

University of Alaska

Student Success:

- Bachelor's degree completion rate (full-time students in six years or less) is at an **all-time high of almost 32 percent across the UA System and has increased almost 15 percent (4.1 percentage points) from FY10 to FY14 alone**. This is above the national average of 31 percent for other public, open admission universities according to the National Center for Education Statistics. UAF leads with a baccalaureate graduation rate of 41.5 percent in FY14.
- Students completing 30 credits or more: increased from 13 percent (FY10) to 15.2 percent (FY14).
- Engineering degrees: from 148 in FY10 to 185 in FY14 --a **25 percent increase**.
- Health degrees: from 824 in FY10 to 988 in FY14 -- a **20 percent increase**.
- ACT scores: 32 percent increase in scores sent to UA between FY09 and FY14; and 41 percent **MORE** students indicate UA as their first choice in FY14 vs. FY09.
- Significantly reduced transfer issues and the time required to assess transfer credits throughout the system.
- Number of programs 100 percent available by eLearning is at its **highest point ever** – 129 programs and the average eLearning credit load per student is at its highest level ever at 3.3 credits per student across the system.
- **Highest number of degrees and certificates awarded ever in FY14**, over 4,900, representing more than a 30 percent increase since FY10.
- The number of high-demand job area degrees awarded **grew 22 percent** from FY10 to FY14.
- Grant aid awarded to UA students **up \$9.4 million in four years** (2009-10 \$20.4m, 2013-14 \$29.8m).
- Scholarship aid awarded to UA students up \$10.6 million in four years (2009-10 \$19.2m, 2013-14 \$29.9m)
- Total financial aid awarded to UA students is \$137.0 million, up 14 percent since 2008-2009. (2009-10 \$120.1m, 2013-14 \$137.0m)
- UAA-piloted mandatory student orientation and advising in fall 2013 resulting 85.5% of student participants persisting into the following spring semester compared to 76% among non-participants.
- UAA-For the second consecutive year, students earned a record number of degrees, certificates and occupational endorsements: 2,633, up 5.8 percent from last year. High

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Demand Job Area (HDJA) program awards set a new record high, up 1.9% to 1,824 awards in 2014. This total represents 70 percent of all certificates and awards at UAA. Major contributors included: Health awards (665), Business, Finance & Management (373), Teacher Education (228), and Engineering (125). The area with the largest single increase was in Transportation (up 42% to 120 awards, and increase of 35 awards over last year).

- UAF baccalaureate six-year graduation rates top 42% in 2014, a first in the UA system.
- UAS produced a record number of graduates in AY13-14: 717 (up +14.6% from prior year). This continues a trend of over five years of increasing graduates at the associates, baccalaureate, and graduate levels.
- UAS improved its first-time, full-time retention rate by +2.5% by expanding student success initiatives including: Stay on Track Program, mandatory advising, Early Alert program for struggling students, and a newly-created Writing Center.
- UAS graduated more students in high demand job areas: up +12.2% over the previous year and part of a five-year trend. The proportion of UAS graduates in high demand areas was 78.6% compared with 68.8% for the UA system as a whole.
- UAS implemented student success interventions that led to 20% reduction in the number of students on academic probation over two years.
- UAS is working hard to improve entry-level student success through mandatory advising, an Early Alert program for new students, an Academic Recovery Plan for struggling students, and a newly-created Writing Center.
- UAS designed and implemented a new Superintendents' Academy to educate new school superintendents across Alaska; the initial group has 10 participants. The state saw a 50% turnover in superintendents last year. The Academy builds on UAS success in offering its Principals' endorsement program.
- UAS Teacher Education data show highest level of teacher preparation productivity-ratio of teacher education graduates to number of faculty.
- UAS students obtained employment in fields related to their training at a higher rate than the national average

Research dollars and expertise strong:

- UA has received a **total of more than \$650 million in external research funding since FY10**, with more than \$118 million received in FY14 alone. For every \$1 in state funding spent toward research, UA brings in \$4.6 in external research funding.
- UAF research and citations on Arctic research top not only the nation, but also the world!

Alumni support increasing and private giving rebounding from recession:

- Alumni giving (dollars raised from alumni) **increased 101 percent** over the last 5 years from \$671K in FY10 to \$1.35 million in FY14.
- The UA Foundation reports FY14 system private fundraising results of \$23.1 million in total private gifts raised. This represents an **increase of 32 percent** over FY13 system total of \$17.4 million. Of particular note is total giving from alumni in FY14, which increased 28 percent over FY13 across the system. Congratulations go to the advancement teams at UAA, UAF and UAS.

Workforce development growth significant:

- FY10-14 Associate and Certificate majors **increased by 26 percent** from 7,808 to 9,845.
- FY10-14 Increased High Demand Job Area Degrees **by 22 percent** from 2,731 to 3,341.
- UA has taken leadership roles on industry-supported workforce development plans with strategic outcomes in Career & Technical Education, Health, Fisheries-Seafood-Maritime, and Mining. Maritime Workforce Development Plan completed in close collaboration with industry.
- UA has received more than \$7.5 million in federal Dept. of Labor grants targeted for Alaskan workers displaced by foreign trade.
- UAS Mine Training Center was opened in 2010 to address the underground mine training for Southeast and balance of state industry needs.
- Future Educators of Alaska was federally recognized as a Career Technical Student Organization integrating leadership with traditional knowledge to encourage rural education as career paths for students
- FY10-14 investments in workforce development through TVEP totaled more than \$19 million

Academic program info—30,000-foot summary:

- Six new centers established from 2011 to 2013
- 29 new certificate and degree programs established between 2010 and 2014; 14 deletions occurred during the same period.

Students choosing UA over others Outside:

- ACT scores: **32 percent increase in scores sent** to UA between FY09 and FY14; and 41 percent **MORE** students indicate UA as their first choice in FY14 vs. FY09.
- The proportion of recent Alaska high-school graduates who go to college has stayed roughly the same since 2010, with about half entering postsecondary within 12 months of graduating from high school. **More than 60 percent** of all recent Alaska high school grads who pursue

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postsecondary education choose UA, equivalent to about half of all college-bound recent Alaska high school graduates. This has been the pattern since 2010. Nationally, about 70 percent of all recent high school grads enter postsecondary within 12 months of graduating.

- Since FY10, more than 21,000 degrees and certificates have been awarded by UA.