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University of Alaska Southeast Sitka Campus Advisory Council

In recognition of the importance of citizen involvement in the planning and implementation of higher education programs and services for the state of Alaska, the Board of Regents established Campus Councils for the University of Alaska Southeast. The UAS Sitka Campus Advisory Council offers guidance to our Campus and serves as a link for our public constituencies to the Board of Regents. We thank them for their service.

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UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA SOUTHEAST Sitka Campus

Commencement

May 1, 2020 • UAS Sitka Campus

Honoring the Class of 2020





SPRING COMMENCEMENT

May 1, 2020

Chancellor Richard A. Caulfield presiding

PROCESSIONAL.....“POMP AND CIRCUMSTANCE” by EDUARDELGAR

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS MATH TRAFTON
 UAS Sitka Campus Director
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 Chancellor

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS RACHEL ROY
 Executive Director, Sitka Chamber of Commerce

FACULTY REFLECTION LAUREN WILD
 Adjunct Faculty, Biology

STUDENT REFLECTION VICTORIA WALLACE
 Health Information Management Graduation

DEGREE GRADUATE OF DISTINCTION AWARDS SUSIE FEERO
 Associate Professor, Health Information Management

KITTY LABOUNTY
 Associate Professor, Biology

JOEL MARKIS
 Professor, Fisheries Technology

RECOGNITION OF GED SCHOLARS AUDREY BEAM
 Learning Center Manager

RECOGNITION OF OCCUPATIONAL ENDORSEMENTS. DAVID FELTS
 Student Success Center Manager

CONFERRAL OF CERTIFICATES AND DEGREES CHANCELLOR CAULFIELD
 with Regent Sherri Buretta

CLOSING REMARKS MATH TRAFTON

RECESSIONAL CROWNING GLORY, ALFRED REED



2020 COMMENCEMENT SPEAKERS

Rachel Roy COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS



Rachel is the Executive Director for the Greater Sitka Chamber of Commerce. Her Tlingit name is Yákw'tsaa and is a member of the Sitka Kaagwaantaan Clan (Eagle/Bear). She was a recipient of the UA Scholars Program after graduating from Pacific High School and attended the University of Alaska Southeast-Sitka Campus graduating with her Associates of Arts in 2005. She then went to Sheldon Jackson College for her Bachelors in Business Administration where she obtained in 2008 before moving on to get her Masters in Business Administration from University of Alaska Fairbanks in 2009. She is thankful to be living in Sitka and raising her two children, Madison (17) and Jacob (7) in this beautiful community.

Lauren Wild FACULTY REFLECTION

Lauren was born and raised in Sitka, Alaska. She spent most of her childhood in the outdoors. After graduating from Sitka High School, she attended Brandeis University in Boston, Massachusetts, where she graduated with a B.A. in International and Global Studies, and a minor in Mathematics. During a study abroad semester in Madagascar, Lauren became interested in marine science and whale research, and she began volunteering for Jan Straley, a professor of Biology and whale researcher at UAS Sitka Campus. In 2009 she returned to Southeast Alaska and was hired as a research technician on the Southeast Alaska Sperm Whale Avoidance Project (SEASWAP), a collaborative project among fishermen, scientists, and fisheries managers working to better understand sperm whale interactions with commercial longline fishing vessels. Throughout her tenure with SEASWAP, Lauren worked as an acoustic technician, managed research grants, and obtained a master's degree in Marine Mammal Science at the University of St. Andrews, in Scotland. She is completing her Ph.D. in Fisheries from the University of Alaska Fairbanks College of Fisheries & Ocean Sciences, graduating in May 2020, where her dissertation focuses on the diet and movement of depredating sperm whales in the Gulf of Alaska. Lauren teaches biology and fisheries technology courses at UAS Sitka campus as an adjunct faculty member. In her free time, Lauren can be found hiking, camping, fishing, or hunting with family, friends, and her dog.



Victoria Wallace STUDENT REFLECTION

Victoria was born in Massachusetts and grew up in Cape Cod. She is graduating with her Associates of Applied Science (A.A.S.) in Health Information Management. Victoria has worked in healthcare for many years, including 22 years as a nurse practitioner in Alaska. Her next educational goal is to obtain her B.S. in HIM from City University of New York, and her favorite quote is "Dwell in possibility" by Emily Dickinson.



DEGREES & GRADUATE CERTIFICATES

Doctorate of Philosophy

Lauren Wild, *Fisheries, University of Alaska Fairbanks*

Master of Arts in Teaching

Ginger White, *Secondary Education*

Master of Education

Adam Krick, *Educational Leadership*

Graduate Certificates

Keri Grey, *Elementary Education Math k-8*

Bridey Short, *Elementary Education*

Bachelor of Arts

Kalene Koelling, *Elementary Education*

Bachelor of Business Administration

Breanne Erickson, *Management*

Annmarie Roles, *Human Resources Management*

Associate of Arts

Gabriella Barile

Tanner Downing

Abigayle Erickson

Ashley Koschoff **CL**

Kate Nedens

Tanisha Powell

Lea Angela Ramil

Jessica Travis

Associate of Applied Science - Fisheries Technology

Brody Kitch

Anne McTurner

Joshua Ryder

Wesley Shipley **CL**

Michael Smith

Associate of Applied Science - Health Information Management

Mykela Caroll **MCL**

Angel Neal

Debra Ryan

Kelley Stables

Julie Trudeau

Victoria Wallace **CL**

UNDERGRADUATE CERTIFICATES

Certificate - Fisheries Technology - Alaska Salmon Enhancement

Wesley Shipley

Certificate - Fisheries Technology - Fisheries Management

Marina Brekke

Wesley Shipley

Certificate - Health Information Management - Coding Specialist

Mykela Carroll

Angel Neal

Tanisha Powell

Debra Ryan

Carrie Silvers

Julie Trudeau

Certificate - Health Information Management - Healthcare Privacy & Security

Mykela Carroll

Debra Ryan

Carrie Silvers

Certificate - Medical Assisting

Amanda Erickson

Peggy Hills

Lynn Le

Certificate - Small Business Mangement

Annmarie Roles

Lucienne Shoemaker

CL *Cum Laude*

MCL *Magna Cum Laude*

SCL *Summa Cum Laude*

CL *Cum Laude*

MCL *Magna Cum Laude*

SCL *Summa Cum Laude*

OCCUPATIONAL ENDORSEMENTS

Occupational Endorsement - Accounting

Melissa Hamilton

Occupational Endorsement - Certified Nurse Aide Training

Jacquelyn Brooks	Anna Russell
Tess Holden	Callie Russell
Bailey Joens	Wayne Young

Occupational Endorsement - Fisheries Technology - Alaska Salmon Enhancement

Marina Brekke
Kevin Knowlton
Joshua Ryder

Occupational Endorsement - Fisheries Technology - Fisheries Management

Marina Brekke
Kristen Ulery

Occupational Endorsement - Healthcare Information Technology

Angel Neal

Occupational Endorsement - Welding

Lucas Arnold	Jasper Kuhne	Justina Peterson
Vladimir Bourdukofsky	Matthew Magie	Alice Sage
Shelby Gorman	Charles McGill Jr.	Jordan Shugak
Chad Horner	Haley Osborne	Nathan Small
John James	Richard Ozereok	Katherine Zaczkowski

Occupational Endorsement - Law Enforcement

Benjamin Barenburg	Drew Massey
Jacob Barker	Noami Mitchell
Timothy Blackmon	Matthew Montavon
Kyler Clyburn	Quinn Nardini
Caleb Condon	David Nault
Walker Davis	Vincent Nguyen
Cole Downing	Michael Paulsen
Steven Duffy	Kit Pherson
Emilio Garcia	Connor Phillips
Thomas Calvin Grubbs	Matthew Posey
Amanda Hanchett	Jedediah Purcell
Trent Harris	Lander Simmers
Jonah Hennings-Booth	Mary Tiger
Chase Hudson	Alex Valdez
Tyler Jeffres	Ivan Voronin
Andrew Jonda	Duain White
Jason Knier	Jeffery Woods
Abraham Knutson	Joshua Yavorsky
Alexander LeClair	Chadd Yorder

GENERAL EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT DIPLOMAS

Connor Goff	Jessica Lopez	Mark Holst
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HONORS

Graduation with honors applies only to the associate and baccalaureate degrees. Candidates who have earned an institutional grade-point average greater than or equal to 3.5 and less than 3.8 will be graduated *Cum Laude*, an institutional grade-point average greater than or equal to 3.8 and less than 4.0 will be graduated *Magna Cum Laude*, and an institutional grade-point average of 4.0 will be graduated *Summa Cum Laude*. These academic honors are signified as a gold cord added to the graduate's regalia.

Red, white and blue cords recognize the service of U.S. veterans and active duty members.

Virtual Commencement Video

The virtual commencement video can be seen by going to the following web address:
<https://tinyurl.com/UASSitkaGrads2020>

CL *Cum Laude*

MCL *Magna Cum Laude*

SCL *Summa Cum Laude*

CL *Cum Laude*

MCL *Magna Cum Laude*

SCL *Summa Cum Laude*

ACADEMIC RECOGNITIONS

Mykela Carroll HEALTH INFORMATION MANAGEMENT

Mykela has been working in the healthcare industry since 2015. She is graduating with her Associate's of Applied Science in Health Information Management. While taking her courses, she also sat for and passed the exams to become a Registered Health Information Technician, a Certified Coding Specialist, and a Certified Professional Biller.



Wesley Shipley FISHERIES TECHNOLOGY

Wes Shipley is graduating with his Associates of Applied Science in Fisheries Technology. While striving to be at the top of his class, Wes has also been employed full time as an active duty Coast Guardsman where he coordinated Search and Rescue operations out of Coast Guard Sector Juneau, providing critical lifesaving support and guidance to operations across Southcentral Alaska.



Abigayle Erickson ASSOCIATE OF ARTS

Abigayle was born and raised in Sitka, Alaska. She graduated from Sitka High School in 2014, and a year later started taking classes at the University of Alaska Southeast Sitka Campus, where she received her Associates of Arts (A.A.) degree. Her next step is to transfer to the University of Alaska Anchorage, where she will enroll in the Bachelors program for Dietetics and Nutrition. She was always interested in eating healthy and staying fit so she has decided to take her personal passion and make it professional. Dietitians teach, motivate, and provide nutrition counseling to people and empower their patients to make healthier food choices, and that is what she's looking forward to most in her future career.



SITKA CAMPUS FULL TIME FACULTY

Paul N. Bahna
Assistant Professor of Biology
M.D., DPH, Ain Shams University, Egypt

Terissia Bell
Associate Professor of Health Information Management
B.B.A., University of Alaska Southeast
RHIA from AHIMA
CPC, COC, CIC from AAPC

Angie Bowers
Assistant Professor of Fisheries Technology
B.S., University of Wisconsin

Marnie D. Chapman
Professor of Biology
B.A., M.A. Humboldt State University
M.S. Saint Joseph College

Susan K. Feero
Associate Professor of Health Information Management
B.B.A. University of Hawaii, Hilo
M.Ed. University of Alaska Southeast

Kitty L. LaBounty
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B.S. University of Washington
M.S. University of California at Riverside

Joseph B. Liddle
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B.S. Northern Michigan University
M.S. Western Washington University
M.S., Ph.D. University of Alaska Fairbanks

Joel A. Markis
Assistant Professor of Fisheries Technology
B.S. Montana State University
M.S. University of Alaska Fairbanks

Jon A. Martin
Assistant Professor of Biology
B.S., M.S. Portland State University

Allen D. Puckett
Assistant Professor of Welding Technology
AWS Certification in Welding Education
AWS Certification in Welding Inspection

Amy K. Samuel
Assistant Professor of Medical Assisting
A.S. Whatcom Community College
B.A. University of Alaska Fairbanks

Janice M. Straley
Professor of Marine Biology
B.S. University of Washington Seattle
M.S. University of Alaska Fairbanks

Math M.A. Trafton II
Associate Professor of English
B.S., B.A., M.A., M.A., PhD. University of Colorado at Boulder

Elizabeth S. Zacher
Assistant Professor of Art
B.F.A. The Hartford Art School
M.F.A. The Ohio University

Darcie R. Ziel
Assistant Professor of Health Science
B.S. University of Alaska Fairbanks
B.S. University of Alaska Anchorage

