

Forty-Ninth Annual Commencement

FRIDAY, MAY 1, 2020, 7:00PM

2020 GRADUATES

CL Cum Laude
MCL Magna Cum Laude
SCL Summa Cum Laude

UAF Doctorate of Philosophy in Fisheries

FISHERIES
Lauren Wild

Master of Arts in Teaching

SECONDARY EDUCATION
Ginger White

Master of Education

EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP
Adam Krick

Graduate Certificates

ELEMENTARY EDUCATION
Bridey Short

ELEMENTARY ED. MATH K-8
Keri Grey

Bachelor of Arts

ELEMENTARY EDUCATION
Kalene Koelling

Bachelor of Business Administration

MANAGEMENT
Breanne Erickson

HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT
Annmarie Roles

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

HEALTH INFORMATION MANAGEMENT
Mykela Carroll MCL
Angel Neal
Debra Ryan
Kelley Stables
Julie Trudeau
Victoria Wallace CL

Certificate

ALASKA SALMON ENHANCEMENT
Wesley Shipley

FISHERIES MANAGEMENT
Marina Brekke
Wesley Shipley

HEALTH INFORMATION MANAGEMENT
CODING SPECIALIST
Mykela Carroll
Angel Neal
Tanisha Powell
Debra Ryan
Carrie Silvers
Julie Trudeau

HEALTHCARE PRIVACY AND SECURITY
Mykela Carroll
Debra Ryan
Carrie Silvers

MEDICAL ASSISTING
Amanda Erickson
Peggy Hills
Lynn Le

SMALL BUSINESS MANAGEMENT
Annmarie Roles
Lucienne Shoemaker

Occupational Endorsement

ACCOUNTING
Melissa Hamilton

CERTIFIED NURSE AIDE TRAINING
Jacquelyn Brooks
Tess Holden
Bailey Joens
Anna Russell
Callie Russell
Wayne Young

FISHERIES TECHNOLOGY
ALASKA SALMON ENHANCEMENT
Marina Brekke
Kevin Knowlton
Joshua Ryder

FISHERIES MANAGEMENT
Marina Brekke
Kristen Ulery

HEALTHCARE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
Angel Neal

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

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

General Education Development Diplomas

Connor Goff
Jessica Lopez
Mark Holst

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.

Veteran's will be signified with a red, white, and blue cord added to the graduate's regalia.

Full Time Faculty

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

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

Angela 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
Associate Professor of Biology
B.S. University of Washington
M.S. University of California at Riverside

Joseph B. Liddle
Professor of Mathematics
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
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

- Academic Procession "POMP AND CIRCUMSTANCE" by Edward Elgar
- Welcome and Introductions Math Trafton, Sitka Campus Director
- Chancellor's Remarks Chancellor Richard A. Caulfield, Ph.D.
- President's Remarks President James R. Johnsen, Ph.D.
- Commencement Address Rachel Roy, Executive Director, Sitka Chamber of Commerce
- Conferring of Degrees Chancellor Richard Caulfield
Regent Sherri Burette
- 2020 Commencement Speakers Lauren Wild, Faculty Reflection, Biology
Victoria Wallace, Student Reflection
- Closing of 2020 Commencement Math Trafton
- Recessional "Crowning Glory" by Alfred Reed

OUTSTANDING STUDENT ACADEMIC AWARDS 2020

Mykela Carroll
Health Information Management (HIM)
Award for HIM Student of Distinction

Abigayle Erickson
Associates of Arts
Award for AA Student of Distinction

Wesley Shipley
Fisheries Technology (FT)
Award for FT Student of Distinction

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

Math M.A. Trafton
Associate Professor of English
B.S., B.A., M.A., M.A., Ph.D. 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

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David Felts

Native Name Reader
Roberta Littlefield

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Sitka Campus Commencement Committee	
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Kimberly Davis	Greg George
Terissia Bell	Eric Elsensohn
Lucienne Shoemaker	Sonia Felts
David Felts	Susie Feero

UAS Alumni & Friends
for providing pins for each graduate

Officiating University of Alaska Regent
Sherri Buretta

And a special thanks to all staff and faculty volunteers and
Commencement committee & Advisory council members

UAS Sitka Campus Advisory Council

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Nancy Douglas	Roger Schmidt
Garry White	Michael Frawley
Keith Perkins	Bonnie Richards
Tim Ryan	Fran Schwuchow
John Stein	Janelle Vanasse
Mary Wegner	Rachel Roy

The University of Alaska Southeast Sitka Campus would also like to express gratitude to all the family members, friends, employers, faculty, and staff who have encouraged and supported our graduates!

Alaska's Flag Song

Alaska's Flag
First verse written by Marie Drake
Second verse written by Carol Beery Davis
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 nearby,
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 a last frontier.

A Native lad chose the Dipper's stars
For Alaska's flag that there be no bars
Among our culture. Let it be known
Through years the Native's past has grown
To share life's treasures, hand in hand,
To keep Alaska our Great Land
We love the northern midnight sky,
The mountains, lakes and streams nearby.
The great North Star with its steady light
Will guide all cultures, clear and bright,
With nature's flag to Alaskans dear,
The simple flag of the last frontier.

Virtual Commencement

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

Honored Speakers & Awards

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 High school, she attended Brandeis University in Boston, where she graduated with a B.A. in international and Global Studies. She then went on to obtain a master's degree in Marine Mammal Science at the University of St. Andrews, in Scotland. Lauren is now graduating with her Ph.D. in fisheries from the University of Alaska Fairbanks. 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 just finished her Associates of Applied Science (A.A.S.) in Health Information Management (HIM). 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.

Wesley Shipley, Fisheries Technology Student of Distinction

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 coordinates Search and Rescue operations out of Coast Guard Sector Juneau, providing critical lifesaving support and guidance to operations across Southcentral Alaska.

Mykela Carroll, Health Information Management Student of Distinction

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.

Abigayle Erickson, Associate of Arts Student of Distinction

Abigayle was born and raised in Sitka, Alaska. She graduated from high school in 2014, and a year later she started taking classes at University of Alaska Southeast where she received my Associates of Arts 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 have decided to take my personal passion and make it professional. Dietitians teach, motivate and provide nutrition counselling 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.

