rasmuson Foundation in support of our programs.

### **School of Management**

Affordable Colleges Online named the UAS Accounting BBA a top 20 online program based on affordability and quality.

Thanks to the generous support from Northrim Bank, 14 students were able to join faculty at the Alaska Society of Human Resource Management conference in Anchorage, AK where Dr. Charla Brown presented on Emotional Intelligence and Change Management. Students and faculty will be attending Alaska Municipal League, and the Alaska Government Finance Officers Association in Anchorage, AK this November 2015.

The School of Management is a member of The Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP) and is currently seeking accreditation of its Associate of Applied Science and Bachelor of Business Administration degree programs. ACBSP is a leading specialized accreditation association for business education supporting, celebrating, and rewarding teaching excellence.

### **School of Career Education**

The TEC is substantially complete with phase 2 remodeling. This includes upgrades to the mechanical systems, renovated computer and skills labs and additional classroom space. Phase 3 of the renovation is scheduled to begin spring 2016. Design for this phase is underway.

### **Writing Studio is Open**

The UAS Juneau Writing Studio located in Egan Library 105 was opened Monday, October 5 for students from all disciplines seeking help with writing projects. Hours are posted on the door.

### **Upcoming Events**

10/15	Blood Bank of Alaska Blood Drive	9:00am	Juneau – Glacier View Room
10/16	Evening at Egan: Nick Jans – Author of "A Wolf Called Romeo"	7:00pm	Juneau – Egan Library
10/22-24	JWAC/UAS Panel on Water		Juneau – Egan Lecture Hall & Egan Library
10/29	Ask UAS presents: "Murder at the Cadbury Library"	6:30pm	Ketchikan – Campus Library