



UAS Alumni & Friends Newsletter

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Dear Keni,

When my 6-year-old son recently learned that I am president of the alumni association he thought it was "awesome!" When I asked why he thought so, he said, "You are so lucky!"

He's right. As I look back over the year that is ending, I am honored to have served the alumni and friends of UAS and am delighted to have had a hand in providing fun networking activities for UAS Alumni & Friends, making a difference in the lives of students and providing a source of support for the university.

It is no secret that the national economy is taking a turn for the worse. College funds are taking a beating as the stock market falls and student loans have become harder to obtain. These events have motivated us to ask for your kind support this year to help provide scholarships to UAS students. Please read below.

Also, UASAA has been busy recently hosting several events. Want to see pictures? Click [here](#) for our new photo gallery.

UAS can use an advocate like you! Read Bruce Gifford's piece on alumni recruiters. Also, you may be interested to know that Larry Harris is the dean of a newly structured academic unit.

Still looking for the perfect holiday gift? Check out UAS student Toby Harbanuk's book on Southeast glaciers.

Speaking of books, as we close the books on 2008 and begin a new year, the Board of Directors wishes everyone a happy holiday season and a prosperous 2009.



Sincerely,

Bob Mitchell, President
UAS Alumni Association

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Alumni Events



On Saturday, November 22, 2008, two cooking classes accommodating 30 participants were held at Chez Alaska for the event "**Holiday Entertaining 101**." This was the second annual event of its kind held for the alumni association at Chez Alaska Cooking School, which is owned and operated by UAS alum Laraine Derr. Derr and chef Sharon Barton served as instructors as attendees learned about cooking a Juniper-brined Crown Roast of Pork and accompaniments in the morning, and a Panoply of Fowl with Turkey, Goose and Cornish Game Hens and sides in the afternoon. For a [photo slideshow](#) of this and other events please see our new photo gallery. For a [full report on Alumni Events](#) held across the state since our last newsletter, please visit our website.

Not a member yet?
Give yourself the gift of
membership!

▶ JOIN NOW!

Mark Your Calendar!

January 31 [UASAA Annual Meeting](#): Come to our annual membership meeting on

Article Headline

Give to the UASAA Scholarship Fund

Written by: Jeremy C. Hansen

Recession usually means that many workers will head back to school. UAS is a great place for motivated people to get back to basics or further their education but in hard times community support helps.

Here we are again in an economic crunch similar to the early 80's with rising unemployment rates and a major contraction in the money supply of the United States. People are losing their jobs and reassessing their futures. For some that means revisiting their local university, a community college or their alma mater. During the next several years people will be finding new ways to rejoin the workforce and live the American Dream after spending some time polishing their academic and technical skills; some will be here at UAS.

The University of Alaska Southeast offers distance-based learning opportunities through various departments. The most developed is the business department that offers a distance-based Masters in Business Administration. The UAS business department has the ability to reach out and educate students all over the world - it is very exciting!

As students go back to school we can help as friends and alums by providing both need-based and merit-based financial aid through scholarships. The University of Alaska Southeast Alumni & Friends Association provides scholarships and have been growing the amount it is able to provide for some time now. We would like to continue this growth and could not do it without the amazing supporters, both friends and alumni, of UAS. Right now your contributions are critical as more students go back to school so UASAA can get more scholarships out to future graduates and individuals who are working hard to further their education.

There really is no better time to help out a student than during this holiday season. Charlie Munger - one of the smartest investors alive today, best friend and business partner to Warren Buffett - humbly mentions, "by supporting each other my family was able to weather the worst economic collapse in the nation's history," the Great Depression of the 1930's. By supporting each other we can help fellow Alaskan's weather another tough economic time by giving back.

In this economic environment your support is that much more important. Your gift of \$25, \$50, \$100 or more will allow more students to have the opportunity to receive a degree, expanding their economic opportunities beyond college.

You give. They learn, graduate and achieve. This year, give someone the gift of knowledge - the true gift that will last a lifetime.

You may give online [here](#).

Membership Fees Change Jan. 1

Earlier this year, the Board voted to revamp its membership structure. The number of annual membership levels was reduced from six to four, fees were increased by \$10 for several membership levels and lifetime memberships were implemented for the first time. The fee increases will take effect on January 1.

The membership increases help the association keep up with the rising cost of serving the membership. For example, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, to get the same purchasing power after inflation of a \$25 membership in 1998 would require \$33.50 in 2008. The cost of a postage stamp, a significant cost component for the association, has increased over 30% from \$.32 to \$.42 during this time.

Lifetime memberships were also approved by the board. An individual

campus!

April 3 Spring Auction & Dinner:

Dinner and auction to benefit scholarships and alumni programming

May 17 (tentative) Golf

Tourney in Gustavus: Cruise to Gustavus and play an 18-hole scramble for prizes

UAS Entrepreneurs Holiday Gift Idea



Toby Harbanuk is an undergraduate business major and a member of the UAS Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) Team. SIFE is an international organization that mobilizes university students around the world to make a difference in their communities while developing the skills to become socially responsible business leaders.

Using what Toby has studied at UAS to help him as an Alaskan entrepreneur, he and Sandy Harbanuk have produced *Glaciers of Southeast Alaska*, a book filled with magnificent photographs of the Panhandle's great ice flows.

Copies of the book can be purchased for \$19.95 (includes shipping and handling) at <http://book.alaskasife.org/>.

With each purchase \$5 will be donated to UAS SIFE and UASAA.

Thank You Lifetime Members!

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can become a member with a one-time payment of \$450. Couples can join with a one-time payment of \$650.

Want to Recruit Students?



We know who our strongest supporters are and that is our alumni. Over and over again we hear through surveys, letters and financial contributions how important UAS was and is in our alumni's lives. I am married to an alumna of UAS so I know first hand how important that experience was to her and her advancement as a professional educator in Juneau.

Would you like to share your experience at UAS with prospective students in your community? Can you imagine an army of alumni recruiters carrying the word about UAS across the state of Alaska and beyond? How powerful; if you are interested in getting involved, we would like to hear from you! We will help you with training and materials; you simply provide enthusiasm and your love of UAS.

Please contact me with your interest at (907)796-6335 or Bruce.Gifford@uas.alaska.edu.

Thank you.
Bruce Gifford
Vice Chancellor of Student Services and Enrollment Management

New Academic Structure



A new academic structure has been created at the University of Alaska Southeast with the creation of the Professional Studies unit. This new unit combines the Schools of Education and Management under a single dean. Both schools have a strong emphasis on graduate education and professional undergraduate degree programs. According to Larry Harris, Dean of Professional Studies, this is an opportunity to advance graduate programs such as the MBA, MPA, MEd, and MAT as well as undergraduate programs in accounting, management, computer information systems, and elementary education. The creation of the

professional studies unit will enable UAS to increase opportunities for Alaskans to complete programs that lead to high demand jobs in the state.

The two schools will continue to exist in the new structure. The opportunities for collaboration across the faculties will be enhanced. According to James Everett, interim Provost, "this is how UAS is seeking to meet the needs of the state as a teaching and learning institution." Both schools provide access to programs for Alaska residents through technology mediated instruction.

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