

CHANCELLOR'S REPORT *on Philanthropy*



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Welcome from Chancellor Daniel M. White



Daniel M. White,
Chancellor

Dear friends,

I am honored to be named UAF's ninth chancellor. My wife, Ann Marie '98, and I have lived and worked in Fairbanks since 1995. I began my career at UAF as a professor of civil and environmental engineering, and I've enjoyed serving in many roles at both UAF and most recently at UA. Ann Marie is a graduate of UAF's MBA program, and our daughters have enjoyed participating in campus activities for years. UAF is a part of our family, and it's good to be back.

Just like you, our generous donors, I am committed to the institution and its faculty, staff and students. You have supported UAF through thick and thin, and we are grateful for your steadfast advocacy of our mission. I look forward to the opportunity to get to know our many generous donors who have enriched the university in so many ways.

I will work to foster strong relationships throughout the state. UAF will continue to support our local and state economies and serve a critical role in educating Alaska's future leaders. I invite you to join me for Convocation on Sept. 12 at UAF. Thank you for entrusting me to lead UAF into its next century.

Sincerely,

Daniel M. White, Chancellor

Amazing Grace

Grace Berg Schaible '49, a loyal friend of UAF and incredible philanthropist, passed away on June 9, 2017. Her life was filled with unselfish service on behalf of the state, thoughtful application of the law for the benefit of Alaska's people, and a life of travel and adventure with her husband, Arthur.

Grace's 73-year relationship with UAF began when she arrived on campus in 1944. She was named Outstanding Freshman Woman and again received a similar honor during her senior year. She then went on to become Alaska's first female Attorney General. Through the following decades of devoted philanthropy, she was awarded the Alaska Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals Award for Outstanding Philanthropist in 1996, as well as a UAF Philanthropist of the Century in 2017. In addition to her remarkable generosity, Grace served on both the UA Board of Regents and the UA Foundation Board of Trustees.

Grace was an incredible leader and great friend to UAF. With her philanthropic gifts and personal investment of time, she enabled UAF to change lives beyond the walls of higher education. Even as we are surrounded by her legacy, we will miss her dearly. **Please join us for a celebration of her life that will be held August 28th, 5:00-7:00 p.m. at the UAF Patty Center.**



Grace Schaible
1925 - 2017

UAF Nanook Rendezvous Reunion

UAF celebrated the Nanook Rendezvous, its annual reunion weekend, July 20-23. More than 100 alumni returned to campus from as far away as Florida, Massachusetts, Colorado, Missouri, Washington, California, and Arizona to celebrate UAF's centennial reunion.

The oldest alumni to visit was 97 (class of 1954). The youngest attendees were the grandchildren of members of the Class of 1967, who were celebrating their 50th reunion. UAF reconfigured the reunion this year to focus on more intimate opportunities and events for alumni to re-engage with their alma mater, rekindle friendships and reminisce. The reunion used to be held in late September but was moved to summer so alumni could enjoy Alaska's beautiful summer season and Golden Days.

The 2017 events included a welcome picnic with salmon and wine in the Georgeson Botanical Gardens and a farewell brunch at Pike's Landing. Alumni had opportunity to stay in on-campus housing — a trip down memory lane for many. Thank you to all who joined us, and we look forward to seeing you next July.

Left: Nanooks enjoyed activities like the Riverboat Cruise, Goldpanners Baseball, campus tours and more during the Nanook Rendezvous reunion. Visit uaf.edu/alumni/events/ for information on upcoming alumni events.



Celebrating a Century



Students celebrate donor generosity at the Centennial Scholarship Breakfast.

On May 3, 1917, Gov. Strong signed the bill to create the University of Alaska. With a federal land grant, the institution began as the Alaska Agricultural College and School of Mines.

Over the past century, UAF has grown into a world-class, student-centered, Arctic research university serving more than 9,000 students every semester from Alaska and around the world. We have come a long way in 100 years. Current research is focused on solving real-life challenges facing Alaska's communities and the circum-polar North.

The centennial offers us an opportunity to celebrate our rich history, but more importantly, it is a time to envision the kind of university we want to be in our next century.

As we celebrate our first century, we are reminded of and inspired by the grit and determination of our founders. But, they did not do it alone. Over the years, the support from our alumni, partners, donors and friends has been the foundation of our success. The collaborative spirit was recently demonstrated through the **Centennial Scholarship and Fellowship Initiative**, which raised funds to help alleviate the financial burden for our students. Thanks to the commitment of the planning committee and our generous donors, **nearly \$9 million has been raised in scholarships and fellowships. This initiative has almost doubled scholarship and fellowship support for UAF students.** This is remarkable and we are grateful!

UAF invites you to join in celebrating this milestone by taking part in the many special events planned throughout 2017. Visit uaf.edu/centennial/events/ for information, on how you can join us and celebrate a century of community and education.



Generous gifts

CORPORATE

Alyeska Pipeline Service Co. gave to the Alyeska Pipeline Native Fellowship at the School of Management and the Alyeska Pipeline Service RAHI Support fund, which assists the summer college-preparatory program for Alaska Native and rural high school juniors and seniors.

The **Alzheimer's Disease Resource Agency of Alaska** gave to the Alzheimer's Resource of Alaska Research Fund.

BP gave to the School of Management's Arctic Innovation Competition, the College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics' geology and geophysics scholarships, as well as several events, student organizations and competitions affiliated with CSNM and the College of Engineering and Mines.

The **International Association of Oil & Gas Producers** and the **Arctic Oil Spill Response Technology Joint Industry Programme** donated a test basin to the Geophysical Institute's Poker Flat Research Range for research purposes.

Kinross Fort Knox made its first gift toward a pledge to establish the Kinross Fort Knox Endowment to support mining and geological engineering education at UAF.

Northrim Bank gave to the School of Management unrestricted fund that will provide a variety of student opportunities.

Starbound, Trident Seafoods, American Seafoods Co. and Glacier Fish Co., members of the Pollock Conservation Cooperative, gave to the Pollock Conservation Cooperative Research Center Endowment.

Premium Oceanic made a third gift towards their pledge to the Blue Evolution Mariculture Fellowship, supporting graduate students studying mariculture at the UAF College of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences.

Sportsmedicine & Orthopaedics Fairbanks gave to the Dr. Cary Keller Scholarship and the Jake Poole Family Student-Athlete Summer Scholarship, both of which support student athletes in any sport.

Sumitomo Metal Mining Pogo gave to the Mining and Petroleum Training Service (MAPTS) program.

INDIVIDUAL

Charles A. Lane gave to the Chemistry and Biochemistry Department in the College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics.

Dr. Stephen Sutley and **Mrs. Maree Barney Sutley** donated three Randall Compton paintings to the UA Museum of the North: "Heading for the River," "Blue Babe," and "Flush."

*This report reflects gifts and donations totaling \$25,000 or more to the University of Alaska Fairbanks between April 20 and July 25, 2017.

Legacy Society

The UAF Legacy Society recognizes donors who have made provisions to include UAF in their estate plans. New members include **Margaret M. Peek**. The Legacy Society includes an incredible **147** members.



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Save The Date:
Shankar Vedantam
Centennial Speaker Series
6 p.m. Aug. 25, 2017
Hering Auditorium