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Robbie Stell Doubly Honored



Chancellor John Pugh announced the dedication of the UAS Learning Center as the **Roberta Stell Learning Center**, in honor of former UAS Provost, Dr. Robbie Stell, Thursday, June 9, 2011. Robbie and her immediate family were guests as staff and faculty celebrated her distinguished contributions during more than four decades of service at UAS. Stell was also just awarded the **Edith R. Bullock Prize for Excellence** by the University of Alaska Foundation. The prize is awarded each year by the Board of Trustees to the individual whose work has demonstrated excellence in support of Alaska's State University. The prize was established in 1988 with a \$20,000 gift from the late Edith R. Bullock, who was a member of Alaska's

Territorial House of Representatives, Territorial Senate, the University Board of Regents, Alaska Business Hall of Fame and an Alaskan of the Year. The nomination was made by Assistant to the Provost Maria Moya. Robbie is also a longtime member of UAS Alumni & Friends.

Commencement 2011 – Student Awards

Teri Robus - Outstanding Graduate in Humanities
Tyler Linderoth - Outstanding Graduate in Marine Biology
Grace Lumba - Outstanding Graduate in English
Melissa Woodgate - Outstanding Graduate in Environmental Science
Yoko Kugo - Outstanding Graduate in Social Science
Stephen Ellison - Outstanding Graduate in Mathematics
Carrie Schliesing - Outstanding Student in Business Administration, Bob Ellis Award
Ptarmica McConnell - MBA Excellence Award
Bobby Sutton - AAS Business Excellence
Raymond Asbell - CIOS Excellence Award

*Read more about the 2011 Commencement Ceremony speakers **Annie Calkins** and **Grace Lumba** online:*
<http://juneauempire.com/local/2011-05-01/uas-grad-8216learning-doesn8217t-stop8217>

Thank You

Thank you to **Barbara Burnett** and **Stephanie Ashley** who volunteered to pin graduates at the Commencement ceremony as they exited the stage. It has been a longtime tradition for the UAS Alumni Association to present a UASAA pin to new graduates.

Notes & News on Alumni & Friends

Class Notes / Alumni News

News is mined from various sources, but the best source is YOU! Let us know what you're up to! Send an email to alumni@uas.alaska.edu to update us on your life.

Barbara Burnett (MPA, 2008) retires as UAS Financial Aid Director on July 29 after 26 years of service. Barbara is a lifetime member of UASAA.

Annie Calkins (B.Ed. 1987, M.Ed. 1987) was awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Education and served as Commencement speaker at the May 1 ceremony. Annie is a lifetime member of UASAA.

Katie Chapman (BLA 2005) was named Executive Director of the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) in July, located in Juneau.

Christin Howard-Fankhauser (BA, Social Science, 2006) and her husband Caleb were appointed as Lieutenants with the Salvation Army and will be serving in Petersburg, Alaska. Christin is a member of UASAA.

Kyle Moselle (BS, Biology, 2004) was appointed by Governor Sean Parnell to the Alaska Timber Jobs Task Force. to a seat representing the commissioner of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game.



Members in the News

Sgt. **David Campbell** of the Juneau Police Department was one of 4 Grand Marshals of Juneau 4th of July Parade. The theme was "Honoring Our Police and Firefighters" in honor of the 10th anniversary of the first responders and heroes of 9-11. Campbell is currently a student in the UAS MPA program and a lifetime member of UAS Alumni & Friends.

Jim King and his wife, Mary Lou, celebrated 50th wedding anniversary in the spring of 2011. King is on the board for UASAA and is a lifetime member.

Auke Lake Trail Dedication

The University held the Auke Lake Trail dedication ceremony on Saturday, June 11, 2011. Chancellor **John Pugh** thanked campaign co-chairs, **Laraine Derr**, **Christine Phillips**, and **Jim King, Sr.** and the donors to the campaign that helped UAS raise over \$1.22 million dollars, with \$999,274 in private support and \$223,982 in public support through the Alaska Trails Initiative. As part of the private support, the Rasmuson Foundation donated \$500,000 – an outright donation of \$250,000 and another \$250,000 to match other private donations. UAS Alumni & Friends donated \$15,000 to the project, and Chancellor Pugh matched donations made by alumni of UAS and members of the association.



Left: Chancellor Pugh and Mary Becker unveil the trailhead sign

Speakers included campaign co-chair Laraine Derr, and CBJ Assembly member **Mary Becker**. Balance was brought to the event with special remarks from the Elders of the Aak'w people.

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UASAA member **Marie Olson** spoke as Elder of the Aak'w Kwaan Eagle Shark people (*see photo to right*), and **Rosa Miller** spoke as Elder of the Aak'w Kwaan Raven Dog Salmon people. A special treat was the telling of the story of the Lady of the Lake by Liana Wallace. A special "Alumni 101" component of the dedication was an engaging lecture by UAS Professor of Geology, **Cathy Connor**, Ph.D., "Auke Lake Trail 101: A Natural History of Juneau." Attendees were then invited on a guided trail walk with Dr. Connor and Chancellor Pugh.

Read the full article and see more photos online!

<http://uas.alaska.edu/development/trail/index.html>



Alumni Events



AUKE LAKE TRAIL 101: A NATURAL HISTORY OF JUNEAU

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Left: Dr. Cathy Connor leads a group of alumni and friends on a guided trail walk.

ANOTHER SUNNY SUNDAY FOR ALUMNI GOLFERS!

The annual Alumni Golf Tournament was held for the second time in Haines, Alaska at the Valley of the Eagles Golf Links on May 15, 2011. An Allen Marine catamaran transported 44 golfers, 5 passengers, and 12 volunteers to Haines on another gorgeous, sunny day. Proceeds from the tournament benefited the Alumni Operating Endowment at the UA Foundation.

Golfer Pat Eggers was a two-time winner, seizing the prize of an Alaska Airlines Ticket Voucher for the Closest to the Pin contest, as well as the Men's Longest Drive, for which he won a round trip ticket through Wings of Alaska. The

Women's Longest Drive was awarded to Tomi Scovill, who also won a Wings ticket. There was no hole in one, but if there had been, the winner would have driven away in a 2011 Dodge Avenger from Mendenhall Auto. The team that won the overall scramble included Steve Olmstead, Jack Beedle, John Stroope, Sr. and John Stroope, Jr.

UASAA would like to thank our sponsors for making this event a success: Allen Marine, Alaska Airlines, Alaskan Brewing Company, Wings of Alaska, AEL&P, First National Bank Alaska, Juneau Empire, Alaska Litho, and Mendenhall Auto.

ANNUAL ALUMNI SUITE AT THE MARINERS GAME

UAS Alumni & Friends is once again hosting a suite at the Seattle Mariners vs. Boston Red Sox game on August 13. Forty alumni, donors and friends will be joining Chancellor Pugh at the event. Right next door the UAF Alumni Association has reserved a suite, so UAS and UAF attendees can mix and mingle. Tickets are sold out to this exciting annual event. If you're sad you couldn't make it this year, give the office a call and we'll make sure to contact you next year when tickets go on sale.

SAVE THE DATE! MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR UPCOMING ALUMNI EVENTS

October 28 – Annual Beer & Wine Tasting (Juneau)

December 10 – Gingerbread Magic! (Juneau)

January – Beauty & The Beast group seating (tentative) (Anchorage)

April 6 – Spring Auction & Dinner (Juneau)

ALUMNI 101 – FUN AND EDUCATIONAL EVENTS

Do you have an idea for an Alumni 101 event? Past events have included topics such as Gardening, Coffee, Juneau History, Holiday Entertaining, Tide Walks, Elections, Identity Theft Prevention and Gingerbread Magic. Email us your ideas!

What's Happening at UAS?

BOARD OF REGENTS APPROVES NEW UAS MISSION AND CORE THEMES

The new UAS mission was approved by the UA Board of Regents on June 3, 2011. It reads "The mission of the University of Alaska Southeast is student learning enhanced by faculty scholarship, undergraduate research and creative activities, community engagement, and the cultures and environment of Southeast Alaska." The Regents also approved our four core themes: Student Success, Teaching and Learning, Community Engagement, and Research and Creative Expression. Vice Provost Carol Hedlin is leading the effort to prepare our Year One Accreditation Report to the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU).



UAS KETCHIKAN ANNOUNCES NEW DIRECTOR

The UAS Ketchikan Campus is pleased to announce that Dr. Anthony Mansueto has accepted the position of Campus Director, effective July 1, 2011. Dr. Mansueto spoke very positively about his interactions with faculty and staff in Ketchikan and about the community of Ketchikan.

Anthony Mansueto is from Garland, Texas. Education: Ph.D., Religion, Ethics, and Society, Graduate Theological Union. M.A., Religion, Yale University. B.A., Humanities, University of Chicago. Dr. Mansueto was Academic Dean (Humanities) of the Spring Creek Campus of Collin College in Plano, Texas from 2006 to 2009.

UPDATE ON SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT

Incoming SOM Interim Dean John Blanchard will begin work on July 11 and will overlap with Dean Steve Krause until Steve's departure at the end of July. Recruitment for a full-time Dean will begin in the fall.

UAS THANKS RETIRING FACULTY FOR YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE

Dr. **Jonathan Anderson**, Associate Professor of Public Administration, member of UASAA

Dr. **Jane Terzis**, Associate Professor of Art

Dr. **Clive Thomas**, Professor of Political Science, member of UASAA

2011 FACULTY EXCELLENCE AWARDS

TEACHING – **Marquam George**, Associate Professor of Construction Technology

RESEARCH – Dr. **Eran Hood**, Assistant Professor of Environmental Science

SERVICE – Dr. **Kevin Maier**, Assistant Professor of English

ADJUNCT INSTRUCTION – **Fran Polumsky**, Adjunct Instructor of Physical Education

Alumni Scholarship Funds

For the upcoming 2011-12 academic year, UASAA has awarded six students scholarships of \$2,500 each. With your assistance we can grow our two scholarship funds and continue to provide scholarships for students in the future. To donate, visit the [UA Foundation Give Now](#) page ([web address below](#)) and indicate one of the funds listed below:

Alumni Scholarship Endowment (60574)

UASAA Ketchikan Scholarship Endowment (60117)

Secure UA Foundation Website: http://www.alaska.edu/foundation/ways_to_give/give-now/

Bring a Whale to Campus!

THE HUMPBACK WHALE: A UAS TRADITION

While many schools choose mascot animals based on their fierceness or physical strength, other mascots convey decidedly different qualities. Here in Southeast Alaska, in addition to being a symbol of wildlife and conservation, the Humpback Whale is the epitome of grace, intelligence and natural beauty.

The University of Alaska Juneau (UAJ) first adopted the Humpback Whale as its mascot in 1980. The whale was retained after the restructuring into the University of Southeast (UAS) in 1987 to include the Ketchikan and Sitka campuses. A student contest was held to name the mascot and the whale has been known as "Spike" ever since.

Right: "Spike" is summering in beautiful downtown Juneau and will migrate to the Auke Lake campus in the fall of 2011.



MASCOTS: AN AMERICAN TRADITION

Mascots are symbols of pride, loyalty and inspiration dating back to the American Civil War where many regiments had living mascots, the more famous of which were Sallie, the bull terrier of the 11th Pennsylvania, and Old Abe, the Bald Eagle of the 8th Wisconsin. After the war, the mascot tradition spread to colleges and universities when intercollegiate athletic games and rivalries emerged. Today, mascots are a recognizable face or personality for a school that add to school history, tradition and pride.

Make a donation to the Whale Campaign or read more about the whale sculpture online:
<http://www.uas.alaska.edu/development/Whale-Campaign.html>

Are you interested in being on the UASAA Board of Directors?

Nominations are due Friday, December 2, 2011 before 5:00 PM. Send an email to alumni@uas.alaska.edu and we will send you a form.

Current board members:

Jerry Burnett, President
Mary Lou Madden, Vice President
Cherie Nienhuis, Treasurer
Tanya Ewing
Jim King, Sr.
Kristy Smith
John Svensson
Rick Wolk
Nathan Zierfuss

Read more about board members online:

<http://www.uas.alaska.edu/alumni/board.html>



*Spike the Whale
and Chancellor Pugh
are enthusiastic
boosters for UAS!*