

From the Provost

July 18, 2016



Accreditation

UAS will undergo accreditation by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU) in 2019. In order to prepare for the self-study and the site visit it is imperative that during the 16-17 AY we focus our efforts on the assessment of student learning outcomes as well as General Education Requirements. All faculty are encouraged to be involved in this effort.

Alumni and Friends/Chancellor's Circle event in Juneau

Chancellor Caulfield hosted a wonderful, well attended reception on July 14, 2015 for the Juneau Alaska Music Matters (JAMM) and the UAS scholarship recipients who have been teaching local student musicians while pursuing Masters of Arts in Secondary Teaching (MAT) certifications in K-12 music. Lindsay Clark (violin), Heidi O'Connor-Brook (violin), Sophia Butler (viola), and Ruth Hogle (cello) each received \$10,000 scholarships and all have obtained teaching positions in Alaska.

Dr. Eran Hood, Professor of Environmental Science

Dr. Hood's work related to the outburst flooding of Mendenhall Lake was recently featured on the Weather Channel. You can view a time lapse of the event at <https://weather.com/safety/floods/news/mendenhall-glacier-river-flood-alaska-july2016>

Finish College Alaska

We are launching Finish College Alaska - a program to reach out to Alaskans who have earned some college credits but have not completed a degree. The focus will be on UAS e-learning degrees including the Bachelors of Business Administration, Bachelors of Liberal Arts, Bachelor of Arts Social Sciences, and Bachelors of Elementary Education. Advising support for this program will be offered by the Title III advisors in Ketchikan.

Ketchikan Campus News

UAS Ketchikan is hosting a community open house with the theme *All About the Ocean* on July 19 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at the Ketchikan Regional Maritime and Career Center. There will be a special presentation, "Healthy Oceans, Healthy People," from 5:30-6:30 p.m., featuring a discussion of ocean acidification and invasive species by Gary Freitag and a discussion of PSP and local edibles by Barbara Morgan. This free event is open to the public and there will be displays of beach food, activities for our maritime and welding programs, door prizes, and refreshments.

Assistant Professor of Economics, Ann Spehar is working on an update for the Instructor's Resource Manual for the text, *International Trade* by Feenstra and Taylor published by Macmillan Publishers/Bedford, Freeman & Worth Publishing Group.

Sitka Campus News

Karen Carey, Provost, will be visiting the Sitka campus on August 25, 2016. She will be meeting with the faculty, staff, and advisory board.

UAS Fall Convocation and Adjunct Faculty Orientation

Convocation will be held on August 16 beginning at 8:00 a.m. and will conclude on August 17 at 4:30 p.m. The agenda is being finalized and will be on the Provost's website very soon. Adjunct Faculty Orientation will be held on August 18 from 5 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. Please note all faculty and staff can use the Rec Center on the Juneau campus for \$5.00 per day during that time.