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Congratulations SOM Alum-

Jo Heckman

For receiving the award for-

2006 UAF Distinguished Alumni of the Year

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Words from Dean Wayne Marr

The academic year is well underway. I would like to extend the warmest welcome to our new and continuing students. You are the reason that we are here! We were very pleased to learn that this year's distinguished alum for UAF is Jo Heckman. Jo has both a BA and an MBA from SOM, receiving her MBA in 1985. She is now the President of Denali State Bank. Congratulations Jo!

We strongly encourage our students to become involved with one of our many student organizations – Associated Students of Business (ASB), Great Alaskan Accounting People (GAAP), the Native American Business Leaders (NABL), Student Investment Fund (SIF), and Students Who Enjoy Economic Thinking (SWEET). Additionally, the school offers the best student internship program on campus and Business Administration Professor Susan Herman would be happy to chat with you about the program.

This year we welcome two new faculty members. Professor Kevin Berry comes to us via Bradley University. Back in his younger years Kevin played hockey for the UAA Seawolves but we do not hold that against him. We also welcome Sherri Wall to the Economics Program. Sherri is also the advisor to the newest SOM student organization, SWEET. We are proud to add both of these members into our SOM family.

Dean Wayne Marr

KUDOS to SOM Students

Paul Jucknath is accepted to Law School after Graduation:

"I want to share the results of my law school applications with you. I have been overwhelmed at the results that I received. I applied to 5 schools, was accepted at all of them, and received scholarship offers from 4 of them. I have accepted admission into South Texas School of Law in Houston, Texas beginning in August. The school awarded me 2 scholarships to cover about half of the tuition. Thanks."

Sherry Woods-Tiemstra attends AICPA Leadership Conference

"My trip to the AICPA Accounting Scholars Leadership Workshop was the best experience of my scholastic career! I was able to meet students from around the country with the same goals, concerns, and excitement about their careers in accounting.

The speakers were phenomenal! I learned so much about leadership, opportunities in the accounting profession, and about myself...There was such a wealth of knowledge there, I was taking notes and writing down quotes the entire conference.

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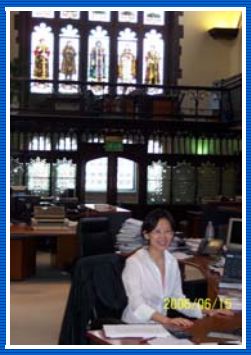
Songzhen Lang
~ L&B Realty, Dallas

Hongxian Zhang (R) with MBA Alum, Jane Pitakkoshkorn ~ Mellon Capital Management



Lijie Zhu
~ Julius Baer, London

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Andy Mumford
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Jim Collins & Jacob Joseph

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I am SO grateful for the opportunity to attend this conference, both to UAF and to the AICPA. And I've only touched on the highlights of the conference. Thank you SO much!" --Sherry Woods-Tiemstra

Student Internship Programs

Many School of Management students participated in Internship programs this past year:

Name	Employer
Adama Diop	Primerica Financial Services, Fairbanks
Ivan Miskovic	T. Rowe Price, Baltimore
Ryan Muspratt	UAF Human Resources, Fairbanks
Jack Shuttleworth	Industrial Supply Inc., Fairbanks

This year four MBA participated in prestigious Permanent Fund Internships:

Name	Employer
Josh Adams	Kennedy Associates Real Estate Counsel, Seattle
Songzhen Lang	L & B Realty, Dallas
Hongxian Zhang	Mellon Capital Management, San Francisco
Lijie Zhu	Julius Baer, London

"At Kennedy Associates Real Estate Counsel I have had the excellent opportunity to gain a unique exposure into the investment advisory and management side of the commercial real estate industry. Over the course of my internship I have been involved with various assignments and projects including everything from routine monthly and quarterly reports on property performance to more advanced projects involving analysis of lease buyouts, dispositions of properties and scrubbing of the database to get an accurate picture of Kennedy's debt and leverage."

Josh Adams, Intern
Kennedy Associates
Real Estate Counsel, LP.
Summer 2006

Student Organizations at the School of Management

Student organizations are a great way to develop a network with other students and make contacts in the business community. Active participation also develops valuable skills that are sought by employers. Professional organizations promote competencies and achievements relevant to a specific discipline and related occupations. The following list of SOM student organizations are open to all interested students:

Associated Students of Business (ASB)

The Associated Students of Business is a student organization encompassing all majors in the School of Management. ASB affiliation offers expansive potential and many golden opportunities to all of its members through participation, contribution, and networking. Students develop professional abilities, organizational skills, communication tools, and analytical proficiency. For more information, contact ASB by email at fbasb@uaf.edu or call (907) 474-6491.

Beta Gamma Sigma (BGS)

Beta Gamma Sigma is a national honor society recognizing the highest scholastic honor a student can achieve in Business Administration at an AACSB-International accredited institution. To be eligible for membership, a student must rank in the top 5% of the

BGS Faculty & 2006 Inductees: Reuben Sherwood, front, Jonas Tetlie, Jacob Joseph, Greg Goering, Tobias Stoeber, David Porter, Craig Wisen, Bethe Davis. *Inductees not pictured: Lori Allen, Rulon Jensen, Clare Latty*

GAAP Officers 2006-2007
President: Crystal McGill
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Secretary: Tara Delana
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IT Officer: Scott Lade
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Secretary: Lovina Lomack
Treasurer: Sarah McCarr
Faculty Advisor: Laura Milner

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BGS continued

Junior class, the top 10% of the Senior class, or the top 20% of graduate students enrolled in the masters degree program. Initiation is held during the spring semester. Beta Gamma Sigma faculty members are David Porter (BGS advisor), Craig Wisen, Jacob Joseph, Greg Goering (Sabbatical), and Dean Wayne Marr.

Great Alaskan Accounting People (GAAP)

GAAP's purpose is to help accounting students:

- learn about the diverse career opportunities available for accounting graduates
- acquire an understanding of the day-to-day work of a professional accountant
- understand career planning and prepare for successful professional placement

GAAP offers many activities that encourage social interaction with accounting faculty, alumni, and students. For more information please contact GAAP by email at fbgaap@uaf.edu or call (907) 474-7121.

Native American Business Leaders (NABL)

The UAF Chapter of the American Indian Business Leaders' Mission Statement is: "We are a student-based organization, desiring to support and promote Native American students interested in business and rural economic development; targeting students in the following majors: Business Administration, Rural Development, Accounting, Applied Business, Applied Accounting, Economics and Political Science." NABL's Goals & Objectives include:

- Support UAF students interested in tribal economic development activities by providing a forum for discussion.
- Create and maintain a strong networking system among UAF NABL members and other AIBL chapters located throughout the U.S.

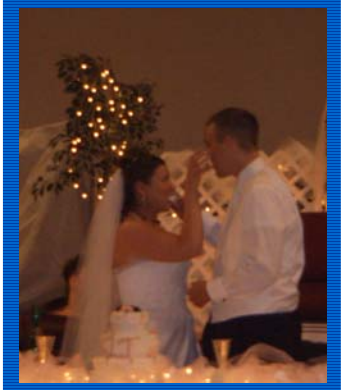
Visit the national website at www.aibl.org and for information about NABL on campus, email the chapter president, Jackie Smith, at fsjrs29@uaf.edu.

Student Investment Fund (SIF)

The Student Investment Fund was established in the spring semester of 1991. A total of $100,000 of University endowment money was given for student investment purposes. The students in the SIF have been experiencing the growth and volatility of the stock market first hand. The opportunity to participate in the hands-on management of this stock-portfolio, one of just a few in the nation, continues to receive high marks from the students. Dr. Marvin Andresen, one of the SIF Advisory Board Members, says, "Just think of it as the only laboratory at UAF that is increasing in value."

Students Who Enjoy Economic Thinking (SWEET)

SWEET is a brand-new student organization housed within the School of Management and is open not only to students across disciplines, but the community as well. The organization is designed for people who are interested in how the principles of economics can "make sense out of buzzing confusion, how they clarify, systematize, and correct the daily assertions of newspapers, political figures, ax grinders, and coffee shop pontificators" (Paul Heyne). Roseann Simko, political science/economics student and former Lisa Murkowski intern, is devoting her semester internship to the mission of getting SWEET up and running. For more information please contact Sherri Wall, the SWEET advisor at ffslw1@uaf.edu.



Congratulations Faith & Tim!!

Ideas? Comments? Suggestions?
If you have any regarding ***Top of the World Updates***, please email Kelly at fnkjw@uaf.edu

Congratulations on receiving Tenure Mike!!

Faculty Spotlight: Faith Henry ~ now Faith Long

Faith Henry is a 2003 University of Alaska Alum, and has been part of the School of Management for most of her academic career. She was a student assistant in the SOM computer lab and after graduation worked in the office as a fiscal technician. In July 2004 she became the Public Information Officer, and the Academic Advisor for our School of Management undergraduate students in the fall of 2005. Having graduated from West Valley High School and UAF allows her to be a great advisor to the students here at SOM. She creates a welcoming atmosphere and is known for being approachable and able to meet the needs of the students.

As PIO, Faith travels to college fairs across Alaska to promote the School of Management. She is in charge of marketing and managing our website; through her work she effectively demonstrates the image of the University and SOM. In addition to her daily duties at her office in Bunnell, Faith is one of our adjunct faculty, teaching her second semester of AIS 101 on Tuesday & Thursday evenings.

Perhaps her most recent claim to fame, however, is her marriage to Tim Long on September 16th. Tim is a pilot for Evert's Air Alaska. Congratulations Faith and Tim!

Newsworthy

Instructor Will Finley teaches the School of Management's Summer 2006 Business & Finance Academy.

The UAF Business and Finance Academy offers courses for middle school and high school students that allow students to get ahead of the curve and learn about financial management, investing, and business at an early age.

The week-long camp was attended by eighteen middle school students and the following week by twenty high school students. Prizes were given to those having the best portfolios by the end of the Finance camp. Finley was interviewed by Susan Steinnerd, from the local KTVF news team, and he and the finance academy were featured on the evening news.

Noted in the Fairbanks Daily News-Miner, May 16, 2006:
Bethe Davis was mentioned in Dermot Cole's column in the Fairbanks Daily News-Miner on May 16th, commending her on graduating summa cum laude and maintaining a 4.0 GPA as she earned her bachelors degree in Accounting. She is an accountant at Richards, Johnson & Granberry and a mother of two. She stated how important it was for her to demonstrate good work & study ethics for her kids.

Noted in the Fairbanks Daily News-Miner, September 10, 2006:
Michael L. Davis, Accounting Program Director was named among those being honored for receiving promotion and tenure. "Tenure is yet another measure of how qualified a faculty member is to educate students. Tenure is an investment in the professional and educational abilities of that faculty member and is based on the long-term goals and needs of the University. Tenure is awarded only after a probationary period- which usually lasts six years- and a rigorous peer evaluation. It is one of the most important decisions that a university can make about a faculty member." *Fairbanks Daily News-Miner.*

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We are looking forward to Another Great Year!

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"Leadership Alaska: Making a Difference" is a pilot program designed especially for UA Scholars students to provide them the leadership skills and awareness they will need to become active, engaged, involved leaders in the State of Alaska, committed to making Alaska an even better place to live and work.

Amy on her way to the Top!

News from Leadership Alaska!

We are launched! We've met three times with the students, and spent a weekend retreat at Ft. Wainwright. This experience was exceptional…the ROTC cadets who helped plan and execute the retreat were highly skilled and excellent role models for our Alaska Scholars. The Scholars were and continue to be motivated, actively engaged, and very enthusiastic. The retreat included the following activities:

- a workshop on group dynamics taught by Susan Herman.
- a workshop on civic responsibility taught by Mary Ehrlander.
- a session on problem solving and initiative games run by the ROTC cadets as part of THEIR leadership training.
- a thrilling adventure on the ropes course where students climbed beyond their comfort zones and helped each other achieve great "heights", and
- A film analysis, Stand and Deliver, identifying leadership characteristics of the major characters, and what it takes to plan a project (passing the AP Physics Exam) and to implement it, facilitated by JJ Boggs.

Susan Herman and JJ Boggs at Leadership Retreat

Our most recent reading was Wendy Kopp's book, One Day, All Children, which relates her experience turning her senior leadership project into Teach for America. We want our students to see that they, like Wendy, can dream big dreams and achieve them, even as college students.