

April 21, 2023

Chancellor's Office

Chancellor Karen Carey

Since the last report I have:

- Attended meetings with Executive Council; Executive Cabinet; President Pitney; Vice Chancellor Michael Ciri; Provost Maren Haavig; Vice Chancellor Lori Klein; Associate Vice Chancellor Ronald Cadiente Brown; Keni Campbell, Chancellor's Assistant and Public Information Officer; Staff Council; Louisa Cryan, Senior HR Specialist; Lynne Johnson, Director of Development; Ryan Sand, Director of Emergency Management and Risk Services; Ryan Wark, Director of Equity and Compliance; Juneau Campus Advisory Council; and Juneau Economic Development Council. (excellence, diversity, access, collaboration, and stewardship)
- Attended the Alumni and Friends Reception and Auction, Tidal Echoes Event, Innovation Summit, Juneau World Affairs Council Trivia night, Oratory Showcase, URECA Awards (excellence, collaboration, access)
- Attended a meeting in Sacramento about master planning (excellence, diversity, collaboration)
- Traveled to Ketchikan and Sitka to say thank you and goodbye to faculty and staff (collaboration)
- Met with representatives from Hecla Greens Creek Mine (stewardship)
- Met with the Emeriti Chancellors and Provosts (access)
- Monday morning radio on KINY (access, collaboration)
- Attended meeting of Juneau World Affairs Council (access, collaboration)

Development & Alumni Relations - Lynne Johnson, Director

On April 1st, the UAS Alumni Association held its annual auction for the first time since 2019! Guests of the community, staff, and faculty were invited for this night out. The auction raised over \$18,000.00 in student support and was a huge success! (*collaboration*)

Emergency / Risk Management & Safety - Ryan Sand, Director

- The Health & Safety Officer interview process is currently underway. I hope to introduce the new HSO very soon.
- The Bullseye fire extinguisher training system has arrived and will be a great addition to our campus workplace and lab safety training. All designated employees will be contacted to schedule their annual training/certification soon. Please take a look at the new training device: <https://youtu.be/r-39yRjiyp4>
- UAS students have once again shown that they are taking personal safety to a higher level. This month's self-defense and active threats response class had a great turn out. Please join us for more advanced classes in late summer and early Fall.

Equity & Compliance - Ryan Wark, Director

No report this month.

Public Information Office - Keni Campbell, Public Information Officer

Commencement (*collaboration/excellence*):

Commencement planning is in full swing! We are celebrating 518 graduates this year. We are back to a "normal" format for the ceremony for Juneau, starting at 2 pm on Sunday, May 7. Sitka's ceremony is on Friday, May 5 in the evening at 7 pm, and Ketchikan will be at 2 pm on Saturday, May 6. We are excited to have President Pat Pitney join us for all three ceremonies!

Radio (*collaboration/excellence*)

I can help you connect with the radio stations to be a guest on one of their programs if you would like to promote something you are working on. *Please note that at this time both stations are under a lot of staff turnover, so it has been a bit more difficult to secure spots recently.*

Recent UAS guests:

KINY Capital Chat - April 13, 2023: Study Away in Vietnam - Guest: Dr. Nguyet Nguyen, UAS Assistant Professor of History
KTOO Juneau Afternoon - March 22, 2023: UAS Day of Service - Guest: Mallory Nash, UAS Student Engagement & Leadership

Press releases (*collaboration/excellence*)

Help us tell your story! Send ideas and materials for press releases through our internal form [here](#). Most recent press releases:

- Earth Day Activities at UAS, April 18-22
- UAS Faculty Forest Haven Successfully Defends Dissertation on Subsistence and Settler Colonialism in Alaska
- UAS and Sealaska Heritage partner to host Dr. Colbey Reid for Apr 18 presentation
- UAS Tidal Echoes 2023 Launch Event, April 7

Provost's Office

Dr. Maren Haavig, Provost & Dean of Research & Sponsored Programs

- Completed Provost Response to Five-Year Program Reviews (*sustainability, excellence*)
- Completed Provost Recommendations to 20 Promotion and Tenure files (*sustainability, excellence*)
- Met with several faculty candidates during their on-campus visit (*collaboration, excellence*)
- Continued participation in A&S Strategic Planning. Enjoyed working with Sitka and Ketchikan faculty on the campus cohesion focus area (*collaboration, sustainability, excellence, stewardship*)

Research & Sponsored Programs - Dr. Maren Haavig, Dean

- Submitted UAS application for membership to UArctic (*collaboration, sustainability, and stewardship*)
- Attended Arctic Encounter Symposium (*collaboration, sustainability, and stewardship*)
- Represented UAS at ARCUS Institutional Representative meeting (*collaboration, sustainability, and stewardship*)
- Assisted with the preparation of Alteration and Renovation proposal as part of INBRE V (*collaboration, sustainability, and stewardship*)
- Participated in President Pitney's Arctic Advisory Committee (*stewardship, diversity, collaboration*)

Institutional Effectiveness - Kristen Handley, Director

- Fall Weekly Enrollment dashboards are now available on the IE website. (*access, stewardship*)
 - [Fall Weekly Enrollment](#) | [Fall Weekly Enrollment by Program](#)
- Summer Weekly Enrollment dashboards are also available on the IE website. (*access, stewardship*)
 - [Summer Weekly Enrollment](#) | [Summer Weekly Enrollment by Program](#)
- Some users have been experiencing issues with accessing the dashboard since the Cloud Migration. If you are having trouble accessing the dashboards please send me an email (krhandley@alaska.edu)
- The 1st Student Experience Survey launched this month and closes at the end of the week. We have close to 300 responses and will send a final reminder later this week.
- The spring 'Survey Season' is coming to a close, with US News, IPEDS, NPSAS, and other surveys completed for the year.
- I have had quite a few of you reach out recently about ad hoc requests to assist with decision making or information gathering - this is a reminder that I am available to all of you for this service! If you need data/information, please don't hesitate to reach out!

School of Career & Technical Education

Carin Silkaitis, Interim Dean

Hello, Colleagues, I have been focusing on the transition plan to a new Dean of Career Education. Most of my activities at the TEC center around organization and preparing to hand things over to a new leader!

We have some great news on the enrollment front! We are significantly up from last fall, which is a testament to every single person working in Career & Technical Education. Thank you for saying yes, thank you for embracing some of my crazy ideas, thank you for re-doing MOU's, hosting junior high/high school camps, and giving tours. Thank you for working SO hard in the classroom and for creating a vibrant space down at the TEC. I feel like the energy down there is so great! As of yesterday we are up 94% in student headcount and in student credit hours. A huge portion of this is in the retention of our continuing students. So, thank you for your efforts to create a vibrant space for our students to learn - it's working!

My TEC activities this month included:

- Attending the Sitka Heritage & Cultural Tourism Conference (*Excellence, Collaboration, Diversity, Sustainability*) (*Diversity, Collaboration, Excellence, Sustainability*)
- Served on the committee for the Dean of Career Education (Search Committee Chairs were Priscilla Schulte and Robin Gilcrist). (*Excellence, Collaboration, Diversity*)
- Toured Coeur Kensington Mine and met the most incredible folks over there. I learned all about the mining industry and how it actually intersects with both Career Ed & Arts and Sciences. (*Excellence, Sustainability, Collaboration*)
- Met with Hecla Greens Creek
- Met with Coeur Kensington

Welding - Steffan Frazier, Coordinator

Welding will be receiving a one-time TVEP award to purchase a state-of-the-art laser surface-cleaning machine. This is an exciting addition to modernizing the welding lab with the latest equipment being used in the industry.

School of Education

Maren Haavig, Interim Dean

- Dr. Carlee Simon will start as Interim Dean effective July 1, 2023. Dr. Simon recently visited Juneau as a JSD Superintendent finalist. With Chancellor Carey's support,

Carlee will start as Interim Dean on Jul 1, 2023. Carlee's husband, Steve, and their three sons, Noah, Liam, and Adyn, will be joining her in Juneau. Please join me in welcoming her to this position.

- The School of Education hosted Dr. Tuija Turunen. Dr. Turunen spoke about the education system in Finland (*diversity, collaboration*)
- Participated in the quarterly SOE External Advisory Committee (*excellence, collaboration*)
- Working with SOE faculty on summer/fall workloads and annual program assessment reports (*collaboration, excellence*)

School of Arts & Sciences

Carin Silkaitis, Dean

Hello, Colleagues,

We are in the home stretch of our A&S strategic planning process. Dr. Thornton will be back on campus beginning on April 21st, and we will be presenting the latest draft to the Juneau, Sitka and Ketchikan campuses. I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who worked so hard on this document, particularly the Initiative Champions.

My other activities this month included:

- Attending the Sitka Heritage & Cultural Tourism Conference (*Excellence, Collaboration, Diversity, Sustainability*) (*Diversity, Collaboration, Excellence, Sustainability*)
- Participated in Earth Day Activities - including a talk at the SHI Clan House with guest speaker Dr. Colbey Emmerson Reid from Columbia College Chicago and a roundtable discussion with faculty "Committed Conversationalists" (Dr. Melissa Dolese, Dr. Forest Haven, Dr. Kevin Maier, and Dr. Colbey Reid) (*Sustainability, Excellence, Collaboration*)
- Served on the committee for the Dean of Career Education (Search Committee Chairs were Priscilla Schulte and Robin Gilcrist). (*Excellence, Collaboration, Diversity*)
- Learned about our wonderful students projects at the URECA Symposium (*Excellence, Sustainability, Access, Diversity, Collaboration, Stewardship*)
- Attended the launch of Tidal Echoes (*Excellence, Diversity, Access, Collaboration*)
- Met/Interviewed exciting candidates for a Chemistry Search and a Biology/Phycology Search (*Excellence, Sustainability, Collaboration*)
- Began screening candidates for the Associate Dean position (*Excellence, Diversity, Collaboration, Sustainability*)

Natural Sciences

- Jason Amundson was awarded a \$155k NSF grant, along with collaborators at UAF and Middlebury College, entitled "Disentangling runoff- and terminus-driven velocity variations of fast flowing outlet glaciers". Former UAS student Amy Jenson will be a graduate student on the project. (*excellence, collaboration, sustainability, stewardship*)
- UAS undergraduates Ellie Bretscher and Cassandra Suryan presented their research on glacier outburst floods and iceberg calving, respectively, at the Alaska Space Grant Program's annual meeting at UAA on April 7. (*excellence, sustainability, collaboration*)

- Andrzej Piotrowski was awarded a Dolciani Mathematical Enrichment Grant from the Mathematical Association of America to support events for the local high school math club next year (23-24). This includes funding for an event on the UAS Juneau campus. *(excellence, access, collaboration)*
- Megan Behnke (ACRC) and Jason Fellman had an article accepted for publication in the Journal of Geophysical Research: Biogeosciences entitled "Trees in the stream: Determining patterns of terrestrial dissolved organic matter contributions to the northeast Pacific coastal temperate rainforest." *(excellence, collaboration, sustainability)*
- Julie Schram had an article published in the Journal of Experimental Marine Biology and Ecology entitled "Juvenile Dungeness crab foraging behavior and lipid composition is altered more by food quantity than seawater pH in a multi-stressor experiment". Co-authors include 2 undergraduates and a high school teacher who were instrumental in completing the project and writing it up. (<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jembe.2023.151897>) *(excellence, collaboration, stewardship)*
- Heidi Pearson, in collaboration with the Portuguese non-profit AIMM, was awarded a \$498,000 contract from the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission entitled, "Scientific experiment to evaluate dolphin cow-calf separation during purse seine fishing operations in the Eastern Tropical Pacific". This research will use drones to determine if dolphin calves become separated from their mothers during high-speed chases into tuna purse seine nets, which could lead to calf mortality and hindrance of recovery of spinner and spotted dolphin populations. *(excellence, sustainability, collaboration)*
- Heidi Pearson was interviewed about her research for the Utah Public Radio Program, UnDisciplined. *(excellence, access)*
- John Harley (ACRC) presented his research on modeling and forecasting of shellfish toxins at the Alaska Harmful Algal Bloom network workshop in Anchorage. The meeting was attended by state and federal agencies, researchers, and tribal representatives. *(excellence, sustainability)*
- Megan Behnke (ACRC) and Jason Fellman hosted a half-day meeting with agency partners for their project titled "Impacts of cryospheric change on aquatic flows and freshwater habitat quality for fish across Alaska." Along with their collaborator Ryan Bellmore (USFS), they heard from researchers and managers from across the state of Alaska to learn about what rivers and under what future climate change scenarios it would be most useful for them to explore how riverine food webs might change in the future. *(excellence, collaboration, sustainability)*
- ACRC and CFOS graduate students Claire Delbecq and Kevin Fitzgerald, and Emily Whitney (ACRC) presented their research at the 2023 Alaska Chapter of the American Fisheries Society Meeting in Fairbanks. *(excellence, collaboration, access)*
- ACRC research assistant and UAS Biology major Naomi Boyles-Muehleck presented her student research project at the 2023 Alaska Chapter of the American Fisheries Society Meeting in Fairbanks. Naomi was the runner up for best poster presentation for an undergraduate student for her poster entitled "Juvenile Coho Salmon growth patterns track biennial Pink Salmon spawning abundance fluctuations in a southeast Alaska watershed" *(excellence, collaboration, sustainability)*

Business & Public Administration

- Dr. Charla Brown
 - Has been elected to serve on the board of the Alaska Postsecondary Access and Completion Network (Alaska CAN!) in the At-Large Seat for a 3-year term. *(excellence, collaboration)*
 - Is in final preparation stages for the four-state conference planning committee for the NHRMA student event to be held at UAS' Auke Bay campus April 21-22. Conference is in part supported by our key stakeholder - Northrim Bank. *(collaboration)*
 - Attended "The Last Chapter" of the Pillars of America program in Juneau. *(collaboration)*
 - Continues to participate in the "Decolonizing Our Spaces" CELT workshops. *(excellence, diversity, collaboration)*
- Dr. Kristy Smith attended the ACBSP Council of Regional Chairs Leadership meeting on April 4, 2023. Kristy will be the chair of the committee beginning in July. *(collaboration, excellence)*
- BPA continues working on strategic planning, meeting with consultant Dr. Michele Thornton. A final report will be completed in June 2023. *(excellence, collaboration, sustainability)*
- Kristy continues working with adjunct faculty on incorporating OER texts into their courses. The most recent course, moving to OER, in Fall 2023 is BA263. BA498 will no longer require a textbook, rather students will be provided with a free research text. *(access, excellence, collaboration)*
- Dr. Carla Kroeze will attend the Heritage and Cultural Tourism conference in Sitka, AK from April 11 to 13, 2023. Also attending will be Dean Silkaitis, and Liz Zacher from the Humanities Program. *(Excellence, Collaboration, Diversity, Sustainability)*

Social Sciences

- Nguyet Nguyen's translation in Vietnamese of the book Waging Peace in Vietnam - US Soldiers and Veterans Who Opposed the War has been published in Vietnam. *(excellence, diversity, access)*
- Nguyet Nguyen has received a book contract from Cornell University Press for her manuscript entitled Antiwar Transnationalism - People's Diplomacy in the Vietnam War. *(excellence)*

Humanities

- Dr. Andrea Dewees presented a session, *Supporting Heritage Language Learners*, at the Pacific Northwest Council for Languages Virtual Regional Conference on February 24th and 25th, 2023. *(excellence, diversity)*

Ketchikan Campus

Dr. Priscilla Schulte, Campus Director

- Dr. Kasia Polanska and Dr. William Urquhart attended the Pacific Sociological Association meetings. (*excellence, collaboration*)
- The Ketchikan Campus Library is hosting their next *Ask UAS* presentation: Invasive European Green Crabs: How to identify them and where to report them with Tammy Davis from the Alaska Department of Fish and Game on Tuesday, April 24th at 6pm (*excellence, access, sustainability, stewardship*)
- Two Ketchikan Gateway Borough Schools district schools (Revilla High School and Tongass School of Arts and Sciences) did a tour of the Maritime Training Center. (*excellence, access, collaboration, sustainability, stewardship*)
- Southeast Island School District is touring the Maritime Training Center this week. (*excellence, access, collaboration, sustainability, stewardship*)
- The Marine Exchange students are scheduled to visit the Maritime Training Center next week. (*excellence, access, collaboration, sustainability, stewardship*)
- As part of the Watch it Wednesday film series the Library showed two films from Kanopy. The first was on April 12th and was titled "Gabriel Garcia Marquez: A Witch Writing;" the second was on April 19th and was titled "To Olivia: the true story of Roald Dahl."
- Science professors Charmaine Lewis and Barbara Morgan prepared a table of sea critters for the Ketchikan schools Da Vinci night highlighting science for young students. (*excellence, access, collaboration, sustainability, stewardship*)
- Maritime staff Ashley Ruis and Angie Goffredi presented Maritime and welding materials at Da Vinci night. (*excellence, access, collaboration, sustainability, stewardship*)
- The Maritime Training Center hosted a school group from Klawock. (*excellence, access, collaboration, sustainability, stewardship*)

Sitka Campus

Dr. Paul Kraft, Campus Director

The Sitka campus hosted a mini-Herring Film Festival featuring Filmmaker Andrés Javier Comacho as he presented his new film "A tale of two harvests" along with a film created by Louise Brady and UAS Sitka faculty Katelyn Stiles: Yee eedé tooshí áa [We Sing to You]. The 70 plus attendees enjoyed the learning experience.(*excellence, diversity, collaboration*)

Christina Galiza has joined the Sitka team as the campus Administrative Assistant, a role that will provides support for faculty, the director's office and the general public.. (*excellence*)

The campus hosted a farewell potluck lunch for Chancellor Carey allowing faculty and staff to express their appreciation for her years of service to all.

Luke Gibes and Dave Clarke, welding instructors, hosted a welding competition for students from local high schools and from the community. (excellence, collaboration)

Student Government is alive and well on the Sitka campus for the first time in years thanks to the hard work of many staff, primarily Aklei Helen Dangel. Multiple events and activities have occurred with more scheduled for the upcoming weeks.(access, diversity, sustainability)

The Commencement Planning Committee led by Terissia Bell have spent numerous hours preparing for the Commencement celebration on May 2nd. Former UAS Sitka employee and current Sitka Assemblywoman Crystal Duncan will give the keynote address. (excellence, collaboration)

Egan Library

Elise Tomlinson, Dean

Library

Egan Library joined the Friends of Egan Library, a network of the UAS Alumni and Friends Association, in hosting the 7th Annual UAS Authors' Celebration on Friday, April 14th. Dr. Angie Lunda was the featured speaker discussing research from her recently completed dissertation. There were also remarks from UAS Alumnus Artemio Sandoval on his musical collaboration with Dr. Heidi Pearson. Twenty nine UAS authors were recognized. Posters and a book display of their work will be up in the library for the coming month.
(excellence, diversity, access, collaboration, sustainability, and stewardship)

Writing Center

The UAS Writing Center will be celebrating the launch of their second physical journal publication "Summit", on Friday, April 21 from 5-6:30 in the Egan Lecture Hall and through Zoom. This year's publication features academic essays from nine UAS students.
(excellence, access, collaboration)

Learning / Testing Center

Our new Testing Supervisor has resigned with short notice. Due to this, the Juneau campus Testing Center will be open for very limited hours this summer. We will reopen the recruitment early in the fall. (access, collaboration, sustainability)

CELT

The recruitment for a new Juneau campus based instructional designer continues.

Alaska Native Programs / PITAAS

Ronalda Cadiente Brown, Associate Vice Chancellor

Meetings included in this summary Executive Cabinet, Chancellor's Cabinet, CACANE, School of Education Faculty, and external Sealaska Heritage Institute partner representatives and Douglas Indian Association representatives.

I had an opportunity to represent UAS and a Western conference of the Society of Colleges and University Planners (SCUP) in Sacramento, C.A. The session was entitled "Weaving an Indigenous Perspectives in Higher Education" with Master Plan consultants Jackie Eckhardt (DLR Group) and Puanani Maunu, and Chancellor Carey. The session featured the new UAS Master Plan, the process, and participation with the Alaska Native Success Initiative committee. The ANSI planning committee is no longer meeting regularly as UAS carries forward the plan. The PITAAS Program has seven (7) graduate degree seeking students enrolled in Summer cohorts. Marina Ogai recently completed an informational infographic on the program data to date and will be updated following commencement in May. [PITAAS Data Infographic](#) In conjunction with CACANE we are developing a padlet of information to assist with on-boarding of new employees with information on Alaska Native suggested resources. *(excellence, diversity, access, collaboration, sustainability, and stewardship)*

Administrative Services

Michael Ciri, Vice Chancellor

Grants, Contracts & Budget - Julie Vigil, Director

- FY24 Temp budget should be in Banner by May 1
- In partnership with the UA Foundation, a redesigned process for accessing funds at the foundation is in the works. Look for more information to be shared soon.
- If you haven't done so already, please make sure you've sent in your fall 2022 Effort Certifications. These were due 2/23/23. You can begin printing spring 2023 certifications on 5/16/2023. Spring will be due to our office by 6/15/23.

Information Technology - Michael Ciri, Director

No report.

Business Services - Jon Lasinski, Director

- Associate Bursar recruitment is in the interview stage.

- Chief Information Security Officer, Sean Hagan, will be on the Juneau campus the week of May 8th as part of the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act gap assessment.
- Internal Audit is conducting a UA wide bank reconciliation audit with plans of it being completed in May.

Human Resources - Louisa Cryan, UA Senior Business Partner for UAS

Open Enrollment - Open Enrollment (OE) will run from April 17th to May 5th, 2023. The OE website is live and houses all information needed to complete the open enrollment process.

*****Remember, all benefit-eligible employees must submit a form this year. The form will be active on the OE website on April 17, 2023 and will be removed on May 5th, 2023 at 5 p.m. If a benefit-eligible employee does not submit an OE form, they will be defaulted into a plan. Please review the OE website under section 2 "Changes for FY24" to understand the default and all other changes for this year's OE.***

Quick Links:

1. [OE Website](#)
2. [Benefit News](#) (houses all OE communications that have been sent out to date and we will update this section each time a newsletter is sent out from the benefits team)
3. Sign up for a live [TouchCare Training](#)
4. [TouchCare Benefits Literacy 101 Webinar](#) (recorded)
5. [TouchCare Benefits Literacy Quiz](#)
6. [Benefit Events Calendar](#) (scroll to the bottom of the page)

Please help UA HR with communications to your employees to ensure everyone submits a form by the deadline. (excellence, access)

Records Retention - The Talent Acquisition Team has been working to assure we are in compliance with records retention and we are initiating a new screening document storage process which will begin on April 24, 2023. Please refer to the following Knowledge Base Article (KBA) that contains a link to the storage and retention google doc:

<https://service.alaska.edu/TDClient/39/Portal/KB/ArticleDet?ID=1489> (excellence, access, collaboration)

Enrollment Management & Student Affairs

Lori Klein, Vice Chancellor

- Open searches in the division of Enrollment Management & Student Affairs: Director of Admissions, Rural Admissions Counselor, Financial Aid Advisor, Financial Aid Technician, Associate Director of Residence Life, Web Coordinator
- Working with the Strategic Enrollment Task Force to update our annual [Strategic Enrollment Plan](#).

- Dash Hillgartner, Director of Admissions is departing UAS - his last day is May 5. The department of Admissions (staff, services, functions) will report directly to Lori Klein in the interim.
- The Division of Enrollment Management & Student Affairs welcomes JoMarie Alba who will serve as the Alaska Native Student Retention Specialist. Dannielle Carlson previously served in this position, reporting to Vice Chancellor Ronalda Cadiente Brown. JoMarie, who is currently serving as a Term Assistant Professor of Biology, will start her new post on June 19th.

Admissions, Recruiting, and Advising - Dash Hillgartner, Director of Admissions

- Admissions supported SHI in hosting an American Indian Science & Engineering Society symposium that brought high school groups from Sitka, Cake, Angoon and Juneau to the Juneau campus. Students presented their research and attended presentations and panel discussions with admissions, the NRSC, and Career Services. (*excellence, collaboration, diversity, stewardship*)
- Admissions held its annual Junior Day event, hosting 60 local high school students on campus for a tour that included a degree pathways fair tabled by faculty members, a presentation from Resident Life and Study Away, and a panel discussion with current students at the recreation center. (*collaboration, sustainability, access*)
- Members of the Admissions team attended the LKSD College fair, the PNACAC Conference in Spokane, and the arrival of the first cruise ships in Juneau. (*stewardship, excellence*)

Career Services - Aimée Richards, Career Services Manager

- In collaboration with Admissions, presented to groups of students from Juneau, Sitka, Kake, and Angoon during an on-campus AISES event. (*excellence, collaboration, diversity, stewardship*)
- Successfully completed the recruitment and hiring of two UAS partner internships with the American Bald Eagle Foundation and the National Park Service (*excellence, collaboration, diversity, stewardship*)
- In partnership with the career services directors at UAA/UAF working to hire an Alaska Fellow to serve our three career services programs (*excellence, collaboration, stewardship*)
- Met with the Dean of A&S to discuss student career development opportunities in the academic side of the house, including the promotion and use of Handshake among faculty, students and employers (*excellence, collaboration, stewardship*)
- Coordinated a social media campaign and event for National Student Employee Appreciation Week (*excellence, collaboration, stewardship*)

Registrar's Office - Trisha Lee, Registrar

- Trisha attended AACRAO's (American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers) Annual Meeting at the end of March. (*diversity, collaboration*)
- Reminder: Spring 2023 grades are due by noon on May 10th. (*excellence, access, collaboration*)
- Prepared and sent Spring 2024 initial course schedule to academic departments. (*collaboration*)
- Currently working on the 2023-2024 academic catalog. (*excellence, access, collaboration, stewardship*)
- Ashley Morehouse will be joining our office on April 24th as our new Student Information Specialist (front counter). Please feel free to come say hi and introduce yourself! (*excellence, diversity*)

Creative Agency - Alison Krein, Creative Manager

- Placed a fall 2023 campaign on streaming, YouTube, and social media. (*excellence, collaboration*)
- Restructure event calendars on website (*collaboration, access*)
- Katy Jordan is returning on a reduced schedule to assist with Commencement (*collaboration, excellence*)

Financial Aid - Janelle Cook, Financial Aid Director

- Sean Hagan, Chief Information Security Officer will be on site doing a GLBA Gap Assessment in early May (*excellence, collaboration*). The [Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act](#) (GLBA) is a federal law in the United States that protects consumer financial privacy. It requires financial institutions to safeguard consumer data and explain their information security practices to their customers, while allowing consumers to opt out of having their information shared.
- The Department of Education delayed the Third-Party-Services Guidance by at least 6 months (*collaboration, access, stewardship*)
- Currently, awarding Foundation Scholarships and letters are sent out as we award (*excellence, access, collaboration, stewardship*)
- We are still looking for a Financial Aid Advisor and Technician, Please encourage people to apply! (*excellence, diversity, access*)

Students and Campus Life

Nathan Bodensadt, Dean of Students

- I'm excited to announce that Sean McCarthy has accepted a permanent position as the Director of Residence Life! (*Diversity, Excellence*)

Residence Life, Housing, and Dining - Sean McCarthy, Director of Residence Life

- UAS Housing's EBI (Evidence Based Intervention) Survey went out to all students living in campus housing this week. EBI is an annual assessment that provides University Housing with feedback from residence hall students to improve services and programs and positively impact their lives while living on campus. *(excellence, stewardship, access, diversity, sustainability, collaboration)*
- Our Summer Student Housing is officially full for the Summer 2023 stay. If you know of students that are still looking for summer housing, they can still apply, but will be placed on a waitlist in case additional spaces open up. *(excellence, access)*
- Housing applications are up 26 total apps for Fall of 2023 from this time last year. *(excellence, stewardship)*
- Student Housing move out is May 8th by noon at the latest. If you have a class that has extended dates or know of students who may need to stay late, please encourage them to contact us at (907) 796-6443, to set up a late check out date. *(access)*

Native & Rural Student Center - Kolene James, Student Equity and Multicultural Services Manager

NRSC

-we're conducting our second round of outreach to our Alaska Native/Native American Grads and inviting them to our Annual Native Graduation Celebration May 7, 11am-12:30pm, EG library *(excellence, diversity, access, collaboration, sustainability, and stewardship)*

-tutoring services offered in the NRSC by Science and Wrtg Faculty every Tuesday and Wednesday, and Tlingit language Friday, for more information please contact Kolene. *(excellence, diversity, access, collaboration, sustainability, and stewardship)*

-we're hosting our last wellness and healing event through Gaaw Jineit (made by hand time) April 28, we're preparing salve and body butter with locally harvested herbal tea. *(excellence, diversity, access, collaboration, sustainability, and stewardship)*

Clubs

-Both AAPI and Woonch.Een head out overnight camping April 22, this is a fellowship event. *(excellence, diversity, access, collaboration, sustainability, and stewardship)*

-AAPI is hosting their first campus event honoring their heritage April 29, 5pm-7pm at the REC Center *(excellence, diversity, access, collaboration, sustainability, and stewardship)*

-Woonch.Een is hosting the Annual Native Graduation Celebration May 7, 11am-12:30pm, EG library *(excellence, diversity, access, collaboration, sustainability, and stewardship)*

Student Engagement & Leadership - Mallory Nash, Student Engagement Manager

SAB

- Next Thursday, SAB will host SEAGLA to provide students with an opportunity to build community and make crafts for Pride 2023. (*excellence, diversity, access, collaboration, sustainability, and stewardship*)
- SAB will host Julia Keefe Indigenous Big Band for the Alaska Airlines Student Concert Series at UAS on Saturday, May 6 at 2 p.m. in the Noyes Pavilion. This is a partnership between Rock Aak'w Indigenous Music Festival and the Juneau Jazz & Classics to bring 11 musicians from around the state to Juneau, Alaska. (*excellence, diversity, access, collaboration, sustainability, and stewardship*)

SGUAS-JC

- The student body elected Almeria Alcantra as the President for SGUAS-JC Fall 2023. (*excellence, stewardship*)

Whalesong

- Whalesong has some exciting news on Thursday. Pick up the last print of the semester and stay tuned to their social media for a big announcement. (*excellence, access, collaboration, sustainability, and stewardship*)

Clubs

- The AAPI club will hold a cultural awareness event on April 29, Saturday from 5 - 7 p.m. at the UAS REC Center for the UAS community to enjoy traditional Filipino food and create culturally relevant art. (*excellence, diversity, access, collaboration, sustainability, and stewardship*)

Disability Services, Health Clinic & Counseling - Carrie Kline, Lead Counselor

Disability Services

Number of active students (83), total accommodation requests (271), number of classes with accommodations (159). (*excellence, diversity, access*)

Ongoing ORCA partnership: outdoor recreation activities for students ages 18-21 with disabilities. Last outing is kayaking on 4/28. (*excellence, diversity, access, collaboration, and stewardship*)

Continuing to roll out AIM, the new DS accommodation management system. (*access*)

Jenny is presenting at department meetings on accessibility and the DS process. Please reach out if interested in having her present. (*excellence, diversity, access, collaboration, sustainability, and stewardship*)

Counseling

A new case manager has been hired to support student services. Devin Tatro will be joining the team on August 1, 2023 (*excellence, diversity, access, collaboration, sustainability, and stewardship*)

Health Clinic

- The Clinic has served 130 students so far this year (*access*)
- The Clinic closes on May 5th for Summer Break (*sustainability*)

Recreation Center - Dave Klein, Associate Director of Campus Recreation

No report this month.

Facilities Services

Nathan Leigh, Director

April's edition of the Facilities Services newsletter "[The Level](#)" gives you a fun example of why UAS is guided by the Values of *excellence, diversity, access, collaboration, sustainability and stewardship*.

We are still looking for people to work on our ground crew. They can be part-time, temporary, students, full time etc.. If you know of anyone who may be interested send them to careers.alaska.edu.

Please let us know if you see some building facility that is broken and needs to be fixed. Just fill out our work order online [HERE](#).

Chancellor's Advisory Committee on Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, & Cultural Safety (DEICS)

Dr. Math Trafton and Courtney MacArthur, co-Chairs

The DEICS committee held its first annual retreat meeting in Juneau on Friday, March 31. During this meeting, which took the place of the regularly scheduled two-hour monthly meeting, the committee met to reflect on its work through the current academic year. The committee drafted a AY23 Annual Report, identifying the accomplishments of the committee and its various subcommittees. Additionally, the report offers, for the incoming chancellor's consideration,

some proposed changes to the charge, structure, and focus of the DEICS committee in order to strengthen its work in the coming academic year. The committee will finalize this report during its final AY23 meeting on Friday, April 28. At that meeting, the committee will also review membership service for the upcoming AY24.

Chancellor's Advisory Committee on Alaska Native Education (CACANE)

Mischa Jackson and Janelle Cook, co-Chairs

Met to go over ANKGR Requirements (*access, diversity, excellence, collaboration*)

Working with subcommittees focusing on initiatives under ANSI (*collaboration, diversity*)