Supporting Our Future Workforce

The Usibelli Coal Mine, a longtime UAF supporter, donated $165,000 to UAF. The Usibelli Mining Scholarship, which helps students studying mining or geological engineering in the College of Engineering and Mines, received $159,000. A special feature of this scholarship is that recipients in good standing continue to receive it for four years, which helps ensure students graduate.

In addition, $6,000 of the generous gift was directed to the new Usibelli Coal Mine Diesel/Heavy Equipment Certificate Scholarship at the UAF Community and Technical College (CTC). This scholarship supports students in CTC’s diesel and heavy equipment certificate program.

Former Nanook defenseman-turned Blackhawk

Chicago Blackhawks defenseman and Nanook alumnus Jordan Hendry greeted fans at the Patty Ice Arena in Sept. 2010. Photos of Hendry with the Stanley Cup sold for $25 each; the proceeds went to the Alaska Nanook Hockey Alumni Association, which supports Nanook hockey. Hendry, who skated for the Nanooks from 2003 – 2006 and graduated from UAF in 2006 with a finance degree, shared: “I love coming back to Fairbanks. It just means a lot to me to come out and give back to them and share the Stanley Cup photo with them.”

Robert Belous Global Change Research Endowment

Judy Belous established the Robert Belous Global Change Research Endowment in spring 2010 to honor her late husband. Bob Belous spent 24 years with the National Park Service, 11 of which were in Alaska, where he worked toward the passage of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act.

After Bob’s death in 2001, Judy learned about the cutting-edge global change research spearheaded by scientists at UAF. Impressed by the university’s research programs, she established a memorial endowment to Bob, whose work had focused on Alaska’s lands and Native cultures. The endowment will help support global change research at UAF.

Judy is a new member of the UAF Legacy Society. Her estate gift will further ensure that faculty and students continue cross-disciplinary research to learn how global environmental changes affect our world and our future.

Congrats Mellon Fellows

The first three recipients of the Mellon Dissertation Fellowship earned their doctoral degrees in May 2010. Thanks to the support of the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, Jordan Paul Lewis, Theresa John, Roy F. Roehl II (below), and Stephen Walkie Charles successfully completed their dissertations and are continuing their work as leaders in Native communities throughout Alaska.

The fellowship program focuses on cultivating future Native faculty members and leaders.

We wish the best for UAF’s current Mellon candidates: April Councellor, Kathy Sikorski and Tonie Quaintance.
The University of Alaska Fairbanks is accredited by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities.

American Seafoods, Starbound and Trident Seafoods donated nearly $46,000 to support the Ted Stevens’ Historical Preservation of Papers, the Pollock Conservation Cooperative Research Center and the Ted Stevens Distinguished Professorship of Marine Policy.

Anne C. Wyman made a $10,000 gift to the UA Museum of the North’s Director’s Fund.

BP made a gift of $175,000 to support athletics, the process technology degree program, the College of Engineering and Mines, and the Alaska Center for Energy and Power.

Crowley Maritime donated $20,000 to the University of Alaska Fairbanks for four $5,000 scholarships. Two of the scholarships will be for students in the School of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences and the other two will be for Rural Alaska Honors Institute students.

Glacier Fish made a gift of nearly $92,000 in support of the Ted Stevens’ Historical Preservation of Papers, the Pollock Conservation Cooperative Research Center, and the Ted Stevens Distinguished Professorship of Marine Policy.

Santa Monica Seafood gave $10,000 to the Alaska Sea Grant research program studying Alaska King Crab.

Seisa Group made a $23,000 gift to the International Arctic Research Center.

TesoRo Petroleum Co. made a gift of $40,000 in support of the Alaska Business Week sponsored by the School of Management. Over the course of one week, students get hands-on experience running a company and creating a product or service, and defend their company policies, business strategies and financial plans in front of a group of business leaders from communities around the state.

The Bernard Osher Foundation gave their second $1 million dollar gift, this time to continue its support of the Osher Reentry Scholarship, which it has now endowed. The scholarship helps students pursue their first baccalaureate degree after a significant break in their studies.

The Seattle Foundation facilitated a gift of nearly $18,000 from the estate of John and Mary Claus to support areas of greatest need at UAF.

Totem Ocean Trailer Express, Inc. renewed its pledge of $20,000 in support of the UA Museum of the North’s TOTE Fun Fest event. The popular annual event features hands-on activities for kids of all ages.

Wells Fargo Bank made a gift of $10,000 in support of the Bristol Bay University Science Center.

Western United Life Assurance gave nearly $21,000 as part of a bequest from Charles Sargent in support of the Sargent Engineering Award, which provides support students who are part of UAF student engineering societies.

In-Kind Support

David Goodman made his first gift to UAF with an in-kind gift of a microscope, valued at $15,000, to the College of Natural Science and Mathematics.

The Delta Mine Training Center donated a first-time, in-kind gift of a Wagner Mucker ST-S with a bucket, valued at $65,000, to the College of Engineering and Mines.

Werner Kramarsky made an in-kind gift, totaling $12,199, of five works of contemporary art to the UA Museum of the North.

Southeast Alaska Regional Dive Fisheries Assoc. made an in-kind gift, totaling $17,750, of a 16-foot welded skiff, along with other miscellaneous equipment, to the School of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences.

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