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A Message from Foundation Leadership

Dear Friends,

Thank you for playing an integral role in advancing the missions of the University of Alaska system and our three universities through your support and belief in the importance of higher education and training. Your investment makes a difference today and profoundly influences Alaska's future.

The beginning of fiscal year 2022 looked different than its end. We started amid a global pandemic, with many students studying remotely at home and campus activities canceled or postponed. By the end, everyone was cautiously optimistic that the worst was behind us. The in-person commencements across the state were truly a celebration of perseverance and hard work.

And there were many other accomplishments!

Our *For Alaska* campaign exceeded \$200 million in June, making it the single largest philanthropic campaign in Alaska's history. We are continuing the momentum of this record-breaking campaign effort through fiscal year 2024.

The combined generosity of thousands of donors provided \$3.59 million in scholarship awards to students, established 31 new endowments, and collectively raised more than \$1 million for our annual UA Giving Day.

Last fiscal year saw a decrease in investment returns following a record breaking fiscal year 2021. Through

prudent investment policies and careful stewardship of the foundation's assets, our returns were better than 72 percent of peer institutions – and there were no adverse fiscal impacts to students at the three universities.

As the stories in this annual report reveal, some donors choose to support UA's universities to honor loved ones and their lifetime dedication to the power of education. Some give in gratitude to an institution that provided life-changing opportunities. Others provide support because they are excited about Alaska's promise, and want to help prepare young people for the careers of today and tomorrow.

Whatever your reasons for investing in the University of Alaska system, University of Alaska Anchorage, University of Alaska Fairbanks, or University of Alaska Southeast, we say thank you. Your investments are creating a vibrant, bold future for all Alaskans.

With our deepest appreciation,



Laura Bruce, CFP, ChFC
Chair, Board of Directors

Tod A. Burnett, Ed.D.
President



EDITH BULLOCK PRIZE 2022

Difficult Dialogues Welcomed

In a time of heightened political polarization, Libby Roderick, recipient of the 2022 Edith R. Bullock Prize for Excellence, works to reinforce understanding that higher education institutions are essential venues for the free exchange of ideas.

Libby Roderick is the director of the Difficult Dialogues Initiative and associate director of the Center for Advancing Faculty Excellence, both at UAA. She has been a noted presenter on Difficult Dialogues across the U.S., and developed the Warriors for a New Era series that brought elders, scholars, and Alaska Native youth together for intense discussions and knowledge sharing.

“Libby’s extraordinary contributions to the University of Alaska demonstrate that civil discourse can be modeled and practiced, and individuals can encounter different ways of thinking and living on our college campuses,” said Laura Bruce, UA Foundation chair.

The Bullock Prize is awarded annually to a member of the university community in recognition that a truly great university grows as a result of personal commitments to excellence. The Prize includes an unrestricted \$20,000 award, and is the most prestigious award presented by the UA Foundation each year.



A Reunion of Regents and Directors

During its first 100 years, the University of Alaska has benefitted from hundreds of Alaskans who have volunteered to serve as regents and foundation board members.

On June 1, 2022, the first reunion of current and former regents and directors took place at Kincaid Park in Anchorage. There was much to celebrate. UA has grown into three universities, 13 campuses and extended learning centers across the state that serve more than 22,000 students in Alaska and the world. The foundation now manages more than \$527 million in assets and provides more than \$20 million in support annually to UA. During the event, more than \$36,000 was raised for the Regents’ Endowed Scholarship, which supports junior, senior, or graduate students attending any university in the University of Alaska system.

Current and former regents and directors came together for the first-ever reunion event to renew connections and raise funds for the Regents’ Scholarship.

UA Giving Day 2021: 49 Hours for Alaska

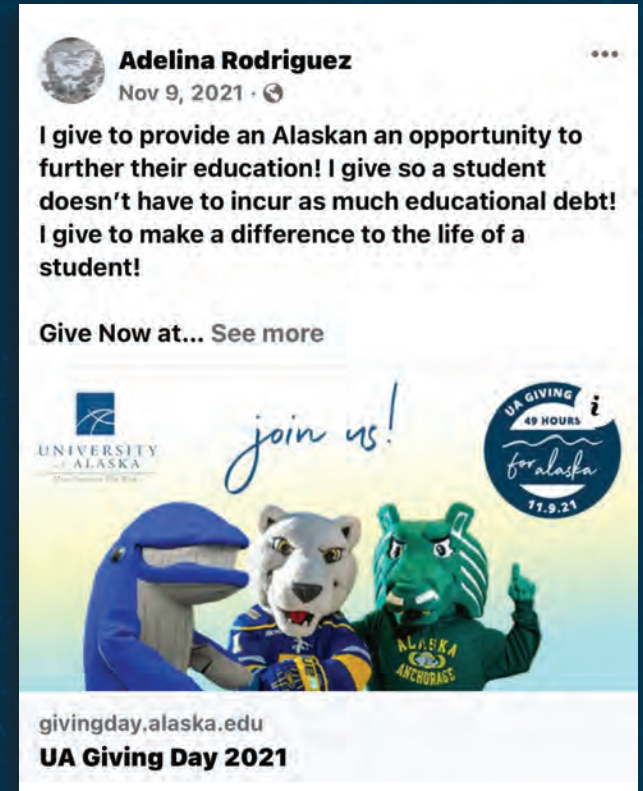
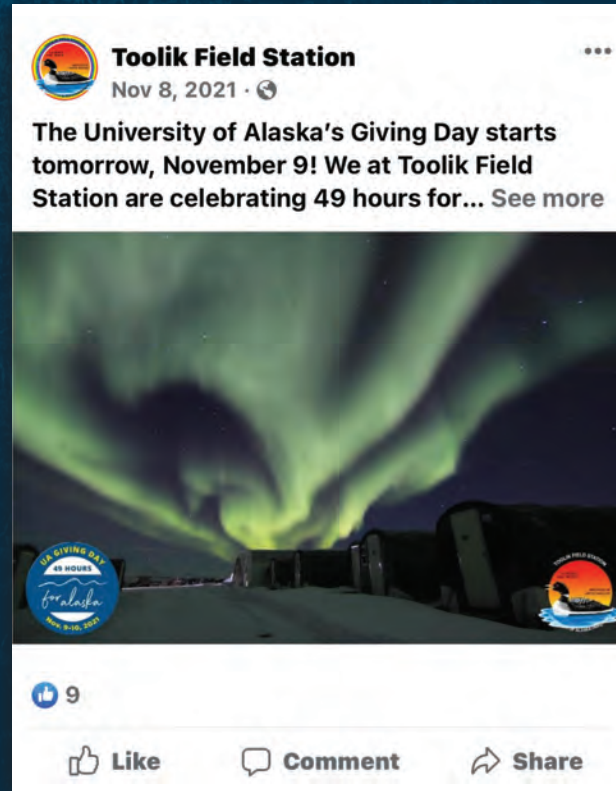
The second annual UA Giving Day, which took place November 9-10, was an outstanding success that increased individual giving, built collaboration across universities, and furthered the newly-established Giving Day tradition in Alaska.

\$1.06M+
RAISED FROM
1,690
DONORS

GIFTS RECEIVED FROM

42
US STATES AND
12
COUNTRIES

37
COLLEGES, SCHOOLS AND
PROGRAMS SUPPORTED
THROUGH GIFTS TO
230
DIFFERENT FUNDS



Thousands of likes across social media helped UA Giving Day 2021 exceed \$1 million.



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Campaign Update

The *For Alaska* campaign surpassed one of its goals this year, exceeding **\$200 million in contributions from 18,426 individuals, corporations, foundations and others.**

For Alaska is the first comprehensive fundraising campaign to raise private support for students, faculty, programs, and facilities across the UA system. Funds raised by the campaign strengthen every UAA, UAF and UAS campus and learning center across the state. The *For Alaska* campaign continues until June 2024, increasing the long-term financial stability of Alaska's public universities. ■

UA Foundation Board Chair Laura Bruce welcomes current and former regents and directors to the first-ever reunion event.

CAMPAIGN TOTAL

(July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2022)

\$201.66M

+117%

Increase in annual alumni giving

+26%

Increase in annual average total giving

193

New scholarship funds

145

New endowments

Foundation Financials

July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022

10,712 \$18.64M

TOTAL GIFTS MADE

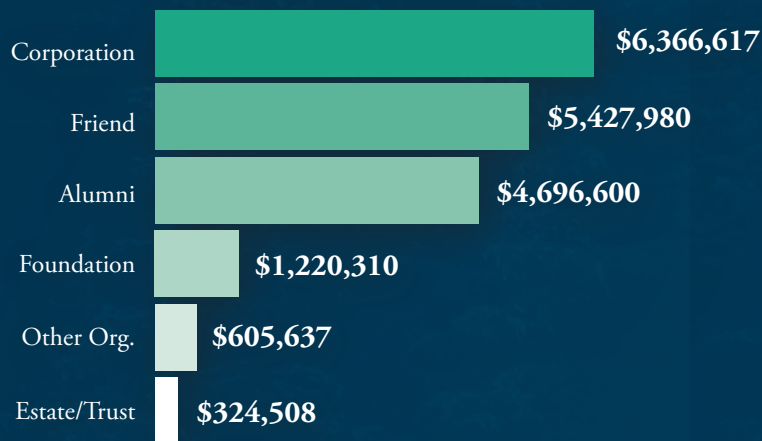
TOTAL DOLLARS RAISED

NEW GIFTS AND PLEDGES

By Gift Type

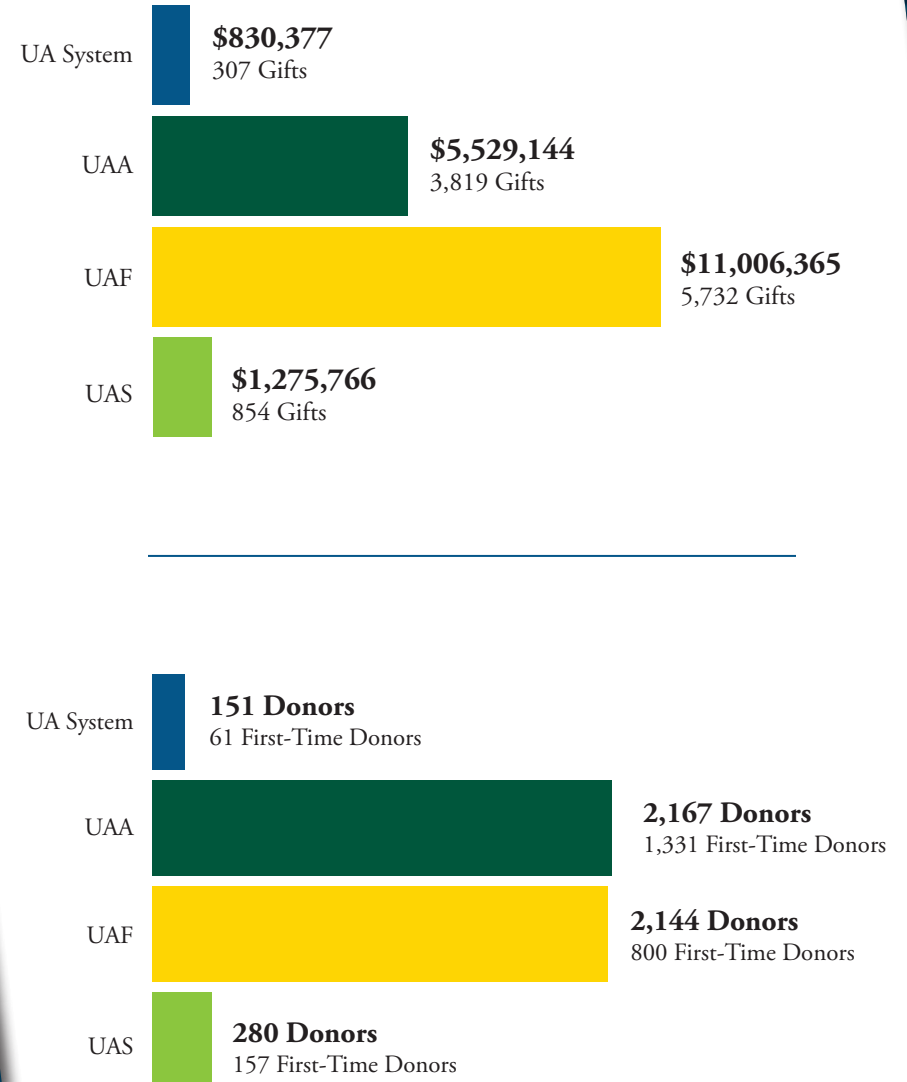


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NEW GIFTS AND PLEDGES PER UNIVERSITY

Dollars Raised and Total Donors



SCHOLARSHIPS
BY THE NUMBERS

\$3.58M+
DOLLARS AWARDED

1,359
STUDENTS RECEIVING
SCHOLARSHIPS

1,808
AWARDS

ASSETS (as of June 30, 2022)

Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 10,269,004
Interest and Dividends Receivable	\$ 317,161
Contributions Receivable, Net	\$ 6,709,391
Other Receivables	\$ 1,338,254
Other Investments	\$ 63,048,051
Pooled Endowment Funds	\$ 438,926,481
Remainder Trusts Receivable	\$ 756,878
Bequests Receivable	\$ 5,275,600
Other Assets	\$ 282,303
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 526,923,123</u>

FUNDS DISTRIBUTED

	University of Alaska	UAA, UAE, UAS	Total
Athletics	\$ —	\$ 601,801	\$ 601,801
Business and Management	\$ 93,515	\$ 684,498	\$ 778,013
Campus Support	\$ 50,676	\$ 1,375,221	\$ 1,425,897
Community and Technical College	\$ —	\$ 298,328	\$ 298,328
Education	\$ —	\$ 24,181	\$ 24,181
General Support	\$ 1,342,652	\$ —	\$ 1,342,652
Health	\$ —	\$ 580,795	\$ 580,795
Liberal Arts and Social Science	\$ —	\$ 698,312	\$ 698,312
Science and Engineering	\$ 2,301	\$ 2,571,365	\$ 2,573,666
Students Aid	\$ 1,102,108	\$ 7,087,833	\$ 8,189,941
Students and Public Support	\$ 417,857	\$ 4,026,955	\$ 4,444,812
TOTAL	<u>\$ 3,009,109</u>	<u>\$ 17,949,289</u>	<u>\$ 20,958,398</u>

Ann Cook Undergraduate Student Scholarship

Scholarships for undergraduate students in biology, wildlife biology, pre-medicine, marine science, or biology working towards the veterinary medicine program at UAF. Established by Ann W. Cook.

Lula Clarke DeValve Endowed Scholarship

Supporting tuition and educational expenses for students majoring in education at UAA. Established by the Lula Clarke DeValve Trust.

Allan P. Cohan Memorial Scholarship

To honor the life and memory of Allan Cohan by supporting tuition and educational expenses for UAS students. Established by Karen T. Carey.

WWAMI 50th Anniversary Scholarship

Supporting tuition and educational expenses for students studying at the WWAMI School of Medicine at UAA.

Frank Soos Creative Writing Scholarship

Supporting tuition or educational expenses to undergraduate or graduate creative writers at UAF. Established by Peggy Z. Shumaker and Susan F. Sugai.

Egan Library Children's Alaskana Collection

Support for UAS Children's Alaskana Collection.

James C. Thomas Nanook Hockey Endowment

Support for the Division I hockey program at UAF, with an emphasis on enhancing the student-athlete experience on and off the ice and encouraging camaraderie among teammates. Established by an anonymous donor.

Akiyama Family Endowed Scholarship

Support for tuition and educational expenses to full-time students at UAS. Established by Alan K. and Manamaya Akiyama.

Steve and Cynthia Holmberg Choral Director Endowment

Support for a full-time choral director for the UAF Music Department. Established by Steve P. Holmberg.

Denise and Mark Wartes Rural Alaska Honors Institute Endowment

Support for the Rural Alaska Honors Institute and its students at UAF. Established by Denise D. and Mark A. Wartes.

Jeffrey W. Scott Memorial Endowed Scholarship

Support for tuition and educational expenses to UAA Seawolf Volleyball student athletes. Established by Beth A. Scott.

Colp Family Engineering Endowment

Support for the UAF College of Engineering and Mines with a preference for the mineral industry. Established by the estate of Douglas B. Colp.

John Sackett Memorial Endowed Scholarship

Support for tuition and educational expenses to business students at UAA, UAF and UAS in honor of John Sackett's leadership and service to Alaska. Established by Doyon, Ltd.

Molly Ann Mishler Memorial Scholarship

Support for tuition and educational expenses to Matanuska-Susitna College students majoring in early childhood education or elementary education. Established by Barbara E. Mishler.

Anne Duffy Painting and Sculpture Endowed Scholarship

Support for tuition and educational expenses for graduate students majoring in painting or sculpture at UAF. Established by Lawrence K. Duffy.

Hecla Greens Creek Environmental Science Endowment

Support for the UAS environmental science program including student experiential learning opportunities, field courses, paid summer internships, and faculty and undergraduate research. Established by Hecla Greens Creek Mining Company.

Excellence in Finance Endowment

Support for business finance programming in perpetuity at UAA. Established by First National Bank Alaska.

Eyak Rural Nursing Endowed Scholarship

Support for tuition and educational expenses for Prince William Sound or Cordova students studying nursing at UAA. Established by the Eyak Corporation and the Eyak Foundation.

Bill Stroecker Accounting Scholarship

Support for Alaska residents majoring in accounting at UAF. Established by the Bill Stroecker Foundation.

**Usibelli Coal Mine Drone Advancement
Endowed Scholarship**

Support for tuition and educational expenses for two certificate program students and two aerospace engineering minor students at UAF each year. Established by Usibelli Coal Mine.

OLLI Joe Dart Endowment

To support the UAF Osher Lifelong Learning Institute. Established by Michelle H. Bartlett.

**Darla Dolly Barton and Dany Rivera
Nursing Scholarship**

Support for tuition and educational expenses to UAA students majoring in nursing who demonstrate financial need. Established by Darla N. Barton.

**Arctic Amateur Radio Club Al Noe
Memorial Endowed Scholarship**

Support for tuition and educational expenses to students majoring in STEM fields at UAF. Established by the Arctic Amateur Radio Club.

UAF Faculty and Staff Excellence Endowment

To provide support for professional development and leadership activities at UAF. Established by Anupma Prakash.

Robert H. Sliter Teacher Certification Endowed Stipend

To provide financial support to graduate and undergraduate students enrolled in a UAS teacher certification program during their student teaching semester. Established by James T. Love.

Face-Off Club Nanook Hockey

Support for UAF Men's Hockey. Established by the UAF Face-Off Club.

UAF Bill Stroecker CTC Endowment

Student and program support for the UAF Community and Technical College. Established by the Bill Stroecker Foundation.

Kane Family WERC Graduate Student Endowment

Support for graduate students conducting research at the UAF Water and Environmental Research Center. Established by Douglas L. Kane.

Gootee Family Nanook Hockey Scholarship

Scholarships for UAF Nanook Hockey student athletes. Established by Robert F. and Jason R. Gootee.

Bill Stroecker Brass Scholarship

Support for Alaska residents majoring in music at UAF with a preference for students studying a brass instrument. Established by the Bill Stroecker Foundation.

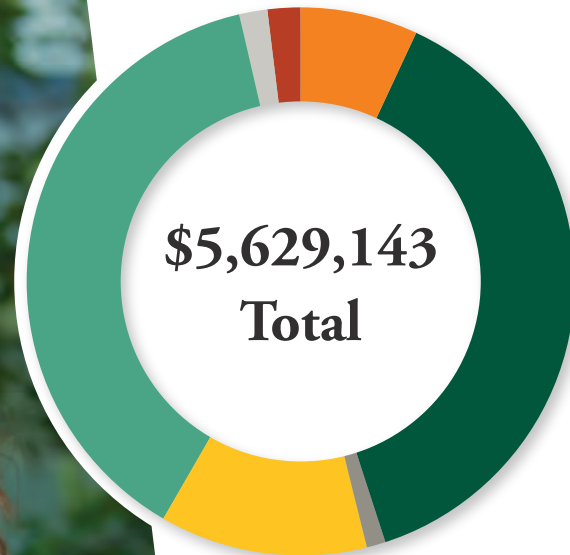




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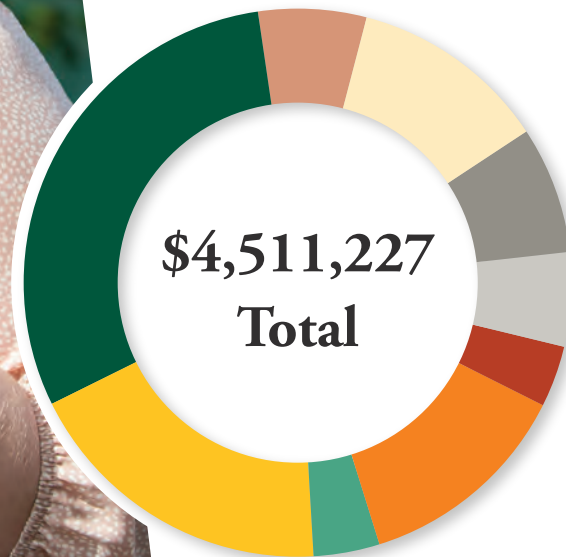
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GIFTS AND PLEDGES

Alumni	\$402,513
Corporation	\$2,136,557
Estate/Trust	\$57,840
Foundation	\$687,132
Friend	\$2,150,895
Planned Gift Commitments	\$100,000
Other	\$94,206

577 Alumni Donors



FUNDS DISTRIBUTED

Athletics	\$535,153
Business and Management	\$334,508
Campus Support	\$249,484
Community and Technical College	\$164,045
Education	\$6,172
Health	\$574,189
Liberal Arts and Social Science	\$166,820
Science and Engineering	\$849,379
Student Aid	\$1,349,740
Students and Public Support	\$281,737

616 Scholarships Awarded



Building the Pipeline of Professional Real Estate Managers

How do you build a world class property management and real estate education program? The same way you build a world-class real estate business—with sustained investment over time and a focus on excellence and innovation.

In its most recent investment, Weidner Apartment Homes has pledged \$500,000 to support academic and travel awards for UAA students in the College of Business and Public Policy's Weidner Property Management and Real Estate (WPM+RE) program. The pledge brings Weidner's total investment in UAA to \$5.1 million.

Weidner's gifts have established the endowed Weidner Professorship, developed the Weidner Property Management and Real Estate program and Weidner Center, and funded student academic and travel awards.

“So many students have benefited from the ongoing generosity of Mr. Dean Weidner,” said Terry Fields, Program Director and associate professor of management. “These gifts have allowed us to build a comprehensive program that is unique and recognized nationally.” ■

The WPM+RE program is one of only a handful of bachelor degree programs focused on the management of real estate assets.



Community Shows Up for Athletics

In September 2020, the news began circulating that three Seawolf athletics programs were at risk of elimination because of state budget cuts. Alpine skiing, hockey and gymnastics were challenged to raise a combined \$4.5 million to save their sport and earn their reinstatement.

And so they did.

Alpine skiing was first, blasting to their \$628,000 goal within four months. Hockey was next, surpassing their \$3 million goal within the year. And by June 2022—after a monumental final fundraising push — the gymnastics team achieved record-breaking donations and exceeded their \$880,000 goal.

Throughout Anchorage and the country, people responded to the Seawolf student athletes. The gifts came in cash, checks, and credit card payments. There were contributions from donor advised funds and Individual Retirement Accounts. Proceeds from a LuLaRoe fundraiser. Shares of Apple stock.

In FY22 alone, more than 1,250 donors made \$1.4 million in donations—ranging from \$5 to \$50,000—to help these teams meet their goals and build sustainable futures.

And of the 1,331 donors who gave to UAA for the first time last year, 428 gave specifically to support gymnastics, hockey or skiing.

“For our daughter who is a UAA Alumni and former gymnast,” wrote one donor.

“In honor of the sport of gymnastics, which creates mentally and physically strong women who undoubtedly change the world for good,” wrote another.

And in honor of those who are with us in spirit, donors sent messages like “In memory of Gerald Swanson, a long time Seawolf Hockey fan.”

At UAA, more than perhaps anywhere else in the nation, these Seawolf teams are competing because of an outpouring of donor and volunteer support. ■



Top Left: Tiny Seawolf Paige Kullberg with her mom, Seawolf 5th Line member Jolene Kollberg, beside the rink as Seawolves Hockey returns to the ice.

Top Right: Seawolves Gymnastics head coach Marie-Sophie Boggasch sells raffle tickets during UAA Day at the Alaska State Fair.

Right: Eli Mortensen, Collin Hurd, and other UAA students cheer for their team as Seawolves Hockey returns to the ice after raising \$3 million.



Brockel's Generosity Doubles KPC Scholarship Awards

Thanks to the nearly \$1.78 million estate gift from revered educator, performing artist and philanthropist Jean Mirella Bardelli Brockel, more students attending Kenai Peninsula College are receiving scholarship support than ever before.

Nearly half of the 71 scholarships awarded by KPC last year were made possible through Brockel's gift. In total, KPC awarded its highest amount ever (\$131,500) in scholarship support, which was more than double the funds awarded the prior year.

When Brockel died in 2019 at the age of 85, the process of transferring sizable portions of her estate to benefit KPC began. Jean was the widow of Clayton Brockel, founder of KPC, and together the Brockels spent six decades committed to building institutions for arts and education across the region. ■

Top: Jean and Clayton Brockel with their son, John. John died in 2008, and the John C. Brockel Memorial Endowed Scholarship was established in his honor.

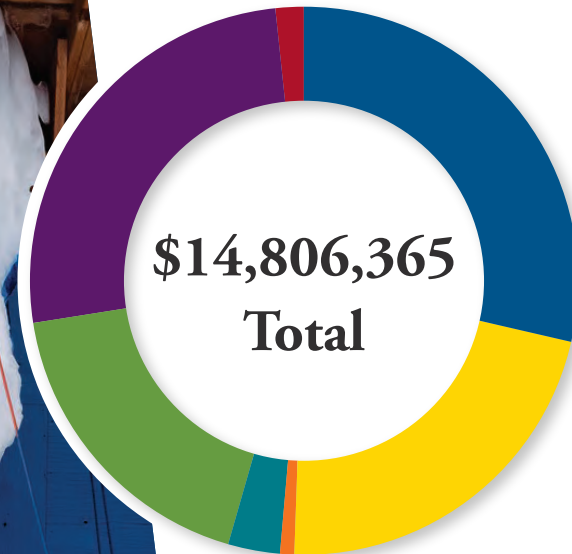
Middle: More than 2,800 students attend KPC each semester, studying in Soldotna, Homer, Seward, or online.

Bottom: The KPC Soldotna campus is located on the banks of the Kenai River, one of the most prolific wild salmon habitats in the world.



Financial Snapshot

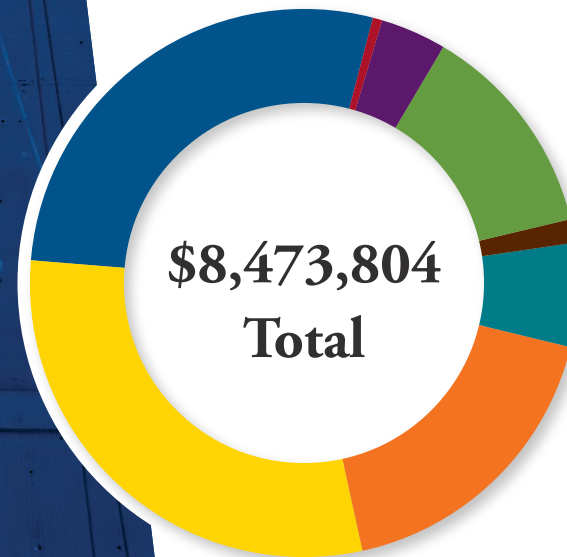
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GIFTS AND PLEDGES

■ Alumni	\$4,261,374
■ Corporation	\$3,251,560
■ Estate/Trust	\$112,409
■ Foundation	\$472,357
■ Friend	\$2,671,908
■ Planned Gift Commitments	\$3,800,000
■ Other	\$124,945

749 Alumni Donors



FUNDS DISTRIBUTED

■ Athletics	\$66,648
■ Business and Management	\$331,316
■ Campus Support	\$1,075,939
■ Community and Technical College	\$111,219
■ Education	\$2,605
■ Health	\$6,606
■ Liberal Arts and Social Science	\$514,224
■ Science and Engineering	\$1,496,238
■ Student Aid	\$2,522,688
■ Students and Public Support	\$2,346,321

735 Scholarships Awarded



Kinross Advances Troth Yeddha' Initiative

UAF's bold vision of creating a leading Indigenous studies center took a giant step forward with a \$1 million contribution from Kinross Alaska.

Kinross' donation commemorates the 25th anniversary of the Fort Knox mine. It is the single-largest gift to date in UAF's campaign to raise \$40 million toward construction of the Indigenous studies center on the Troth Yeddha' Park site.

The Troth Yeddha' Indigenous Studies Center will more fully integrate Indigenous knowledge into UAF's academic, research and outreach programs and, as a result, expand and deepen UAF's leadership in Alaska Native and Indigenous programs throughout the world.

Kinross' gift will fund schematic design and bid specifications for the 34,000-square-foot facility.

“Education is very important in our daily life, and you can't live without that.”

— Chief Peter John

“We deeply appreciate Kinross Alaska's generous donation and support to the Troth Yeddha' initiative,” said Aaron Schutt, Doyon Ltd. president and CEO and chairman of the Troth Yeddha' Legacy Committee. “The Indigenous studies center will be a place rich in culture, knowledge and healing for our future leaders of Alaska.” ■



Top: A member of the Inu-Yupiaq student dance group performs at the unveiling ceremony for the Troth Yeddha' Park on Sept. 4, 2014. Located between the University of Alaska Museum of the North and the Reichardt Building, the site will eventually host the Troth Yeddha' Indigenous Studies Center.

Bottom: With a growing enrollment of Indigenous students, the Troth Yeddha' Indigenous Studies Center will support growth in academic and research programs and make room to expand services that empower Indigenous student success.



Walsh, one of the most authoritative experts in modern Arctic climate change, is the first U.S. scientist to receive The Mohn Prize.

Faculty Gift Provides a Peek Into Our Climate Future

If you could get a glimpse at Alaska in the year 2100, would it affect decisions you make today? John Walsh, chief scientist at the UAF International Arctic Research Center, believes so strongly that the answer is yes, that he's investing in work to give Alaskans some climate foresight.

Walsh's gift aims to help prevent a destructive future for the region he has dedicated his career to understanding.

When Walsh won the prestigious Mohn Prize for Arctic research, he directed the University of Tromsø, the providers of the prize, to invest \$186,000 of his prize money right back into research at the UAF International Arctic Research Center. His gift will be used to produce a document outlining year 2100 scenarios to help Alaskans and policymakers understand how decisions today will influence the Arctic's future. ■

Steve Holmberg '89 Creates Endowed Chair in Music Department

As a Fairbanks high school student in the 1970s, Steve Holmberg spent every summer at the UAF Summer Fine Arts Camp — a monthlong program of music, theater and art, much of it taught by UAF faculty.

Now Holmberg's passion for music and his heart for UAF have drawn him back, where he has pledged \$2.5 million for a choral director for the Music Department endowed chair. His goal is to foster summer music precollege programming, like the camps he enjoyed as a youth.

“UAF was foundational in who I became as a music professional, and, in a lot of ways, who I became as a person,” Holmberg said. “I didn't want the programs — the things that I had an opportunity to do — to not be available. ■

Steve Holmberg, above, signs an endowment agreement in 2021. Holmberg, also pictured at right with his late wife Cynthia in 1989, earned a music education degree from UAF, lighting the fuse for a 25-year career as an elementary school music teacher.





Generous Benefactors of the Past Continue to have Impacts Today

To some students, Ernest Patty is a vague figure from the university's past. But for scholarship recipient Catherine Dunleavy, Ernest Patty's impact is very clear: "This (scholarship) allowed me to focus on school. It was very beneficial and I am grateful." Dunleavy is a UAF mining engineering major.

Patty, an original faculty member and third University of Alaska president, left a \$10,000 gift in his estate that, to date, has provided students with \$41,500 in scholarship aid.

When invested in an endowed fund, estate gifts provide donor-specified benefits in perpetuity, and many will generate financial support that exceeds the value of the original gift.

Marjorie and Leonard Wright made Alaska home for more than 25 years. Marjorie completed her teaching degree at UAF in 1958, and Leonard established a construction business. The Wrights' estate provided more than \$2.5 million to UAF to support student scholarships.

To date, 266 students have received nearly \$1 million in funding from the endowment, the principle of which remains unspent. Their philanthropic legacy is helping generations of students fulfill their educational goals.

"Without the support of community scholarships, students like me would be unable to pursue advanced degrees," said Emillie Ficek '19, a biology graduate.

Today, UAF has more than 80 living members in the UAF Cornerstone Legacy Society who plan to remember UAF in their will.

Top: Marjorie and Leonard Wright's bequest has provided \$1 million in scholarship support over the past eight years.

Middle: Emillie Ficek received a Wright Scholarship to help continue her studies in the UAF-Colorado State University veterinary program.

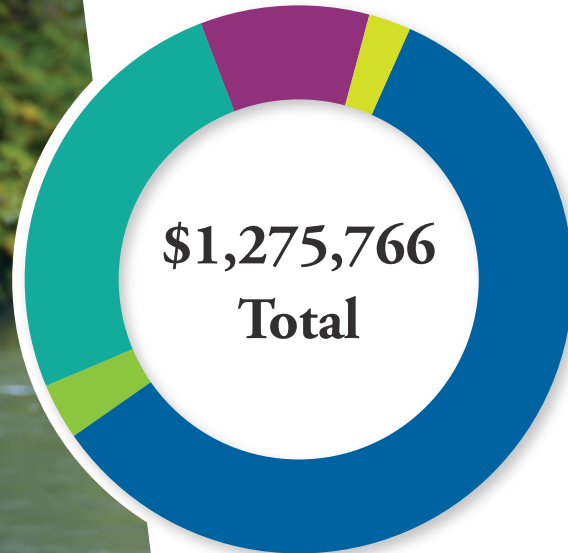
Bottom: Ernest Patty, the third UA President, left a \$10,000 gift in his estate that has provided \$41,500 in scholarships.



UNIVERSITY of ALASKA SOUTHEAST

Financial Snapshot

July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022



GIFTS AND PLEDGES

Alumni	\$32,342
Corporation	\$747,547
Foundation	\$45,272
Friend	\$325,660
Other	\$124,945

70 Alumni Donors



FUNDS DISTRIBUTED

Business and Management	\$18,674
Campus Support	\$49,798
Community and Technical College	\$23,064
Education	\$15,404
Liberal Arts and Social Science	\$17,268
Science and Engineering	\$25,748
Student Aid	\$297,605
Students and Public Support	\$114,305

213 Scholarships Awarded



Honoring a Teacher's Impact

Kodiak 1962, James Love was in elementary school during his father's Coast Guard service. That is where James met Robert Sliter, a sixth-grade teacher who would impact the course of his life.

Encouraged by success in Mr. Sliter's math class, Love studied math in college and earned a master's in statistics. During his career as a statistician, Love contributed to the development of new medications that prevented HIV transmission and treated lung cancer.

Nearly 60 years later, Love sought to honor his sixth-grade teacher.

Love established the Robert H. Sliter Teacher Certification Endowed Stipend to support students enrolled in a UAS teaching program during their student teaching semester.

"I grew up with the desire to become an elementary school teacher," wrote Julie Manwiller, the first stipend recipient. "My goal for the future is to complete my elementary education degree and mentor and inspire the young students of Alaska." ■



“My goal for the future is to complete my elementary education degree and mentor and inspire the young students of Alaska.”

– Julie Manwiller

Top: Julie Manwiller is completing a degree in education, and is the first recipient of the Robert H. Sliter Teacher Certification Endowed Stipend.

Bottom: Bob Sliter was a gregarious former Marine who, inspired by Jack London, earned a teaching degree in Alaska and resolved to spend the rest of his life in his adopted state.



Alan Akiyama created the Akiyama Family Scholarship Fund to honor his late parents and celebrate his wife Manamaya Gurung-Akiyama and son, Henry I. Akiyama II.

Inspiring a New Generation of Medical Professionals

Improving the health of Alaskans was a family affair for Grace and Henry Akiyama. Grace was the president of the Alaska Lung Association. Henry dedicated his 33-year medical career to improving the odds of surviving a cardiac arrest. He went to the scene of every cardiac arrest in Juneau from 1969-1982.

Today, the commitment to the health of residents in Juneau and Southeast Alaska continues through the Akiyama Family Endowed Scholarship. The scholarship supports tuition and educational expenses for full-time students at UAS with an interest in pre-med, nursing, or biology. ■

Love, Logging, and Legacy

Through named endowments, stories about individual Alaskans are remembered and retold forever.

In the late 1920s, both Clarence and Verle started college in Bellingham, met, and fell in love. Both were forced to leave college because of the financial impact of the stock market crash of 1929. Clarence returned to a logging career that he began at 14 and worked his way to Alaska, eventually becoming president of Alaska Lumber and Pulp in 1970.

Verle was a naturalist who picked berries and mushrooms, loved wildlife and the quiet of forests.

Earnings from the Clarence and Verle Kramer Memorial Endowment will support summer interns working and studying in the Tongass National Forest and eventually provide for a professorship in the field of forestry at UAS.” ■



The Clarence and Verle Kramer Memorial Endowment, established by their children, honors the history of a family who loved Sitka and helped shape the state's logging industry.

Critical Resources: Partnering with Alaska's Mining Industry

Universities and communities are in an ongoing relationship exchanging resources to create generations of healthy people.

UAS' industry partnerships prepare Alaskans for careers and advance research to protect the environment.

Hecla Greens Creek Mine donated \$300,000 to create an endowment to support UAS' environmental science program. The fund will support faculty and undergraduate research, paid summer internships, field courses, and experiential learning opportunities.

Hecla has contributed a total of \$1.8 million to support UAS programs and scholarships.

Coeur Alaska, Inc., owner and operator of the Kensington Mine, donated \$300,000 to increase the size of scholarships offered by the Coeur Alaska Kensington Mine Environmental Science Award, increasing the minimum award amounts from \$1,000 to \$3,000 per student.

Coeur has contributed more than \$1 million to support programs and students at UAS and UAE. ■

Top: The UAS Hecla Greens Creek Mine Training Scholarship has provided 206 awards since 2010.

Middle: Coeur Alaska, Inc., scholarship funds have provided \$40,000 to support students studying environmental science or marine biology.

Bottom: Assistant Professor Angie Bowers collects tissue from bullkelp with student Julie Sorrells in Sitka Sound.



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