Dear scholarship supporter:

Due to efforts to contain the COVID-19 pandemic, UAF must cancel this year’s Scholarship Breakfast planned for April 21.

This is the time when you would have received an invitation to attend this beloved annual event. Circumstances have shifted dramatically in recent weeks. Our students are now finishing out the semester online to ensure compliance with the U.S. Centers for Disease Control guidelines, and large gatherings such as the breakfast are not advised. The well-being of our students, employees, alumni and benefactors is our top concern.

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing generosity and support of our students. It’s in many ways more important now than ever before, as students are juggling with this latest curveball of the pandemic.

Scholarship support is one of the most powerful ways to improve the lives of our students. Because of your generosity, UAF provided 483 students with more than $1.1 million in privately funded scholarships so far this academic year. This assistance makes a tremendous difference for students working hard to obtain workforce training and higher education without accumulating burdensome debt.

A Wasilla student recently shared this about a scholarship made available through a generous benefactor:

“Having this scholarship has allowed me to work less and focus more on my studies. I am happy to announce that I received all A’s this semester ... My goals that I am working toward are, first, getting accepted into graduate school for speech language pathology and, second, eventually being able to create my own scholarship, in order to support future students. Thank you so much for helping to support my future.”

Thank you again for your generosity. Please stay healthy and safe.

In gratitude,

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