

February 15, 2023

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## Chancellor's Office

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### 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 Legislative Reception (collaboration, access)
- Went to Seattle to meet with the Northwest Commission for Colleges and Universities for a review I conducted in October (access, collaboration)
- Presented to the Downtown Rotary on University Updates (access, collaboration)
- Attended the Scholarship Luncheon (excellence, stewardship)
- Attended meeting of Juneau World Affairs Council (access, collaboration)
- Attended the Ketchikan Community Advisory Council (excellence, access, collaboration)
- Met with the Emeriti Chancellors and Provosts (access)
- Attended the Mid-session Southeast Conference meeting and presented with President Pitney on the State of the University (access, collaboration)

### Development & Alumni Relations - Lynne Johnson, Director

#### SAVE THE DATES!

- 22-23FEB: UA Giving Day - [visit the UAS page!](#)
- 01APR: UAS Alumni & Friends Scholarship Dinner & Auction \*\* tickets on sale soon!

## Emergency / Risk Management & Safety - Ryan Sand, Director

- The Health & Safety Officer position is continuing to be advertised and the first candidate review will take place on 3/1/23. Please help get help word out for any qualified candidates.
- We still have ice cleats available for staff/faculty. If you haven't received a pair, please contact [rgsand@alaska.edu](mailto:rgsand@alaska.edu). Make sure to list your shoe size.
- Quite a few folks are requesting Certificate of Insurance (COI's) for their programs/activities. Make sure to attach applicable contracts/MOA/MOU's so they can be processed in a timely manner.

## Equity & Compliance - Ryan Wark, Director

No report this month.

## Public Information Office - Keni Campbell, Public Information Officer

### Commencement *(collaboration/excellence)*:

Commencement planning has begun! The committee met on February 8. We will be having a "normal format" ceremony in Juneau, on Sunday, May 7 at 2 pm. In late March we will be seeking student speaker nominations. This will also be Chancellor Carey's last ceremony before she retires. We will be sharing information as we decide things. Ketchikan and Sitka campuses are planning their own ceremonies as well.

### 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.

Recent UAS guests:

KINY's [Action Line](#)

February 8: UAS Update - Michael Ciri

KINY's Capital Chat

January 27: [Giving Day and Alumni Events](#) - Brittany Walkenford and Jasper Soriano

February 15: Winterfest 25th Anniversary - Mallory Nash

### 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:

- UAS Asian American and Pacific Islander Student Club kicks off with laughter, music, and food
- UAS Faculty & Leadership Featured in Princeton Symposium
- 2nd Annual Mariculture Conference of Alaska
- Tlingit Master Carver Wayne Price Returns to UAS Northwest Coast Arts Faculty

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# Provost's Office

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

- Like many in the UAS Community, I participated in numerous luncheons and sessions with Chancellor Candidates. I look forward to hearing an announcement about our new Chancellor! (*collaboration, sustainability, excellence*)
- No Holding Back: *Using Data to Review Administrative and/or Student Success Hold Policies among Public Postsecondary Institutions in the Western Region*. UAS is participating in this cohort model of institutions examining policies and effects of holds that prevent registration, graduation, and transcript transfer. We produced the requisite data for WICHE and decided that we would look at an extended time period. We are considering: who places the holds (accountability): how a student cures a hold, and how we notify students about the hold. (*access, sustainability, diversity*)
- Kristen Handley, Lori Klein, and I worked with Hanover (last project with them) to develop a Student Satisfaction and Persistence Survey. We are close to completing the survey tool, which will be implemented at the end of the fall and spring semesters starting with spring 2023. The survey is designed to help UAS better understand how its students view their connections and characterize their experiences at UAS. It may also help explain why students choose not to return to UAS. (*collaboration, excellence3, access, diversity*)
- The [Great Colleges to Work For survey results](#) are available on the Institutional Effectiveness website (*excellence, collaboration, sustainability*)
  1. 2022 UAS Overall Results
  2. 2022 UAS Results by Job Category
  3. 2022 UAS Results by Faculty
  4. 2022 UAS Report on Open-Ended Questions
  5. 2022 UAS Overall Results
- Director Dash Hillgartner and I met with Outer Coast (OC) staff to discuss UAS and OC Recruitment and Admission policies and procedures. Dean Carin Silkaitis plans to invite Matthew Spellberg, Dean of OC, to an upcoming Dean's Council meeting. We anticipate that the proposed OC Associate of Arts degree would include Humanities, Social Science, and Natural Science curriculum. During the sponsorship, a student completing the OC AA could seamlessly transition to a UAS Bachelor seeking student as a Junior. Ideally, a similar seamless pathway would continue after OC achieves NWCCU accreditation. (*accessibility, collaboration, diversity, access*)

## Research & Sponsored Programs - Dr. Maren Haavig, Dean

Worked with Professor Lisa Hoferkamp, Kristen Reynolds, and Nathan Leigh to develop Alaska's next IDeA Network of Biomedical Research Excellence (INBRE) 5 proposal. The INBRE steering committee selected the UAS proposal as the Alteration and Renovation proposal. Our project is to renovate the current Anderson dive locker into a chemistry lab. The dive locker will be incorporated into the new Auke Bay

Integrated Science Building, which is currently under construction. The INBRE 5 writing team meets monthly, and the final submission is due in May. (*excellence, sustainability, access, collaboration*)

## **Institutional Effectiveness - Kristen Handley, Director**

[Enrollment Dashboards](#) have been updated

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## **School of Career & Technical Education**

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### **Carin Silkaitis, Interim Dean**

Hello, Colleagues! The posting for Dean of Career Education is available on PageUp. Please share with folks that would be good candidates. Professor Robin Gilcrest and Ketchikan Campus Director Priscilla Schulte are chairing this search. (*sustainability, excellence, collaboration*)

The TEC will be hosting a UA Foundation event on March 1 for our Legislators, highlighting a few of our UAS programs. We are looking forward to showing off our faculty and students. (*collaboration, excellence*)

Lastly, we are working to renew a number of our partner MOU's, including one with SERRC. These partnerships are incredibly important to Career Education, and we look forward to the future collaborations and programming these partnerships will bring. (*excellence, collaboration, stewardship*)

## **Construction Technology - Robin Gilcrist, Coordinator**

- The Women in Construction tuition assistance program continues to attract students to the construction and welding courses. There is still a large amount of money available so please help to get the word out that women who would like to participate in construction courses can do so for just the cost of lab fees. (*excellence, collaboration, diversity, access*)
- The House Build program is about half way through the current house we are working on in collaboration with the high school students. Robbie Jensen, Assistant Professor of Construction brings his Exterior Finishes class out every Saturday (regardless of the weather) to complete the exterior of the house. (*excellence, sustainability, access*)
- Construction Tech will be featured in a "Did You Know" series that will be shared with the Board of Regents of Regents on February 24th (*excellence*)

## **Behavioral Health - Sarah Niecko, Faculty**

- Three new courses were approved by the curriculum review committee this year (Behavioral Health and the Good Life, Introduction to Integrative Behavioral Health, and Mental Health First Aid). A proposal was also submitted that would include the aforementioned new courses and the courses offered in the BHAOE to become a new A.A.S with a Behavioral Health emphasis. This is anticipated to be available Fall 2023. (*excellence, collaboration*)

- A needs assessment is currently being conducted with community agencies and stakeholders regarding the development of a new Bachelors in Integrative Behavioral Health. (*excellence, collaboration, access*)
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## School of Education

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### Maren Haavig, Interim Dean

We are in the final stages of the Dean of Education search. The School of Education hosted two finalists (and six faculty candidates for two faculty searches!) Professors Mary Wegner and Jeffrey Loftus chaired the Dean search. (*sustainability, excellence, collaboration*)

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## School of Arts & Sciences

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### Carin Silkaitis, Dean

Hello, Colleagues! Arts and Sciences has been very focused on the Strategic Planning process. We posted the mid-engagement report on our website and released the new survey to faculty and staff in Juneau, Sitka and Ketchikan. We are hoping you that everyone in A&S completes the survey and gives us feedback on the focus areas - because this process will only work with robust engagement! Michele Thornton will be coming back to Juneau this March, and then she will visit all three campuses in April. Thank you to everyone who has participated thus far. I am looking forward to sharing our final strategic planning document at the end of the academic year.

### Natural Sciences

- Carolyn Bergstrom had an article accepted for publication in Evolution (co-authored with Tom Reimchen of the University of Victoria, BC, Canada) titled "Multi-generation selective landscapes and sub-lethal injuries in stickleback". (*excellence, collaboration, sustainability*)
- Heidi Pearson presented a talk entitled, "Can whale recovery help to store and sequester carbon?" at the 5th International Marine Protected Areas Congress (IMPAC5) in Vancouver, Canada, Feb. 3-9. She was an invited presenter and panelist in the session, "Engaging Marine Protected Areas to Protect Whales for Biodiversity Conservation and Climate Change Solutions". (*excellence, collaboration, sustainability*)
- Heidi Pearson published a chapter entitled, "Whales and Climate" in the new book, "[The Ocean and Us](#)". The book, written for the general public, provides an overview of our contemporary understanding of the ocean and all the ways our lives interact with it. It is a product of the global Women for Ocean (W4O) group. (*excellence, collaboration, sustainability*)

- Jason Fellman (ACRC) and Eran Hood were authors of a presentation entitled “Influence of hydroclimate variability on stream discharge and nutrient distribution in a Southeast Alaska watershed” at the EPSCoR All Hands meeting in Girdwood, AK, Feb 8-9.
- Randy Brannan (UAS undergraduate student and ACRC research assistant), Jason Fellman (ACRC) and Eran Hood were authors of a presentation entitled “Modeling total suspended sediment exports using stream sensor relationships” at the EPSCoR All Hands meeting in Girdwood, AK, Feb 8-9.
- John Harley (ACRC) received a grant from the Alaska Center for Innovation, Commercialization, and Entrepreneurship (Center ICE) to research novel machine learning tools to assess site suitability for kelp farms in the Juneau area. This research will provide a preliminary assessment for determining productive environmental conditions to support a growing mariculture industry in Southeast Alaska.

## Business & Public Administration

- Dr. Charla Brown continues to work with stakeholders regarding regional workforce needs: (*excellence, collaboration, stewardship*)
- Convened UAS faculty/staff (Dr. Paulette Schwimmer, Colleen McKenna, Dr. Carla Kroeze, Dr. Kathy DiLorenzo, Judith Daxootsú Ramos) and employers (various) in the Visitors Products Cluster Working Group (VPCWG) to collaborate on skills needed in the industry. Action items include starting some collaborative initiatives to include the development of a glossary of shared terms and acronyms for the visitors industry, and creating a collaborative compilation of training resources that are currently available outside of the UA system.
- Presented a summary of 1/20 VPCWG meeting via Zoom to a convening of the broader Visitor Products Cluster Working Group in Sitka.
- Attended the Southeast Conference Mid-Session Summit and discussed career education needs with DOT Marine Transportation Planner Joanne Schmidt.
- Attended the Bristol Bay CTE conference and learned about summer camps and instructional scheduling blocks. Discussed issues with school administrators (Mt. Edgecombe, Hoonah) and advocacy partners (Spruce Root, JSD School Board).
- Finalized internship details for an AAS Business student to gain management experience at TEMSCO Helicopters, Inc. for credit.
- Convening employers (Sitka Trails, Trail Mix), stakeholders (Spruce Root, Central Council), UAS faculty (Robin Gilchrist, Construction Technology; Dr. Kevin Krien, Outdoor Skills and Leadership; and Dr. Kevin Maier, SEAK OCE Co-champion), and DOLWD (Dan Robinson, Chief Analyst) to discuss workforce needs specific to trails which includes constructing bridges, managing crews, etc.
- Dr. Charla Brown continues to work on 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 (*excellence, collaboration, sustainability*)
- Confirmed UAS Chancellor’s sponsorship of an evening reception, lined up Joe Nelson - Chairman of Sealaska Corp. - to co-welcome attendees, arranged for a performance by Woosh.JI.Een dance group.
- Working with Department Chair for use of Northrim Bank sponsorship funds.
- Inviting BBA students to register, encouraging local HR professionals to participate, and arranging for in-person organizational/operational tours (e.g., Alaska Permanent Fund Corp., the Alaskan Brewing Co., NOAA, Bartlett Hospital, KTOO Public Radio and more).

- In correspondence with DOLWD Deputy Commissioner Cathy Munoz regarding her keynote address at the conference on 4/22.
- Multiple BPA faculty have participated in various chancellor search public presentations and faculty chat sessions in January and February. (*excellence*)

## Social Sciences

Nguyet Nguyen was/is interviewed by Truthout ([truthout.org/](https://truthout.org/)) on Friday, Jan 20, to speak about the legacies of the Vietnam War on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the Paris Accords. (*excellence, diversity, access*)

## Humanities

- Tlingit Art, Spirit, and Ancestry: Healing Histories of Dispossession. Princeton University. (*excellence, collaboration, access, diversity, stewardship*)
- Description of our engagement: (from the website) In the late nineteenth century, Presbyterian missionaries brought hundreds of Tlingit belongings from southeastern Alaska to the Princeton Theological Seminary. Moving from the Department of Geosciences to the Art of the Ancient Americas, the institutional drift of these Tlingit belongings reflects an ongoing condition of broken knowledge. Where does Tlingit art belong at Princeton University, and how might knowledge be restored to those from whom the items were taken? This symposium seeks to explore this question by reuniting Tlingit scholars and artists with these belongings. Our symposium will confront histories of dispossession and ask how we can restore ancestral connections. Speakers will reorient Western understandings of material objects towards Tlingit and Indigenous experiences of embodiment, spirituality, land, and kinship. We envision this symposium as the beginning of an ongoing partnership between Princeton University and the University of Alaska Southeast. (*collaboration, excellence, diversity, access, stewardship*)
- Ernestine Saankaláxt Hayes Kaagwaantaan Clan, Tlingit Nation, author and Emerita Professor, University of Alaska Southeast **Presentation entitled:** "Coming Home."
- Judith Daxootsú Ramos Kwáashk'ikwáan Clan, Yaakwdáat Kwáan, Tlingit Nation, Program Coordinator, Haa Yoo X'atángi Deiyí: Our Language Pathway, University of Alaska Southeast **Presentation Entitled:** "The Spiritual Role of Ceremony and At.oow in Healing Grief"
- Guná Megan Jensen Dakhká Tlingit and Tagish Khwáan Ancestry from the Dahk'laweidi Clan, Tlingit artist **Presentation Entitled:** "Rethinking Decolonization"
- Wayne Price Tlingit master carver and Northwest Coast artist, Haines, Alaska
- Carin Silkaitis Dean of School of Arts and Sciences, University of Alaska Southeast **Presentation Entitled:** "Somatic Learning: The Need for Embodied Research"

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## Ketchikan Campus

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### Dr. Priscilla Schulte, Campus Director

- The recently US Coast Guard approved Maritime and Multi-Skilled Worker (MMSW) QMED program is underway at the Maritime Training Center. (Diversity, access, excellence collaboration)

- The Maritime Training Center is busy with many classes serving AMHS as well as other mariners.
  - Overall enrollment in Ketchikan Campus classes is strong with high enrollment in many e-learning Arts and Sciences classes. (Diversity, access, collaboration , excellence)
  - A new USDA NIFA grant sponsored class taught by Jen Brown incorporating science and artistic expression through the making of crocheted temperature squares brought in interested community members. (Diversity, access, stewardship, sustainability)
  - The Tribal Scholars class with Ketchikan Indian Community taught by Barbara Morgan is studying local resources and the impact of climate change. Diversity, access, excellence stewardship, sustainability, collaboration
  - The Ketchikan Campus Library hosted an Ask UAS with a talk by the Forest Service Archaeologist, Michelle Gray on the historical archaeology of Ward Lake. (diversity, access, collaboration)
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## Sitka Campus

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### Dr. Paul Kraft, Campus Director

- The recently formed Staff Input Team has been busy addressing needed changes in five areas; onboarding of new staff, campus/community engagement, proper handling of complaints/concerns, refreshing the artwork on campus and identifying additional staffing needs on campus. James Bohn, Austin Cranford, Lucienne Shoemaker, Audrey Beam and Kristin Scotchmer are providing leadership for these respective themes. (*Collaboration, Excellence, Sustainability*)
  - 14 students from across Alaska and the US are participating in the Scientific Dive Semester. (*Excellence, Access*)
  - Campus Director Paul Kraft and Lead Advisor Katie Sill gave an interview to local public radio station KCAW to explain the process the university used to gather input on the chancellor candidates over the several weeks. (*Access*)
  - The entire Sitka campus participated in hosting each of the five Chancellor candidates during their day in Sitka. Each candidate received a campus and a community tour, combined faculty/staff Question and Answer period, lunch with Campus Advisory Council members and a chance to learn more about our Mariculture program, Northwest Coast Art and online science classes during their stay. (*Excellence, Diversity, Access, Collaboration*)
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## Egan Library

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### Elise Tomlinson, Dean

#### Library

- The Eighth Annual UAS Authors' Celebration will return to Egan Library this year on Friday, April 14th from 5:00pm-6:30pm. Please come enjoy some food and beverages with your colleagues to



recognize the amazing research and creative activities our UAS community is producing.  
(excellence, collaboration)

- Come check out Egan Library's display celebrating Black History Month! It offers a wide selection of books and movies that are available for check out. (*diversity, access, excellence*)
- There's still time to pick up your own, free copy of *Eat Like A Fish*, by Bren Smith. Bren is joining us in Juneau on March 7th, then in Sitka on March 9th, to talk about his book, kelp farming, and fighting climate change.
- Egan Library has been noticeably busier during this academic year. We had 23,596 visits (avg 1200/week) during Fall 2022 which represents a significant increase in library use since Fall 2021. (access, sustainability)

## Writing Center

- The Writing Center welcomes two new student tutors to the team, Adonis Scalia and AJ Schultz.
- Back by popular demand, the Writing Center hosted a love letter writing event for Valentine's Day.
- Tutors met with Laury Scandling from the Gastineau Channel Historical Society to move forward on a writing contest for this semester, which includes \$500 in prizes from the GCHS plus publication in their newsletter. Kolene James at the NRSC has also agreed to provide support. (excellence, collaboration)
- Writing Specialist Jessy Goodman visited the NRSC to attend the Woonch. Een meeting to gauge interest for a focus group on the writing experiences of native and rural students. She will also begin tutoring in the NRSC two hours a week once the new tutors' hiring process is complete. She also attended ANDORE training this week. (diversity, access, collaboration)
- Submissions for Summit, the UAS Writing Center's Collection of Exceptional Academic Works, is no longer accepting manuscripts for its 5th edition. We will begin accepting submissions for next year's edition in December 2023. (diversity, access, excellence)
- Writing Center is now hosting a Creative Writing Hour every Wednesday from 1:30-2:30 pm and Thursday from 4-5pm in the Writing Center. Join this encouraging and inviting space to work on your writing, get words on the page, and boost your accountability. (excellence)

## Learning / Testing Center

The Learning and Testing Center would like to welcome Kay Riley-Ravert to the team as the new Testing Supervisor. Kay joins us with years of proctoring and Testing Center experience from Spokane Falls Community College. Her first day will be March 6th. (*excellence*)

## CELT

The Juneau Campus is still without an instructional designer, and the recruitment process is ongoing.

John Ingman and Kimberly Matsuura have been very helpful in assisting Juneau faculty with more complex Blackboard and instructional design questions. Kaia Henrickson has been able to field some simpler questions. Due to this staffing deficit, CELT will not be able to run as many programs this semester, and bigger projects (like continuing to add to the new website Knowledge Base) are on hold.

CELT does have several programs set up for the spring semester, and we are hoping to have some additional video content and resource guides to share with faculty:

- Decolonizing Our Spaces Professional Learning Community - meets every other Wednesday from 9-10am, started on Feb. 8th
- EAB Training - Fri. February 17th, 9:15-10:15am
- Trauma-Informed & Culturally-Responsive Teaching Strategies - Thurs. February 23rd, 3:30 – 4:30pm.
- Anti-racism / Bystander training with Dean Silkaitis - Fri. March 24th, 3-4:30pm.
- Accessible Documents - time and date TBD

UAS is now an institutional member of the Online Learning Consortium, and faculty can set up accounts to access OLC's resources and free webinars. More details on this opportunity will be shared with faculty soon (or were shared earlier this week). (*access, excellence*)

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## Alaska Native Programs / PITAAS

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### Ronalda Cadiente Brown, Associate Vice Chancellor

- The PITAAS Program scholarships for Spring 2023 are complete and include 26 students in the following: B.A Elementary Education (8); B.A. Special Education (1); B.A. Indigenous Studies (1); M.A.T. Elementary Education (4); M.A.T. Secondary (2); M.Ed. Special Education (1); M.Ed. Ed. Leadership (2); M.Ed. Reading Specialist (4); Grad. Certificate Elementary Education (2); and Grad Superintendent Endorsement (1) for a total of 26 students in the amount of \$84,709.90. (diversity)
- Similar to so many others, my time has been dedicated to hiring committees that include the Dean (School of Education) and Alaska Native Success Executive (Systems Office) in addition to joining with Kolene James to meet with the School of Education faculty and Dean candidates as part of their effort to be inclusive of Alaska Native input as well as the CACANE priority. (stewardship)
- Meetings included the Honorary Doctorate and Meritorious Service Award committee, Chancellor's Advisory Committee on Alaska Native Education (CACANE), Alaska Native Success Initiative leads from UAA and UAF with Memry Dahl (HR), and standing meetings with the Sealaska Heritage Institute Box of Treasures Arts grant personnel. (diversity, stewardship)
- Upcoming meeting of the Alaska Native Studies Council is scheduled for Mar 6, 2023 and Faculty Alliance on ANSI on Mar 8, 2023 (collaboration).
- In late fall a proposal was submitted to the Society for College & University Planning entitled, A New Campus Vision: Weaving Indigenous Culture with Institutional Goals, following the completion of an updated UAS Campus Master Plan. The conference presentation by UAS personnel and DLR Group is scheduled for March 14 on the University of California, Davis campus. (excellence)

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# Administrative Services

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Michael Ciri, Vice Chancellor

## **Grants, Contracts & Budget** - Julie Vigil, Director

- No report this month.

## **Information Technology** - Michael Ciri, Director

- The migration of Banner to the Cloud is set for March 9-12. The Banner system and UA Online will be unavailable starting Thursday at 5pm, all day Friday, and then back up (we hope) by Monday morning. Since Banner will be unavailable all day on the Friday, this may be a great time to encourage staff development/training. (sustainability, stewardship)
- On the Juneau campus, IT is working to install new instructional technologies in room 220 in the Egan wing. This may form the basis of improvements in other rooms going forward. (excellence)

## **Business Services** - Jon Lasinski, Director

Please welcome Anthony (Tony) Martinez to UAS as our Lead Cashier! His start date is February 20th. Please stop by the Office of the Bursar and Student Accounts to welcome Tony! (*excellence*)

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

The **Electronic 2023 W-4** is here! You can now log in and make updates to your W-4 using our [NextGen W-4 form for 2023](#). If you are sending out the W-4 to your employees, please be sure to use this updated link. However, if you or any of your employees have previously filled out the 2022 W-4 prior to the new form's release, there is no need to fill out your W-4 again. Please note that HR cannot advise you on how to fill out your W-4. For help with filling out your W-4, please contact your tax advisor. (*excellence, access*)

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# Enrollment Management & Student Affairs

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Lori Klein, Vice Chancellor

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

- The Admissions Counselor visited, presented at, and facilitated admissions workshops at high schools in Ketchikan, Petersburg, Anchorage, Wasilla, Fairbanks, Nenana, and North Pole. Additionally, in coordination with Southeast Alaska high schools, the Admissions team hosted a virtual College Night that included staff from Financial Aid and UAS student speakers. (*excellence, access, collaboration, and stewardship*)
- The application deadline for priority placement in an exchange program is on March 1st. Please refer students to our new Exchange Coordinator, Miranda Barril. (*excellence, diversity, sustainability*)

## Career Services - Aimée Richards, Career Services Manager

- UAS will be hosting its annual [Spring Job Fair](#) on **February 22, 2023 from 11am-2pm** at the Lakeside Grill. The fair is open to current students, alumni and the general public. While employers will be here to recruit students/alumni these are also great opportunities for faculty/administration to connect with local employers and learn about their workforce needs.
- There are currently over 1000 Alaska-based jobs posted on Handshake. Employers on Handshake are specifically looking to hire college students and recent graduates. There is no shortage of opportunity for our students - please direct any students looking for jobs/internships to [Handshake](#) and to [Career Services](#) - **now** is the time to apply for many of these opportunities!

## Registrar's Office - Trisha Lee, Registrar

- Summer 2023 schedule went live on February 3rd and priority registration began on February 13th. Open registration begins on February 27th. (*excellence, access, collaboration*)
- Registrar's Office is recruiting for a [Student Systems Support Technician](#). This position was developed out of the funds provided to UA to help with the modernization of our SIS project. This person will help with projects for Registrar's Office, Admissions and Financial Aid at UAS. (*excellence, diversity, collaboration*)

## Creative Agency - Alison Krein, Creative Manager

- CA is running UAS commercials on KTOOs Gavel Alaska. (*excellence, collaboration*)

- Alison and Jennifer are working to fill the shoes of both Colin Osterhout and Katy Jordan in their many duties and responsibilities. There are a large number of projects in progress at this time. (access, collaboration, stewardship)
- Completed the analysis of the second Fall digital campaign in WA, OR, and CA. (excellence, collaboration)

## Students and Campus Life

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

Residence Life & Dining are currently hiring Student Workers! If you have any students who are still looking for work between now and the Fall semester, please have them send an email to [uas.housing@alaska.edu](mailto:uas.housing@alaska.edu) for more information (*excellence, collaboration, stewardship*).

- 1-2 Spikes Cafe Baristas
- 1-2 Dining Staff
- 1-4 Summer Guest Services Coordinators
- 1-6 Summer Maintenance & Custodial Crew
- 1-2 Fall 2023 Resident Advisors
- 1-2 Fall 2023 Desk Assistants

Residence Life & Dining are taking full advantage of Professional Development opportunities throughout the States and abroad! (*excellence, access, collaboration*).

- Jacob Durrance, Residence Life Coordinator, is attending the 2023 Northwest Association of College and University Housing Officers (NWACUHO) Annual Conference in Calgary, Alberta.
- Christina Ibias, Food Services Manager, is attending the The National Association of College & University Food Services (NACUFS) 2023 Spring Conference in Colorado Springs, Colorado.
- Kayla Sweitzer, Guest Services Coordinator, is attending the 2023 Association of Collegiate COncference and Event DIrectors - International (ACCED-I) 43rd Annual Conference in Chicago, Illinois.

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

- The NRSC is receiving SHI Our Ancestor's Echoes language grant funds starting this February. (excellence, diversity, access, collaboration)
- Community ANDORE DIALOGUE HOST TRAINING, Feb.13-14, 8am - 5pm, Yacht Club (excellence, diversity, access, collaboration)
- Elizabeth Peratrovich Day is Feb. 16, Thursday program hosted by ANS Camp 2, Graveside Service at 10am, Evergreen Cemetery, 601 Seater Street and Gathering at 12pm, State Capitol Steps, 120 4th Street. Later that day, there will be a virtual event starting at 6pm hosted by Tlingit and Haida Central Council. (excellence, diversity, access, collaboration)

- Kolene completed her 1st year with the Racial Healing Practitioners Fellowship this past December and starts her 2nd year with the RHP Fellowship, Cohort 2 next week. This Fellowship is a national program offered by the Compadres Network. (excellence, diversity, access, collaboration)
- Wooch.Een is hosting two frybread sales 3/3, Friday and 3/21, Tuesday, 11:30am - 1:30pm, \$2 for students and \$4 everyone else 😊 (access, collaboration)
- Wooch.Een Club meets every Friday, 12pm - 2pm and the AAPI Club meets every other Friday, 3:45pm-4:45pm (excellence, diversity, access, collaboration)
- Tutoring in the NRSC offered by Faculty Jessie Goodman and JoMarie Alba starts next week. (excellence, diversity, access, collaboration)

## Student Engagement & Leadership - Mallory Nash, Student Engagement Manager

### SE&L

- Winterfest is Saturday, Feb. 18. Please join Campus Life for the 25th Anniversary celebration of the Polar Plunge! We'll have music, soup, hot chocolate, and hot tubs to ensure we all stay warm while cheering on participants! (excellence, collaboration)
- We're preparing for UAS Day of Service scheduled for Sunday, April 2. SAVE THE DATE. We want everyone there! (excellence, diversity, access, collaboration, sustainability, and stewardship)
- On Feb. 21 - 23 watch [SE&L social](#) to learn more about students who are making a difference on campus by being involved. (excellence, diversity, access, collaboration, and stewardship)
- SAVE THE DATE: Friday, April 14 | UAS Spring Carnival (excellence, collaboration, and stewardship)

### SAB

- The Drag Show was a HUGE success! More than 100 people attended, including students, faculty, staff and Juneau community members. (excellence, diversity, access, collaboration, and stewardship)
- SAB is supporting the UAS Job Fair by promoting the event and helping during the day of. (excellence, collaboration, and stewardship)
- On Feb. 24 we'll have a Black History Month Movie & Soul Food event. Did you see the [article](#) KTOO wrote about our SAB student leader, Ty Rapp? (excellence, diversity, access, collaboration, and stewardship)
- March is quickly approaching. We'll have a trip to Perseverance Theatre, in partnership with the School of Arts & Sciences to see The Great Leap; all are invited to attend. (excellence, diversity, access, collaboration, and stewardship)
- March 23 SAVE THE DATE we'll have another Alaska Airlines concert with comedian, Katherine Blanford. (excellence, collaboration, and stewardship)

### SGUAS-JC

- Student government is working on a survey to help create a more safe and welcoming space for students. Results and action steps will come soon. (excellence, diversity, access, collaboration, sustainability, and stewardship)

- SGUAS-JC also just completed a survey where they discovered our students are facing food insecurity. They met with the Dean of Students, [Nathan Bodensadt](#) to discuss ideas on tackling this issue. *(excellence, diversity, access, collaboration, sustainability, and stewardship)*
- Wednesday, Feb. 15 SGUAS-JC will host the UAS nomination election for the University of Alaska Student Regent. *(excellence, collaboration, and stewardship)*

### Registered Student Organizations

- This month we held an involvement fair with more than 40 attendees! This event was a huge success, as nearly 20 campus organizations and departments welcomed students back to campus. *(excellence, diversity, access, collaboration, and stewardship)*
- We have a new club this semester; AAPI (Asian American Pacific Islander). Learn more about AAPI on our [SE&L website](#). *(excellence, diversity, access, collaboration, and stewardship)*

### Whalesong

- The first print of the semester will be available Thursday, Feb. 16! Pick one up throughout campus or [read online](#). *(excellence, diversity, access, collaboration, and stewardship)*

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

### **Disability Services**

- 72 students are registered this semester for accommodations (housing and academics). *(excellence, diversity, access, collaboration, and stewardship)*
- There have been 213 requests for academic accommodations between 142 individual courses. *(excellence, diversity, access, collaboration, and stewardship)*

### **Counseling**

- Interviews underway for the Case Manager position. *(excellence, diversity, access, collaboration, and stewardship)*
- 33 individual students have been seen since the start of the semester for scheduled and drop-in sessions, totaling 72 appointments.
- Groups and Drop-in Counseling have started. For more information, please see the [Spring 23 Counseling Schedule](#) document. *(excellence, diversity, access, collaboration, and stewardship)*

### **Health Clinic**

- The UAS Clinic is offering free COVID home testing kits, available in the clinic waiting room. The clinic is also open for both in-person and telemedicine visits. The clinic has served over 115 students this academic year so far. *(access)*

## Recreation Center - Dave Klein, Associate Director of Campus Recreation

No major updates at this time.

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## Facilities Services

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### Nathan Leigh, Director

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

- **Spike Sno-Cam** is now live. Please [check it out](#) and see current snow conditions on campus. Facilities Services is using this sno-cam to save UAS money by allowing our snowplow crew to look at the camera at 4:00 am to see if they need to come into campus to plow snow. Thank You to those in our UAS community who come up with ideas like this that help UAS save money.
- **Auke Bay Integrated Science Building ABISB:** Our contractor, Blazy Construction, has been working long hours to keep our new building on schedule. They have poured the concrete floors and are now installing exterior wall framing. They plan to get the roof installed in a few weeks then interior electrical and mechanical systems can get going. We are all crossing our fingers that materials keep showing up on time. (Stewardship)
- **Natural Science Research Lab NSRL Consolidation:** Faculty, Staff and our design consultant continue to work on several design options for this project. (Stewardship)
- **Novatney Roof Replacement:** The construction contract has been awarded and the contractor making submittals. Goal is to get the materials ordered and delivered to Juneau before summer construction. (Stewardship)
- **Rec Center Fire Alarm:** We received bids and will soon have a construction contract signed.
- **Welding Lab Fire Alarm:** Project will be advertised for bids in the coming weeks.
- **Campus Security Review:** Our consultant completed a field review and conducted many interviews with students, staff and faculty. We expect a draft report early next month. (collaboration)
- **Sitka Maritime Improvements:** Our consultant visited Sitka and are now preparing their preliminary study report.
- **IT - UPS Replacement:** We have received bids for this project and expect to sign a contract later this month. (Sustainability)

Please check out our Facilities Services newsletter "[The Level](#)" for more details and more projects.

We are still looking for people to work on our grounds 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](https://careers.alaska.edu) .



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

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Dr. Math Trafton and Courtney MacArthur, co-Chairs

- We finalized the [DEICS website](#) (*access*)
- We discussed the vacant Sitka faculty position on this committee, noting a new term assistant professor of Indigenous Studies on Sitka campus who may be interested. (*collaboration*)
- We scheduled a DEICS retreat for 3/31 on the Juneau campus to work on current committee priorities (anti-discrimination and bystander training) and drafting annual report to the Chancellor. (*collaboration, diversity*)
- We met to discuss the Chancellor candidates and to provide recommendation(s) to the hiring committee. (*collaboration*)
- We discussed opening a position on the committee for an interested party. (*collaboration, diversity*)
- We analyzed subcommittee structure and made some improvements for efficiency. (*excellence*)
- We opened the communication lines with UAS-J Student Government so we can actively support efforts that reinforce student inclusion, especially with regard to trans students, in the wake of recent BOR comments. (*diversity, collaboration, access*)

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

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Mischa Jackson and Janelle Cook, co-Chairs

No report this month.