

Hecla Supports Pathway to Mining Careers Program with \$315,000 Gift

The Hecla Greens Creek Mining Company renewed its partnership with the UAS Center for Mine Training in August, with a gift to be realized over three years. The gift supports the world-class workforce program "Pathway to Mining Careers" with scholarships to prepare Alaskans for key jobs in the mining industry. Committed students who complete a Mine Mechanic program will be considered for employment at the Hecla Greens Creek Mine.

Right: Students attend Intro to Mining Occupations and Operations class in Spring of 2020.



Coeur Alaska Donates \$300,000 to UAS Environmental Science



Sara Caldwell, UAS Juneau Bio Lab Tech, stands with glassware donation from Coeur Alaska.

Since the establishment of their Environmental Science Award in 1991, Coeur Mining Inc. has been a major supporter of education in Southeast Alaska. In 2020, Coeur strengthened their commitment with a gift which will support Environmental Science and Marine Biology students for years to come. Later in the year, Coeur also sent an in-kind gift of useful chemistry glassware- which will be put to good work at UAS!

Memorial Scholarship Continues A Ketchikan Pilot's Legacy

In life Ralph Yetka worked hard to lift the people around him and believed that "anything worth doing is worth doing right." To honor his memory, the people who loved him created the Ralph Yetka Memorial Scholarship, which to date has supported 22 Ketchikan High School graduating seniors in their transition to college. This year, we received a gift in his honor of \$10,000, the largest contribution to the fund since its creation in 1989.



Local Family Endows Juneau Campus Scholarship

An anonymous family made a gift of \$46,000 total to create and endow the Juneau Campus Endowed Scholarship. Part or full time students with at least a 2.0 GPA attending UAS's Juneau campus are eligible. By endowing the scholarship now, the family hopes to assist the maximum number of students starting in 2021.

Left: Ralph Yetka.

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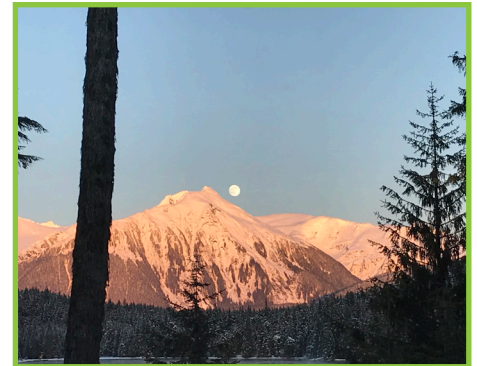


UAS Community Photo Contest

The UAS Alumni & Friends Association hosted their first ever photo contest this spring semester. Open to all, the contest ran from late February through early April. Our office asked for three themes: the beauty of Southeast Alaska, unique interpretations of UAS, and views of life during remote learning. We received so many stunning photos, the first place submissions featured to the left were difficult to choose!



"My Favorite Things", Margaret Everson



View From My 'Office", Jenny Malecha



"Fishing 'til the End", Zoe Anelon

Alumni Spotlight: Kyle Russell

In November, the UAS Alumni & Friends hosted its first Alumni Spotlight event featuring Kyle Russell, a Juneau-Douglas and UAS graduate who now works for the gaming company Epic Games.



Pictured above: Kyle Russell

To highlight UAS's new Career Education programs including a new cybersecurity program and future ESports facility, Kyle led a friendly Zoom discussion about his journey through the gaming industry and his role in popular games such as Fortnite.

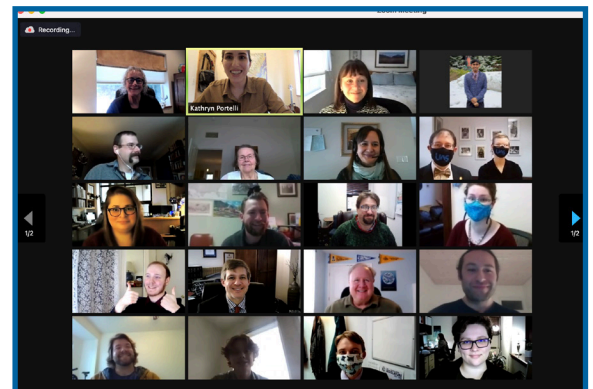
Kyle's advice to those interested in the industry? "Never give up on your goals, like flat out. That is the most important thing that I can think of. Never ever lose sight of your goals and never compromise on those goals."

Ted Stevens Internship Alumni Event Goes Digital

Hosting this annual event online allowed distant legislative alumni to connect with the 2020 cohort. In their words:

"I'm a science student. I thought this was a really good opportunity to see the sort of intersectionality between politics and between the environment." - Connor Owens, 2020 Intern

"The most helpful thing I took away from the internship? I think a lot of the learning of public policy and familiarity with the law, that I'm able to bring that into law school really helped me." - Nick Bursell, 2017 Program Alum



A Zoom room full of interns, alumni, legislators and educators