Centennial Scholarship Breakfast

Tuesday, April 18, 2017 • 7:30–9 a.m.
Dear friends,

Welcome to the Centennial Scholarship Breakfast! Kay and I are so pleased we could gather this morning to celebrate the impact of scholarships and say “happy birthday” to UAF in its centennial year. For more than 30 years, Kay and I have witnessed firsthand the effect that scholarships have on students. We are both honored to be among the many generous donors, alumni, faculty, staff and friends who support our students through scholarships.

Since the Centennial Scholarship and Fellowship Initiative launched in December 2014, nearly $8.5 million has been raised in support of UAF students. Your generosity over the past two and a half years has nearly doubled the contributions toward scholarships and fellowships. This has a tremendous impact and your generosity continues to exceed all expectations.

You have been instrumental in UAF’s success these first 100 years, and your steadfast support guarantees stability for our students as we begin UAF’s next 100 years. Your enduring friendship and compassionate generosity help fulfill the aspirations not only of today’s students but also of those who will attend UAF in years to come.

We thank you for being a part of our Nanook family and look forward to what the future will bring.

Sincerely,

Chancellor Dana L. Thomas, Ph.D.
Program

WELCOME

Lorna Shaw ’05
Emcee

Carolyn Kozak
Graduate Student in Arctic and Northern Studies | Recipient of the Cole Family Scholarship, the William R. Hunt History Scholarship and the Leonard and Marjorie Wright Scholarship

Dr. Alex Hirsch
Assistant Professor in the Department of Political Science

Ann Tremarello ’57
UAF Retiree, long-time donor and community advocate

Dana L. Thomas
Chancellor, UAF

SPECIAL GIFT ANNOUNCEMENT

CLOSING REMARKS

Following the presentation, please take a moment to be photographed with your donor/recipient at the front of the room.

Musical Performance by Raven Call

A special thank you to Leif Thompson ’85 and Carol Endorf for sharing their talents with us today.
In 1953, Ann Tremarello came to Alaska from Virginia. Her father, Brig. Gen. Earl Maxwell, was stationed at Elmendorf Air Force Base in Anchorage and encouraged her to be near family during her first years of college. The University of Alaska located in Fairbanks was the only college in the territory at the time. Ann has been part of the Nanook family ever since.

While attending UA, Ann met her future husband, Joe ’58, ’68, who was earning his bachelor of education degree. She graduated with a bachelor’s degree in business administration in 1957. After two months of work in a local accounting firm, she came to work for the university and eventually served as UAF registrar from...
1974 to 2002. Ann watched the campus grow from 400 students in the 1950s to more than 9,000 near her retirement. During her 45 years of service, she was a mentor and friend to countless students, staff and faculty. Ann and her late husband Joe raised their son in Fairbanks and always stayed close to UAF. Joe played basketball for the Nanooks from 1954-58, served as coach of the women’s basketball team and was inducted into the Nanook Hall of Fame in 2008.

Throughout their relationship with UAF and the Fairbanks community, Ann and Joe supported students and education in a variety of ways. They witnessed the impact that education has on building future leaders and in strengthening our communities. To further support and encourage students at UAF, they established a scholarship — the Joseph Sr. and Rose R. Tremarello Memorial Scholarship supports student-athletes who are members of the men’s and women’s varsity basketball teams at UAF. The Earl Maxwell Memorial Scholarship, established from funds donated to the alumni association by Ann’s father, benefits outstanding UAF undergraduate students majoring in geography.

Clearly, the Nanook story would not be complete without Ann, and UAF is proud of our more than six decades of friendship.

Council in March 2016 and attended the UAric Kongress in St. Petersburg, Russia, as part of her student ambassadorship.

This spring, Carolyn started a new position with Gary Kofinas in the School of Natural Resources and Extension, examining co-management efforts throughout Interior Alaska to increase community resilience and adaptation in the rapidly changing Arctic environment.

Carolyn is a recipient of the William R. Hunt, Leonard and Marjorie Wright, and Cole Family scholarships. UAF’s graduate research opportunities made returning to graduate school financially possible for Carolyn as a young professional. Carolyn’s research interests include Arctic history and policy, image literacy and media messaging about climate change. In her free time, she enjoys everything outdoors: hiking, camping, rowing, biking, skiing and volunteering for Junior Nordic.

Alex is proud to work closely with students in all of his courses, and especially his Ethics & Society course, which charts the history of ideas regarding the moral distinction between right and wrong. There, he works passionately with students of all majors and academic backgrounds to develop a rich reconsideration of what truly matters in human affairs.

Alex is also broadly engaged in the community, and serves on the board of directors at Stone Soup Café, a nonprofit dedicated to improving the lives of some of Fairbanks’ most vulnerable residents. Currently, Alex is also volunteer teaching an Osher Lifelong Learning Institute course on the subject of impasse in the current era of intensified political polarization.
Associated General Contractors of Alaska Makes a Special Centennial Gift

Coinciding with UAF’s 100 years and the Centennial Scholarship and Fellowship Initiative, we would like to acknowledge a special gift from Associated General Contractors (AGC) of Alaska. AGC of Alaska recently committed to a $100,000 gift in support of the School of Management, College of Engineering and Mines, and UAF Community and Technical College with the majority applied to their three named scholarships.

AGC of Alaska is committed to growing Alaska’s workforce and has been partnering with UAF for more than a decade to assist students and help them complete their degrees. Already, their scholarships have provided more than 40 students with financial assistance, and the endowments will continue to support UAF students for many years to come. In addition, UAF has a robust and active AGC of Alaska Student Chapter that is vital to strengthening our relationship. Chapter members receive mentorship, as well as the opportunity to connect with employers for summer internships and to pursue job specific training at discounted rates. By investing in education and the community, AGC of Alaska is ensuring that tomorrow’s workforce is prepared for the demands of an ever-evolving landscape. Thank you to AGC for their outstanding support of UAF’s mission and students.

Scholarships by the numbers, 2016–2017

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Note: fellowships/internships are not included in this year’s data.
A note of thanks from UAF students:

“Paying for a university education seems to be an unachievable goal without the assistance of others. You have truly impacted my life through your support, and I will continue striving for excellence.”

Rebekah Green
2016-17 recipient of the Usibelli Honors Scholarship

“If I find myself in the fortunate position one day to make contributions to such a cause as you have, I know that I will jump at the opportunity because of what it’s meant to me as a student.”

Philip Ganz
2016-17 recipient of the Goering Family Fellowship

“Hopefully in the future I will be able to give back and help students achieve their goals in the same way you all are helping me with mine.”

Katie Roseberry
2016-17 recipient of the Friends of UWA and Fairbanks Chapter UAF Alumni Association Jim Doogan Memorial scholarships

“Your assistance is making an incredible impact in my life now, but also providing exponential opportunities for the rest of my life… The impact of your generosity in me, a total stranger, goes beyond words. Please know that I am committed to honoring your gift for the rest of my life.”

Erica Nardella
2016-17 recipient of the Osher Re-entry Scholarship
Thank You!

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July 20–23: Nanook Rendezvous Reunion, all classes