

Chancellor's Report on Philanthropy

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Mellon Dissertation Fellow named . Jordan Lewis, shown with Chancellor Brian Rogers, right, was introduced as the first Mellon Dissertation Fellow, at the fall *Celebration of Giving*, Sept. 30, 2008. The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation's gift of \$700,000 to UAF supports students in the dissertation phase of their doctoral programs over the next five years, aimed at increasing the number of Alaska Native students earning Ph.D.s. Theresa John and Walkie Charles were also named Mellon fellows this fall.

Achievements

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute funded with \$1 million endowment • The Bernard Osher Foundation gave a \$1 million gift, continuing a partnership with OLLI to offer classes, lectures and activities for seniors in the community.

Announcing Susan Butcher Institute's first director • David Monson, Susan Butcher's husband and fellow dog sled racer, was named director of the Susan Butcher Institute, to provide Alaskans with programs intended to inspire them to improve communities through public service and challenges.

Rebekah Lodge members set up endowment with \$50K gift • Golden North Rebekah Lodge (est. 1913) members funded an endowed scholarship for students in women's studies, northern/Alaska studies, anthropology or history.

Dr. Cary Keller honored with fund created by hockey team alumnus • Recent UAF graduate and former Nanook hockey player Ryan Muspratt established the Dr. Cary Keller Scholarship to honor the sports medicine physician who donates his time and expertise to UAF athletics.

Ruth Lister Endowment fund tops \$100K • Following the annual Garden Party fundraiser, the committee announced they'd raised \$100,000 for scholarships to single mothers. This year's recipient is Hope Roberts, mother of a fifth-grade son, pursuing an associate's degree in business at Tanana Valley Campus.

Gerson Estate continues its generous legacy • Nathan Gerson Estate gave an additional \$885,000, bringing total estate gifts to over \$2 million.

Ornithology research support for UA Museum of the North • The Eurasian Pacific Wildlife Conservation gave \$50,000 for research on Alaska birds in the Philippines.

National Alliance for the Mentally Ill funds memorial scholarship • With a gift of \$11,400, the local chapter of NAMI created the NAMI of Fairbanks Ann DeNardo Memorial Scholarship, honoring a founder of the local chapter.

Gretchen Gordon, CFRE, of KUAC "Outstanding Professional in Philanthropy" • The Association of Fundraising Professionals, Alaska Chapter, honored her on National Philanthropy Day, Nov. 14, in Anchorage.

Teck Cominco supports scholarships with \$30K • Geosciences students will benefit from scholarships, as well as possible mining internship opportunities.

Of Note

KUAC Fall Fundraiser hits new record with \$228,478 raised, topping the goal by nearly a third. The effort included 200 volunteers and more than 1,500 pledges, nearly 300 from new members.

New Development website design for UAF Advancement Services and Development departments was rolled out and an updated "Give to UAF" form available. See www.uaf.edu/giving/.

Associate Vice Chancellor for Development Judyth Wier will leave Nov. 30 to become executive director of advancement for LSU School of Veterinary Medicine in Baton Rouge, La. During her two-year tenure at UAF, she created and built a development program that increased private giving to UAF by 41 percent.

Annual Giving Fund strives to reduce student debt with the Chancellor's Annual Giving Scholarship Initiative, doubling the minimum endowed scholarship to \$1,000. Annual Giving surpassed its FY08 goal and raised more than \$250,000 in unrestricted funds, with gifts from nearly 500 alumni and friends.

Music students at the Annual Scholarship Breakfast, with the theme, "Rise and Shine to the Best and the Brightest," joined more than 200 donors and students who celebrated generosity to scholars at UAF.

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UAF Honors Donors "With a Heart of Gratitude"

UAF Development and Advancement Services honored more than 200 of its donors at a *Celebration of Giving* at the University of Alaska Museum of the North, Sept. 30, 2008. During the event, UAF recognized five donors in particular for their commitment to philanthropy and dedication to the university's mission: Joe and Ann Tremarello for individual giving; BP and ConocoPhillips for corporate giving; the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation for foundational support; and Syun-Ichi and Emiko Akasofu (pictured at right) for faculty and staff support.



Lovely guitar music by Ron Veliz, of the Alaska House Gallery, set the mood for a wonderful evening.

Clockwise from above:

Alumnus Don Townshend, of Townshend Cellars in Washington State, toasts with parents Jack and Frieda Townshend, all of whom contributed fine wines for the event.

Prof. Emeritus Rudy Krejci, center, with friend Vera Anna Peters, and Sonny and Chad Lindner. Both generations of Lindners were students of the philosophy professor and, along with Gina Tabachki, support Dr. Krejci's scholarship.

Ann and Joe Tremarello are congratulated by Chancellor Brian Rogers as his wife Sherry Modrow applauds at the Celebration of Giving.



Marilyn Romano, publisher of the *Fairbanks Daily News-Miner*, was emcee. The newspaper established a journalism internship and outreach fund at UAF, and supports the UA Museum of the North through a generous ad grant.