



Commencement
2020



To our extraordinary graduates:

As UAS Chancellor, I want to use this opportunity to share my congratulations to you and all of our graduates in the Class of 2020! As you know, I'm having to do this virtually because of the challenges created by the COVID-19 pandemic. I'm sorry that I do not get to express my congratulations in person. One of the most special things I get to do each year is shake the hand of each and every one of you as you walk across the stage at Commencement. Sadly, that cannot happen this year. But that fact does not diminish my heartfelt congratulations to each and every one of you.

Your graduation is a huge achievement, and I hope you take the time to reflect on what an important accomplishment it is. It's common knowledge that college graduates

earn more money over their lifetime than non-graduates. And college graduates typically are more attractive to employers, and have better job security and job satisfaction. But beyond just the financial rewards and job opportunities, your education also expands your vision of the world—making you a better citizen and contributor to the health and well-being of our communities. It also helps you be better equipped to deal with adversity and uncertainty—including challenges like the COVID-19 pandemic. Moreover, in completing your degree you are blazing a trail for those around you, whether a spouse or children, or other members of your extended family. You are a role model for those who come after you. Congratulations!

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "R. Crawford".

Degree Recipients 2020

The University of Alaska Southeast is pleased to honor graduates from summer 2019, fall 2019, and spring 2020 in this year's ceremony. UAS students pursue their studies from many different locations across Alaska. We offer congratulations to those graduates who could not be here today.



Honors

summa cum laude - 4.0 G.P.A.

magna cum laude - 3.8 G.P.A.

cum laude - 3.5 G.P.A.

All college work attempted, including that attempted at other institutions, is considered in the calculation of honors. Honors at commencement are based on grades through the fall semester, and calculations may be revised after spring grades have been posted. Honors are not awarded to certificate and graduate degree students.

2020 UAS DEGREE RECIPIENTS

Certificate

Accounting Technician

Clara Rosemary Ahtclaseayek
Gilbert Thomas Goodrich
Kelly Michelle Moore
Meadow L. Muench
Reuella T. Nierra
Kacie Jay Timothy

Drafting Technology

Amanda E. Filori
Sophie M. Lager
Willa N. Madden Wood

Outdoor Skills & Leadership

Eva Marie Bingham
Naomi Wynn Boyles-Muehleck
Hope Courtney
Henry Ishikawa
Mark John Krumwiede
Erin McCarthy
Sam Fabian Lee Vivegnis

Pre-Nursing Qualifications

Kayli L. Backes
Tailer Erin Olsson
Chelsea Stonex

Pre-Radiologic Technology Qualifications

Korbyn Elizabeth Powers

Small Business Management

Yolanda Hernandez Cordero
Annmarie Roles
Lucienne Ortiguerra Shoemaker

Associate of Arts

Heather B. Alducin
Joey E. Barnes
Mikko Joseph Barribeau
Benedick Allen S. Benin

Cum Laude

Jacqueline I. Bennum
Brooke Bird
William Tyrel Brand
Julianne Renee Tumulak Brown
Angela Charles
Ashley Schae Cunningham
Cum Laude
Mark Anthony Relizan Dulay
Sara Elizabeth Inman

Cum Laude

Rhoda G. Jensen
Miranda Rae Kellerhals
Siniva A. Maka
Michelle Marie Manning
Christine Shanay Moore
Paula Munoz Leyva

Cum Laude

Marina I. Ogai
Cum Laude
Thomas J. Paige-Maciejko
Cum Laude

Ashlee E. Peters
Korbyn Elizabeth Powers
Cum Laude

Noah R. Reishus-O'Brien
Ryan J. Roguska
Kyle T. Sielbach
Scott S. Sundberg
Savana Ververs
Lauren Marie Wall

Associate of Applied Science

Business Administration

Sharadee Fariolan
Deena R. Larue
Young Ji Shimabukuro
Stacia E. Wall

2020 UAS DEGREE RECIPIENTS

Accounting

Wayne A. Cook

Toni A. Daniels

Tumy Vu Dolan

Magna Cum Laude

Alisa H. Elie

Brad Kenneth Hall

Eric Trip McDonald

Cum Laude

Megan Leigh M. Moskito

Kyonia Melainie Williams

General Business

Alexander K. Bearden

Kathryn Brownlee

Caitlin Marie Coreson

Cum Laude

Arthur Ramos Felarca Jr.

Cum Laude

Tina J. Fifarek

Charlene K. Hoffay

Jacy Roseann Johnson

Magna Cum Laude

Noelani H. Kamahale

Karlesa L. Lobaugh

Christian Luna

Lindsay Jane Malone

Kaitlyn E. Mountcastle

Simon Kolea Murayama

Henry W. Prussing

Michael Casamis Salita

Augustina Louise Sanchez

Heather Elaine Schimanski-Lee

Elisha Rae Thibodeau

Irene Solidum Wynn

Construction Technology

Sophie M. Lager

Willa N. Madden Wood

Cum Laude

Health Sciences

Kayli L. Backes

Penelope Kay Litzen

Magna Cum Laude

Cayla Ray Rogers

Chelsea Stonex

Evelyne Jeanne Tunley-Daymude

Sara A. Wood

Cum Laude

Power Technology

Diesel

Johnathan M. Germain

Cum Laude

Young H. Nguyen

Richard Jack Allen Siverly

Kevin R. Wilkins

Mine Mechanic

Sage Marie Glamann

Deven J. Mason

Associate of Science

Kylie Renée Buzzek

Austin L. Knull

Sarah Ann Lofthus

Ariana Maelee Randall

Bachelor of Arts

Biology

Alicia Victoria McGuire

Abigail Delong Query

Magna Cum Laude

Elementary Education

Corilyn Stella Adams

Cum Laude

Jillian Leigh Andersen

Lena Elizabeth Andrist

Cum Laude

Carolyn Jean Axelson

Cum Laude

2020 UAS DEGREE RECIPIENTS

Kayla Brooke Beaulieu

Cum Laude

Rachel Joy Bjorklund

Magna Cum Laude

Savannah Blue Bonfield

Randall Wayne Brown

Emily Alicia Coy

Chrysta Jean Dillard

Jeanette Anne Drysdale

Amanda Eileen Friendshuh

Magna Cum Laude

Sean M. Hagensieker

Magna Cum Laude

Ivory R. Hudon

Anna Igorevna Kharyton

Cum Laude

Kalene Rochelle Koelling

Xaviera Lee

Alyssa Ann Lefebvre

Hailee Mikal Miller

Kaitlynn Elizabeth Miller

Cum Laude

Kirsten Jean Morlan

Taylor Ann Murphy

Cum Laude

Christopher John Olsen

Katrina G. Phillipps

Samantha Victoria Phillips

Rebecca Lynne Polum

Cum Laude

Virginia Marie Riedel

Magna Cum Laude

Kieran Lane Romero

Cum Laude

Tully Nicole Sandbom

Marjourie Anne Solano

Rachael Stratton Stewart

Jessica Allison Vincent

Allison Erin Weinzirl

Rose L. Wolfe

Cum Laude

English

Kirsten Marie McDonald

Ryan J. Roguska

Kelsey Anne Walsh

Cum Laude

Callie Ziegler

Cum Laude

Geography, Environmental, and Outdoor Studies

Steven P. Wickenkamp

Geography and Environmental Studies

Morgan Jean-Marie Johnson

Artemio A. Sandoval

Outdoor Studies

Kathleen Brigid Kinneen McCaffrey

Cum Laude

Social Science

Julie Marie Anderson

Laura Elizabeth Baldwin

Robyn S. Branson

Danaya M. Caldwell

Dana Crowley

Richard P. Doogan

Joanna N. Hamblin

Cum Laude

Alexandra F. Hiley

Anthony B. Kalk

Mina Kim

Tatiana M. King

Cum Laude

Olga M. Lipson

Lydia Christine Lyons

Daniel Paul MacDonald

Danielle G. Marcano

Cum Laude

Kaitlyn Nichole Morgan

Jessica Shannon Murph

Edward Joseph Blas Sablan

2020 UAS DEGREE RECIPIENTS

Nicole L. San Nicolas
Cassidy L. Somerville
Lacey Lyn Stock
Cum Laude

Special Education

Kathryn Gwen Bakker
AnnaMae Sue Cline
Magna Cum Laude
Margaret Amelia Shalit
Cum Laude
Britany A. White

Bachelor of Business Administration

Accounting

Billie K. Austin
Cum Laude
Cody A. Campbell
Alicia Dawn Hobbs Campbell
Tyrone Leonard Casteel
Kelly Chapman
Cum Laude
Irene M. Churchill
Cum Laude
Sharadee Fariolan
Meagan Lavonne Holmes
Breanna Marie Homestead
Tanna Yvonne Lewis
Magna Cum Laude
Lauri M. Lingafelt
Nancy E. Miller
Casey C. Orbeck
Emily A.H. Remmer
Daniel H. Van Vleet
Jimmie Wilson
Julie M. Windsor
Cum Laude

Human Resource Management

Cristi Ann Cochran
Cum Laude
Carlos Meda Frias
Cum Laude
Emily Margaret Navarro
Cum Laude
Annmarie Roles
Mark Rosales
Alixandrea Faith Ruprecht
Aurora Marie Warrior

Management

Chad Elijah Beckley
Caitlin Marie Coreson
Cum Laude
Breanne Carol Erickson
Kalynn Nicole Fehrs
Magna Cum Laude
Delta Lee Jackleen Fettes
Mary M. Giuliani
Kathryn Violet Noreen
Henry W. Prussing
Brooke Ashley Skjold
Nanette R. Solanoy
Cum Laude
Patricia Nicole Stangeland
Keegan Sunny Sundberg
Cassarina C.D. Walkenford
Cum Laude
James Clayton Wiggins

Management Information Systems

Alesha A. Long
Kristofer C. Maenhout
James F. Zuelow Jr.

2020 UAS DEGREE RECIPIENTS

Bachelor of Liberal Arts

Alaska Native Languages and Studies

Julianne Renee Tumulak Brown

Claire R. Helgeson

Cum Laude

Rose A. Willard

Independent Design

Rylee Elizabeth Landen

Cum Laude

Interdisciplinary Studies

Mindy Rose Bain

Cum Laude

Paula Bengtson

India Mae Busby

Jessica Sue Dominy

Joseph Jay Greenough

Taylor M. Hrupek

Jessie S. Huett

Brooke L. Keller

Michelle E. Rhein

Emily Paige Stephens

Cum Laude

Catherine E. Walsh

Travis Dan Westby

Bachelor of Science

Biology

Aaron Wallace Lambert

Magna Cum Laude

Maggie Lynn Shields

Environmental Science

Melissa M. Arnold

Ashley R. Bruce

Kelly R. Gerlach

Connor M. Johnson

Abigail Clare Nathlich

Sarah Novell-Lane

Gretchyn Lorenn O'Donnell

McKenzie B. Wilson

Fisheries and Ocean Sciences

Kayla Marie Drumm

Geography and Natural Resources

Eva Marie Bingham

Khrystl Starlene Brouillette-Janes

Cum Laude

Fredrik S. Thorsteinson

Muriel Hannah Walatka

Marine Biology

Chloe C. Bee

Celia Faye Bower

Elizabeth A. Bryson

Spirit Conley

Cami Danielle De Silva

Jacob William Eberhardt

Cum Laude

Mari Fester

Zachary Hunter Johanson

Erica Kay Lucas

Trevor James McLean

Tonia Qanannaq Osborne

Tracy Paige Pedersen

Michael Ringenberg

Alexandra Julia Waldschmidt

Nicholas Daniel Robert Whicker

Mathematics

Amy J. Jensen

Magna Cum Laude

Kathryn F. Price

Magna Cum Laude

2020 UAS DEGREE RECIPIENTS

Master of Arts in Teaching

Elementary Education

Anastasia Sergeevna Anisimova

Michelle Barina

Julia Paige Chambers

Sarah Kate Dennison

Julie Carolyn Drozdowski

Gillian L. Edwards

Sasha V. Graves

Donna Louise Gurley

Nathan Jeffery Heeringa

Deanna K. Herning

Jennifer Ione Kasarjian

Jill Krueger

Daniel R. Kullander

Cheryl Marie Linthicum

Molly Lynn McFarland

Caitlin McNeil

Stephanie Powell

Kristen C. Pratt

Dawn R. Rauwolf

Christina E. Reid

Rita Luanne Shannon

Jane Elizabeth Wahlman

Courtney Marie Wilhelm

Teresa Worthy

Anita Merrigan Youngman

Secondary Education

Samuel Solomon Beckett

Nathan Alexander Burns

Jared Dale

Elizabeth Earl

Brendan Harrington

Elizabeth Katherine Hollers

Kirby Fowler Kauffman

Danyelle DeShun Kimp

Robert Kirchner

Caesar John Marciales

Taylor Robert Masterson

Kaitelyn Elizabeth McDonald

Charles Michael McKenry Jr.

Michel Lessard Meersman

Kynsey L. Miller

Nathanael Heath Nielsen

Thomas Malter Parker

Daniel Alan Smith

Jessica May Smyke

Kody P. Trombley

Ginger Marie White

Special Education

Deroy Scott Brandt

Adam Dawson Clark

Shea Nash

Connor McCarthy Wall

Melisse C. Wise

Master of Education

Educational Leadership

Jennifer McArthur Barnes

Natasha Baumgartner

Connie L. Christian

Evelyn Alice Esmailka

James Bryan Harris

M. Megan Hayes

Sarah L. Hutchison

Scott Allen Jonsson

Michael T. Kage

Gretchen Ellen Kelly

Theronn D. King

Adam Krick

Andrew William Larrabee

Cassie Ann MacDonald

Elizabeth James Marks

Nathan McArthur

Lyle Walter Melkerson

Nancy Louise Mills

Brittany Nichole Nerland

2020 UAS DEGREE RECIPIENTS

Adriana Elizabeth Northcutt
Teresa Marie Paukan
Pavla Fedotovna Tyson
Colby Way
Johanna Wood

Learning Design and Technology

Galina Kolosova Bell
Sandor Adams Brown
Holly G. Filyaw

Mathematics Education

Keri L. Gray
Alice Renay Sage
Kurtis Montgomery Schoenberg

Reading Specialist

Laura Marie Anania
Leslie Ruth Harter
Jeannie Rose Lindsey
Jessica Lee Marks
Kristin Marie Starr
Camille M. Varin

Special Education

Zachary Ross Budrew
Young Curry
Katherine Ryan Delaney
Myrna L. Everhart
Peggy Jean Farnes
Tina Marie Haas
Anna Katrina Hercha
Sarah Justine King
Haley Marie Krautbauer
Stacey Marie Menkens
Lauren Nicole Peters
Rachel Scott
Steven Lawrence Shannon

Master of Public Administration

Donna Elliott Bach
Sarah Jean Belmont
Nathan Andrew Block
Louisa R. Cryan
Kirsti Anne de Vries
Mackenzie Renee Harvey
Qian Wen Jiang
Vanessa Joan Ketzler
Monique Martin
Conor R. O'Dea
Jessica C. Pierson
Melanie M. Rodriguez
Mercedes Marie Sarandria
Nathel Colleen Sims
Elizabeth-Ann Neufeld Smith
Tracy Lynn Thomas
Jaylene Z. Wheeler
Hayley Renee Williams

Higher Education

Christina Ray Johnson
Austin L. Osborne

Municipal Governance

Muriel Dawn Brower
Jordan Keith Donald Chilson
Kathrine Frances Coonjohn

Natural Resource Policy

Megan Michelle Anderson
Iris E. Crook
Jenny Amundsen Di Grappa
Lawrence Ignace
Yvonne C. Yang

Rural Development

Selina Jessie Sam

2020 UAS DEGREE RECIPIENTS

Graduate Certificates

Educational Technology

Erika N. Apathy
Galina Kolosova Bell
Melissa A. Towarak

Elementary Education

Russell Alan Baker
Michelle Barina
Melanie Leslie Baski
Rebekah Faith Beckett
Anna Beck Breuninger
Heather S. Caldwell
Anastasia Konstantinovna Carnahan
Timothy P. Chandler
Cheryl D. Fuchs
Rebecca L. Gaguine
Gary Scott Gibbs
Mark Glasionov
Qiaoling Guo
Sondra Elin Howard
Katherine Pacetti Ladd
Verna Miller
Dawn R. Rauwolf
Sarah Beth Rowley
Bridey L. Short
Elizabeth F. Sutphin
Stefanie Ann Tschappat
Teresa Worthy

Mathematics Education K-8

Keri L. Gray
Carrie E. Lambert

Reading Specialist

Laura Marie Anania
Jeannie Rose Lindsey

Secondary Education

Joanna E. Hinks

Special Education

Teeka Anice Ballas
Shannon Michelle Jones
Sarah Justine King
Lauren Nicole Peters
Rachel Scott
Steven Lawrence Shannon
Kari Yadao

Occupational Endorsements

Accountant

Yolanda Hernandez Cordero
Melissa Cathleen Hamilton
Rhyan A. Nydam

Certified Nurse Aide Training

Dallas J. Aguiar
Daniel Forrest Bishop
Kit Marie Burroughs
Brett Wyoming Carr
Megan A. Dallas
Nerissa Calsada Fernandez
Nakenna Kotlarov
Kimberly Ann Kotlarov
Kimberly R. Laboca
Miranda L. Lind
Maira Faatalatala Mareko
Caila McCoy
Sabrina Robidoux
Shaye L. Skillings
Patricia Tuiai
Melissa Jo Van Alen
Samantha L. Wiley

Financial Institutions

Stephanie Kristine Ritter
David M. Stafford

2020 UAS/UAF DEGREE RECIPIENTS

Power Technology

Diesel/Marine

Nicholas F. Heidersdorf

Mine Mechanic

Nicholas F. Heidersdorf

Residential/Light Construction

Ionel D. Casulucan

John Anthony Nance Garner

Violet Elizabeth Johnson

Daniel Leblanc-Tweedy

Isaiah R. Nelson

Exterior Finishes

Penn Frieda Frawley Lamb

Welding Technology

Darrin Darringer Austin

Austin Brumfield

Nicholas F. Heidersdorf

Jeremy Tucker Reece

Jake W. Tanner

UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA FAIRBANKS

Bachelor of Arts

Social Work

John Henry Hawkins

Outstanding Student Academic Awards 2020



Kathryn Bakker

Bachelor of Arts, Special Education

Chad Beckley

*Bachelor of Business Administration, Management
Bob Ellis Award for Outstanding Graduate in Management*

Robyn Branson

Bachelor of Arts, Social Science

Khrystyl Brouillette-Janes

*Bachelor of Science, Geography and Environmental Resources
Outstanding Student in Geography*

Tyrone Casteel

Bachelor of Business Administration, Accounting

Jacob Eberhardt

Bachelor of Science, Marine Biology

Carlos Meda Frias

Bachelor of Business Administration, Human Resource Management

Amanda Friendshuh

Bachelor of Arts, Elementary Education

Outstanding Student Academic Awards 2020



Claire Helgeson

Bachelor of Liberal Arts, Alaska Native Languages and Studies

Aaron Lambert

Bachelor of Science, Biology

Eric McDonald

Associate of Applied Science, Business Administration

Verna Miller

Graduate Certificate, Elementary Education

Sarah Novell-Lane

Bachelor of Science, Environmental Science

Abigail Query

Bachelor of Arts, Biology

Mercedes Marie Sarandria

Master of Public Administration

Ernest Gruening Award for Outstanding Graduate in Public Administration

Jessica Smyke

Master of Arts in Teaching, Secondary Education

Kelsey Walsh

Bachelor of Arts, English



Ms. Emily Edenshaw



*2020 Commencement
Speaker*

Emily is the Executive Director of the Alaska Native Heritage Center in Anchorage. She is from Emmonak, Alaska, and previously lived here in Southeast Alaska where she worked for the Central Council of Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska. She is Yup'ik / Iñupiaq.

She is a Ph.D. student in Indigenous studies at the University of Alaska Fairbanks. She holds an Executive Master of Business Administration in Strategic Leadership from Alaska

Pacific University, and a Bachelor of Arts in Journalism and Public Communications from the University of Alaska Anchorage.

Emily is a young Alaska Native woman who is determined to not let life's circumstances define who she is. She is living proof that with courage, dedication, and a love for higher learning, you can create the change you want to see in yourself and your community.



Ms. Khrystl Brouillette



2020 Student Speaker

Ms. Khrystl Brouillette has served as the editor of our student newspaper, *The Whalesong*. She is graduating today with a Bachelor of Science in Geography and Environmental Resources, cum laude.



Dr. Richard Caulfield



Chancellor Emeritus

Dr. Richard Caulfield serves as Chancellor at the University of Alaska Southeast, providing strategic leadership in fulfilling UAS's mission, including budget development, academic planning and program assessments, student and enrollment services, administrative services, and community relations.

Within the University of Alaska statewide system he has been a leader in advancing innovations in teacher education, arctic social sciences, higher education leadership, Alaska Native and minority student education, and online programs. Caulfield's extensive university career includes teaching, research, and service that led to tenure and promotion to the rank of full professor at UAF. He served as a department chair, academic program leader, campus director and dean. He took the position of UAS Provost in

2010, and as Chancellor in 2015.

Caulfield earned his Ph.D. in the United Kingdom in 1994 based upon research about aboriginal subsistence whaling in Greenland and the Arctic. He earned a Master of Education from the University of Alaska Fairbanks (UAF), and B.A. and B.S. degrees with honors in political science and natural resources from the University of California, Berkeley. He speaks Danish and Kalaallisut, the Greenlandic Inuit language. Rick and his wife Annie have three grown children. He is active in Southeast Alaska community affairs, having served on boards and committees with the Juneau World Affairs Council, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Juneau Economic Development Council, Southeast Conference, and the Alaska Coastal Rainforest Center.



Mr. Clark Gruening



2020 Honorary Doctor of Laws

The University of Alaska uses the occasion of Commencement to recognize outstanding service to the state of Alaska with the conferring of Honorary Doctorates. The principal criterion for individuals to receive an honorary degree from the University of Alaska is evidence of a significant and lasting contribution to the community and to the state of Alaska in the individual's discipline or profession.

Mr. Clark Gruening is known throughout Alaska for his contributions to our state. Born in California, but raised in Juneau, Clark graduated from Juneau Douglas High School in 1961. University of Oregon granted him a bachelor's degree in political science in 1965, and he earned his Juris Doctor with honors from George Washington University in 1969. Clark is the grandson of the well-known Ernest Gruening, who was the Alaska territorial governor from 1939 to 1953.

Clark served two terms in the House of Representatives for the Alaska Legislature. During this time, he was a

key instigator of the Alaska Permanent Fund.

Clark has gone above and beyond any expectations in supporting so many good causes throughout his life in Alaska. There is a long list of his contributions to our state's philanthropic and public service sectors, including many years of work with the Juneau Community Foundation, the Foraker Group, Southeast Alaska Independent Living (SAIL) and Outdoor Recreation Community Access (ORCA).

In her support letter, Karen Crane noted, "Clark is effective working behind the scenes. He doesn't look for recognition or acclaim. Over the years he gained the respect of legislators on both sides of the aisle. While he worked for Juneau, that respect came from legislators knowing that he worked for the "we", for all Alaskans. Clark has been a quiet force for many years and I believe he deserves to be recognized by UAS for his many known and unknown efforts to make both Juneau and Alaska a better place."



Mr. William Todd Hunt



2020 Meritorious Service Award Recipient

Mr. William Todd Hunt has an impressive record of service as a musical conductor and instrumentalist in a wide variety of operatic productions and musical ensembles in Juneau and in Alaska, as well as nationally and internationally. Known as Maestro Hunt by local vocalists and musicians, we wish to honor his dedication to Juneau's arts community with this award, recognizing his dedication in cultivating the talents of local musicians and mounting musical productions of outstanding quality. Todd holds degrees in Bachelor of Music in Performance from the University of Louisville, Kentucky and a Master of Music in Instrumental Conducting from Indiana University. He has received training from master conductors internationally. Invited in 1999 to conduct *A Little Night Music* for Juneau Lyric Opera, Todd Hunt fell in love with Juneau and has made this Southeast Alaska community his home since.

Over the past five years alone, he has been the conductor or an instrumentalist in more than twenty musical productions in Juneau. Maestro Hunt is the Artistic Director of the Orpheus Project opera company, and founder and Music Director of the Amalga Chamber Orchestra. He has served as Conductor for Juneau Lyric Opera, Taku Winds ensemble of the Juneau Community Bands, and Perseverance Theatre, and has served as a rehearsal conductor and guest conductor for the Juneau Symphony. He has shared his musical talents as a conductor across the State of Alaska, nationally, and internationally.

His amazing commitment to music and the arts in Juneau was expressed in seven heartfelt letters of support for this Meritorious Service Award nomination. Sara McNair-Grove, President of the Taku Winds captured the overall sentiment in her statement, "Todd is one of the unsung heroes of the Juneau arts community."



Ms. Sharon Gaipman



2020 Meritorious Service Award Recipient

Ms. Sharon Gaipman has been an integral part of the Juneau community since she came to Alaska 40 years ago. Her involvement and contributions are not restricted to merely one area of focus but span and intertwine a broad spectrum of our community. Where there is a need, Sharon Gaipman will certainly be involved. Just a few of the organizations Sharon has served include KTOO public radio, the Juneau Rotary Club, the Bartlett Hospital Foundation, the Alaska Travel Industry Association, the Student Youth Travel Association, the Juneau Convention & Visitors Bureau, among many others.

Sharon holds a Bachelor of Arts in Speech from the State University of New York at Brockport. She completed coursework towards a master's degree in Broadcasting/Telecommunications from Kent State University in Ohio.

Sharon has received many honors during her time in Alaska. She has received the Mayor's Award for the Arts – Patron of the Arts, has been Rotarian of the Year, and is a member of the Hall of Fame for the Alaska Visitors Association, Pacific Northwest Chapter. She received the Denali Award from the Alaska Travel Industry Association, was selected as Grand Marshal of the Juneau 4th of July Parade, and was appointed as staff to the White House Conference on Tourism.

In her support letter, violinist Dr. Linda Rosenthal noted, "Sharon's commitment to community service and volunteerism is legendary. Sharon is an expert and tireless at whatever task she undertakes. Her vitality, intelligence and imagination have been the keystones to a tremendous number of community projects and important developments throughout the time she has lived in Juneau."

Congratulations!

On behalf of the UAS Alumni Association, congratulations on achieving a milestone event in your life – earning your degree! As you embark on your new path, we hope you will remember the time you spent with the University with fondness. We'd love to keep in touch with you as you move on. As you are now an alumnus of UAS, we hope you will consider joining the UAS Alumni Association to stay connected with the University, be invited to special events, and show your support for UAS.

*Stay Connected
and be a Part of Something Bigger
Please join us by becoming a member of
UAS Alumni & Friends Association.*

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Each graduate will receive a free tassel and pin, to be mailed in early summer.

Alaska's Flag Song

Alaska's Flag
Words by Marie Drake
Music by Elinor Dusenberry

Eight stars of gold, on a field of blue
Alaska's flag, may it mean to you
the blue of the sea, the evening sky
the mountain lakes, and the flowers near by
The gold of the early sourdough's dreams
the precious gold of the hills and streams
the brilliant stars in the northern sky
the bear, the dipper, and shining high
the great north star with its steady light
o'er land and sea, a beacon bright
Alaska's flag to Alaskans dear,
the simple flag of the last frontier



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