The 16th annual UAF Scholarship & Award Breakfast took place on April 15, 2014. More than 200 people attended this event, bringing together scholarship recipients and donors. Scholarship recipients Rachel Blackwell and Iris Fletcher shared their experiences with scholarship support, and Provost Susan Henrichs spoke about the challenges students face and her desire to help them through giving. UAF’s impact from generation to generation was illustrated by a recent estate gift of more than $2.5 million from alumna Marjorie, ’58, and Leonard Wright in support of scholarships. The philanthropic gift, announced at the scholarship breakfast, is among the largest made by individuals to UAF. It provides scholarship support for students in any field of study who demonstrate financial need as well as good academic performance and potential. Each year, more than $1 million in privately funded scholarships are awarded to UAF students.
Achievements

Year to date giving. Thanks to the generous philanthropic support of more than 4,500 donors, gifts to UAF total $12 million, surpassing the $8 million goal for fiscal year 2014. Thank you to all who support UAF students and programs!

Individual

Judy Norrgard Cole donated $10,000 to the Cole Family Scholarship in memory of Patrick Cole.

Wallace McGregor made a $10,000 gift in support of the Robert H. Trent Memorial Fund.

Grace Berg Schaible donated $25,000 in support of the UA Museum of the North for art acquisition and exhibit enhancement.

Marco P. Tremarello gave $15,000 to the Joseph Sr. and Rose R. Tremarello Memorial Scholarship in honor of Rose and Joe Tremarello, and Joe Tremarello Jr.

Corporate/Foundation

Alyeska Pipeline Service Co. made two gifts totaling $60,000 to support the Alyeska Pipeline Native Fellowship, in the School of Management, and the Rural Alaska Honors Institute. They also made a $5,000 gift to AISES support.

Associated General Contractors of Alaska made a $15,000 gift to support the ASCE Steel Bridge Competition in the College of Engineering and Mines.

CoBank made a payment of $25,000 on its $100,000 pledge in support of the Marine Advisory Program and the CoBank Alaska Young Fishermen Summit.

ExxonMobil Foundation donated $25,000 for the GeoFORCE program in the College of Natural Science and Mathematics.

The Japanese Alpine Club made a $11,830 gift to the Institute of Northern Engineering. The Edward J. Kuhn Revocable Trust donated $40,000 to establish the Edward J. Kuhn Endowed Scholarship to support students in the School of Education.

McKinley Capital Management gave $10,500 unrestricted to the School of Management.

Northrim Bank donated $50,000 in unrestricted support to the School of Management.

The Pollock Conservation Cooperative made gifts totaling more than $173,600 to support the Pollock Conservation Cooperative Research Center in the School of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences. The cooperative includes Arctic Storm, American Seafoods Co., Glacier Fish Co., Starbound LLC and Trident Seafoods. In total, the cooperative has donated more than $13 million to the PCCRC.

Shell Exploration and Production Co. donated $50,000 to support the GeoFORCE Alaska program in the College of Natural Science and Mathematics.

Sumitomo Metal Mining Pogo made a $353,000 payment toward its $1,059,000 pledge to the Mining Engineering Research Endowment in the College of Engineering and Mines. Longtime donor Wells Fargo contributed $25,000 to support military appreciation programs at the UA Museum of the North.

Legacy Society

The UAF Legacy Society recognizes donors who have made provisions to include UAF in their estate plans. There are currently 103 members. To learn more please visit: www.uaf.edu/giving/ways/planned/

Troth Yeddha’ Legacy Initiative

The Troth Yeddha’ Legacy is a key philanthropic fundraising priority underway at UAF that will create a park and an indigenous studies center to honor Alaska’s first peoples and create a lasting bridge between indigenous cultures and higher education. The initiative’s goal is to raise $25 million to complete the Troth Yeddha’ Legacy in two phases. Phase one will raise $5 million to create the park located between the UA Museum of the North and the Reichardt Building and design the indigenous studies center as part of our centennial celebrations in 2017. Phase two will build the indigenous studies center.

A dedicated planning committee is in place to help move this effort forward. Co-chairs are Aaron Schutt, president and CEO of Doyon Ltd. and Miranda Wright, former director of the Department of Alaska Native and Rural Development Program. World-renowned architect Johnpaul Jones of Jones and Jones Architects has developed renderings and plans for the project. To date, Jones and Jones has donated more than $73,000 in design and architectural services to the Troth Yeddha’ efforts.

Of note

In memory. Helen Atkinson, UAF’s first woman graduate in engineering, recently passed away. She was 98. Helen was a long-time supporter of UAF and was a former member of the UA Board of Regents. Donor Kim Zonge passed away in April. She and husband Ken, 62, who passed away in November 2013, established the Dr. Kenneth L. Zonge Scholarship. In February, Mike Stepovich LLD (Hon) ’09, passed away. A tireless advocate for statehood, he was the last governor of the Territory of Alaska. UAF also recently lost Robert Hunsucker and Donald Turner, both former Geophysical Institute faculty. Art Ortenberg of the Liz Claiborne and Art Ortenberg Foundation died in February. The foundation pledged $250,000 to UAF to establish a fellowship for conservation research.

Congratulations. Professor emeritus Peggy Shumaker has been named the 2014 Rasmussen Foundation Distinguished Artist. The award recognizes artists who have demonstrated creative excellence and stature. Linda Hulbert and Dr. Cary Keller were recently appointed to the UA Foundation Board of Trustees.