

CHANCELLOR'S REPORT *on Philanthropy*



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Alaska Center for Energy and Power will have a new home on campus



Artist rendering of the new College of Engineering and Mines' Engineering Learning and Innovation Facility.

Support from partners such as the **Usibelli Coal Mine** and **ConocoPhillips**, which have both committed \$500,000, will help complete the new College of Engineering and Mines' Engineering Learning and Innovation Facility. The fourth floor of the building is dedicated to the future home of the Alaska Center for Energy and Power. The center needs to raise an additional \$5.5 million to complete the space, and UAF is answering this need with a major private fundraising initiative. The new space will enable the center to continue driving the future of energy innovation by helping students, researchers, tribal leaders and industry partners address challenges in Alaska and beyond. Janet Weiss, regional president of BP Alaska, and Ethan Schutt, senior vice president of land and energy development at Cook Inlet Region Inc., lead the fundraising effort.

Leaving a legacy for entomology research at UAF

Kenelm Philip amassed a vast butterfly and moth collection between his arrival in Alaska in 1965 and his death in March 2014. Philip had more than 100,000 Arctic butterflies and moths, said Derek Sikes, University of Alaska Museum of the North curator of insects. This was the largest private collection of Arctic butterflies and moths in the world, and it filled a huge void in the biological knowledge of those northern species. Philip's passion for insects will now benefit the university. After he passed away at age 82, his estate established an entomology endowment that has given \$183,399 to UAF. These funds will support activities associated with the museum's insect collection, including student research and travel. Sikes took the photo of Philip as he was often seen with his butterfly net.



New York Life renews support of pre-college programs

New York Life Insurance renewed its support of the Alaska Summer Research Academy and Rural Alaska Honors Institute programs by giving \$400,000, which will include program support as well as funding for ASRA and RAHI scholarships. The College of Natural Science and Mathematics runs the ASRA program, offering middle and high school students engaging and in-depth experiences in science and engineering. The RAHI program provides rural and Alaska Native students the opportunity to immerse themselves in the college experience for six weeks, living in the dorms and taking college level courses to prepare themselves to succeed in college and beyond. This gift brings New York Life's support to UA to more than \$1.9 million. Longtime UAF supporter **Linda Hulbert**, a local New York Life representative, is a constant advocate and helped to foster NYL's support for the university. Linda personally supports a memorial scholarship she established to honor her late husband, John, and she and the Hulbert family made a \$180,000 commitment to the Hulbert Nanook Terrain Park on the Fairbanks campus.

UAF celebrates donors at annual event



Chancellor Brian Rogers and Sherry Modrow honored the individuals, corporations and foundations whose philanthropic support is key to the success of UAF at the annual reception, Giving Comes Full Circle, on Thursday, Nov. 20, 2014, in the Regents' Great Hall of the UAF Fine Arts Complex. Philanthropic gifts help insure that UAF can offer superior programs and resources for students and allow them to gain much more than a basic education. Giving ensures students can be curious, innovative and, ultimately, successful.

The 2014 featured honorees were **John and Fran Zarling** (individuals), **Totem Ocean Trailer Express** (corporate), **Digital Globe** (special state-of-the-art equipment gift) and **John and Sally Howard** (longevity). Pictured are Sherry Modrow; Bob McCoy, director, Geophysical Institute; John Parrott, president and CEO, Totem Ocean Trailer Express; Hannah Bayless da Costa, UAF student phonathon caller; Fran Zarling, honoree; and Chancellor Brian Rogers. Read about this year's honorees and see videos of their interviews at <http://www.uaf.edu/giving/impact/events/2014/>.

Achievements

Individual

An anonymous donor made a \$20,200 gift for the Northern Gulf of Alaska Applied Research Fund in the School of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences.

Michele Aubry and **Peter Christensen** gave \$37,978 for the Harvey Shields Fellowship in Archaeology.

E. R. Dolly Dieter made a \$50,000 gift to support the Dieter Family Marine Science Research Scholarship and the Dieter Family Tsunami Bowl Endowment.

Bob '90, '98, and **Heather Mitchell** '96, donated \$30,591 to six endowments to help boost their principal balance to \$25,000. Bob is co-chair of the Centennial Scholarships Initiative.

David '61, and **Barbara Murray** made a \$15,000 gift to support the UAF ski program.

Raye Ann and **E. Thomas Robinson** donated \$11,500 to the Robinson Family Athletic Endowed Scholarship.

Harikumar Sankaran and **Jayashree Harikumar** '93, '01, made a \$25,253 gift to the Sugantha Krishnan Electrical Engineering Scholarship.

Grace Berg Schaible '49, '91, donated \$40,000 to support the Troth Yeddha' Legacy Initiative. Grace is a long-time UAF supporter and has made significant gifts to the UAF Museum of the North over the years.

Aaron and **Marissa Schutt** made a \$20,000 pledge payment for the Troth Yeddha' Legacy Initiative.

Ann M. Tremarello '57, donated \$15,000 to the Joseph Sr. and Rose R. Tremarello Memorial fund.

Helga and **Bill Watterson** '64, made a \$15,000 annual gift to UAF.

John and **Fran Zarling** made gifts totaling \$22,000 supporting the Zarling Engineering Scholarship as well as athletics and the UAF Community and Technical College airframe and power-plant program.

Corporate/Foundation

Alyeska Pipeline Service Co. donated \$12,500 for the Troth Yeddha' Legacy Initiative.

The **Bill Stroecker Foundation** made a \$30,100 gift to the Marion Weeks and Bill Stroecker Scholarship.

BP made a \$100,000 gift to establish a new chemical engineering program at UAF. It also gave \$65,000 to the process technology program, GeoFORCE Alaska and the Geology and Geophysics Department.

First National Bank Alaska donated a total of \$32,500 in support of UAF Community and Technical College, the Rural Alaska Honors Institute, School of Management real estate investment trust, and the Chancellor's Gala.

The **Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation** gave \$15,150 to support fisheries research.

The **Marion G. Weeks Charitable Foundation** donated \$26,600 to the Marion Weeks and Bill Stroecker Scholarship.

McKinley Capital Management donated \$10,500 to the School of Management.

NC Machinery gave \$10,000 to the UAF diesel/heavy equipment program.

Rasmuson Foundation made a \$25,000 for the Dirk Tordoff Alaska History Scholarship.

The **Pollock Conservation Cooperative** made fourth-quarter gifts totaling \$173,611. The group includes **American Seafoods Co.**, **Arctic Storm**, **Glacier Fish Co.**, **Starbound LLC** and **Trident Seafoods**.

Shell Exploration & Production Co. made a \$50,000 gift to the Rural Alaska Honors Institute, and gave \$25,000 each to the College of Engineering and Mines and the GeoFORCE Alaska program.

Sumitomo Metal Mining Pogo donated \$10,000 for the School of Management bachelor's in emergency management program, with plans for future support of the program.

University Women's Association gave \$10,000 to the Friends of UWA Scholarship.

Wells Fargo made a \$25,000 gift to support the Rural Alaska Honors Institute.

Legacy Society

The UAF Legacy Society recognizes donors who have made provisions to include UAF in their estate plans. **Dorothy Jones** is a new member.

Of note

In memory. The university lost a teacher, mentor and colleague when associate professor of philosophy and humanities, **Joseph Thompson**, passed away last fall at 49. In 2014, he received the Emil Usibelli Distinguished Teaching Award.

George Gordon, '62, passed away in early December. He and Linda recently established the **George E. Gordon and Linda C. Dahl Gordon Rifle Team Endowment**. George received the UAF Alumni Association 2009 award for Business and Professional Excellence and the School of Management 2000 Business Leader of the Year.

Sharon Swope passed away in January. She established the Rev. Bob and Dr. Sharon Swope Scholarship.

Beaver Sports was recently selected as the 2014 Outstanding Small Business in Philanthropy for Alaska by the Association of Fundraising Professionals. Original owner Jim Whisenant believed athletes should give back to the community. After Jim passed away in 2006, son Greg continued the tradition. Beaver Sports and the Whisenant family have given to UAF and established two athletic scholarships, supporting students since 2000.

Pick.Click.Give. There's still time to **Pick.Click.Give.** to UAF when you apply online for your Alaska Permanent Fund Dividend. This year, ExxonMobil will match up to \$50,000 in gifts made to Alaska universities.

Staff news. Welcome **Kate Ripley** '11, the new UAF alumni relations director and executive director of the UAF Alumni Association. Kate was formerly public relations director for the University of Alaska statewide office. She will play a key role in building a 21st century alumni relations program.

Governor's Cup reception supports Alaska Center for Energy and Power Initiative. Chancellor Brian Rogers and Sherry Modrow, with the UAF Alumni Association and First National Bank Alaska, co-hosted a reception Jan. 17, prior to the Governor's Cup hockey game in Fairbanks. The event drew more than 100 alumni and friends and was catered by alumna Kathy Lavelle '82, of Cafe De Paris.

Spring phonathon.

This month marks the fourth spring in which students call alumni and friends to provide updates on college and school events and ask for their continued support of the university.



Save the date. Mark your calendar for April 21, for the 2015 Scholarship and Awards Breakfast.

Centennial kick-off. The inaugural centennial event takes place July 6, 2015, with the rededication of the UAF Cornerstone.

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