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Chancellor's Cabinet Updates

March 15, 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 Ronalda 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 Board of Regents meeting in Anchorage (excellence, collaboration, access)
- Attended meetings with Alumni and Friends to plan the annual Auction on April 1, 2023 (excellence, diversity, stewardship)
- Attended the Foundation Board meeting (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)
- Held a Town Hall meeting (access, collaboration, excellence)
- Met with the Hecla Greens Creek Advisory Council (access, collaboration)
- Met with Chancellor Palmer for an introductory meeting (excellence, access, collaboration)

Development & Alumni Relations - Lynne Johnson, Director

The UAS Alumni & Friends Scholarship auction is BACK! Please join us for:

What: Scholarship Fundraiser "A Night Out with UAS Alumni & Friends"

When: Saturday, 01APR, 5:30p-7:30p

Where: UAS Egan Library

Tickets: \$50 for UASAA members / \$60 non-members / \$800 for a reserved table of 8
Heavy Hors d'oeuvres + no-host bar (must be 21+ to attend)

Tickets available at:

<https://uas.alaska.edu/alumni/events.html>

Emergency / Risk Management & Safety - Ryan Sand, Director

- De-Escalation training was held this month for employees working in the Registrar's Office. We also covered training on Narcan (naloxone) application, general first aid responses, emergency evacuation, and other safety procedures. Please feel free to request safety and emergency management training anytime.
- The Health & Safety Officer position remains vacant. Please help get the word out. Have applicants go to: careers.alaska.edu/en-us/job/523742/health-safety-officer
- As a reminder for any upcoming campus events, please make sure to complete the appropriate [Facilities Use Agreement and Risk Management review, linked here.](#)

Equity & Compliance - Ryan Wark, Director

No report this month.

Public Information Office - Keni Campbell, Public Information Officer

Commencement *(collaboration/excellence):*

Created Eventbrite registration for [Juneau](#) Commencement. [Sitka](#) has also created their own Eventbrite page. Sitka commencement to be held Friday, May 5. Ketchikan is Saturday, May 6. Juneau is Sunday, May 7. The Juneau program is coming along. President Pat Pitney will be joining us in Juneau. We will be presenting Tlingit artist Anna Brown Ehlers with an Honorary Doctorate of Fine Arts; she is a master Chilkat weaver. Our Student Speaker will be Ms. Kali Spencer, student government president and until just recently, the Student Regent on the UA Board of Regents. We will be holding auditions for vocalists later this month. We are excited to have a "normal" post pandemic event this year.

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:

KTOO's Juneau Afternoon:

- March 3, 2023: [UAS talks "Eat Like a Fish," the One Campus, One Book selection](#) - Guests: Jonas Lamb and author Bren Smith
- February 15, 2023: [UAS 25th Annual Polar Plunge](#) - Guests: Mallory Nash and student Andrew Schultz

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:

- UA President Pat Pitney selects Dr. Aparna Palmer as next UAS Chancellor
- UAS Designated as 2023-2024 Military Friendly School Silver Status
- UAS Class "The Vietnam War in Film" Announces Guest Speakers for 2023 Spring Semester

Provost's Office

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

Institutional Effectiveness - Kristen Handley, Director

- RPTP, the database used by IR for all dashboards/reports, is not currently being refreshed. The system should be back up and running by March 20th. Until then, all daily reports are as of March 10th. *(access)*
- The Great College to Work For survey is currently live. The survey is open until March 31st. All full-time administration, faculty and exempt staff should have received the survey, as well as a random sample of full-time non-exempt staff. The survey will come from Great Colleges/Modern Think. *(collaboration)*
- The [summer enrollment dashboard](#) is now available, including the [program level dashboard](#). (Please see 1st bullet about refresh dates) *(access) (excellence)*
- I'm continuing to work with the System Office and UAA/UAF IR leads to create a dual enrollment flag in our data warehouse so that System level dual enrollment reporting is accurate based on our definition. *(collaboration) (excellence)*
- It is 'External Survey season' and I am working on several external surveys for UAS, including IPEDS, US News, Petersons, and Great Colleges. *(access) (excellence)*

School of Career & Technical Education

Carin Silkaitis, Interim Dean

Hello, Colleagues,

We have been busy in Career Education! We worked on a 1-minute video for Behavioral Health in preparation for an exciting Legislative Event sponsored by the UA Foundation (that was unfortunately canceled because of our blizzard day!) However, the resulting video will be excellent for recruiting and our website. We will work to make it available for all of you to see ASAP.

I traveled to Anchorage with Priscilla Schulte for the TVEP meeting and UAS received more funding than in AY22. We will be able to announce specific projects, positions, equipment pieces that were funded at a later date - once the President has approved.

Lastly, I just returned from a trip to Sitka and Ketchikan, meeting with faculty and staff in both locations about their needs for Career Education and their ideas regarding the new Dean of Career Education. I am so appreciative of faculty/staff time and energy and I want everyone to know that your thoughts will be shared with the committee as we move forward in the search process.

Construction Technology - Robin Gilcrist, Coordinator

A film crew will be in Juneau March 10th and 11th to document the House Build program. This is part of a statewide effort by the university and industry to promote the construction trades and in particular Construction Management. All three university construction programs will be featured in the video. (*excellence, collaboration*)

Behavioral Health - Sarah Niecko, Faculty Member

Collaborated on a 1-minute video for Integrated Behavioral Health that featured students and community partners. (*excellence, collaboration*)

School of Education

Maren Haavig, Interim Dean

No report this month.

School of Arts & Sciences

Carin Silkaitis, Dean

Hello, Colleagues,

I just returned from a trip to Ketchikan and Sitka and it is always exciting to see what is happening in those communities and meet with faculty and staff. The weather was beautiful in both locations, and I definitely enjoyed my time exploring.

I want to thank the faculty and staff in Ketchikan and Sitka for their excellent ideas and feedback, some of which is already getting incorporated into my meetings this week! Additionally, your thoughts regarding the Dean of Career Education will get put into a document and sent around to the entire search committee as we head into zoom interviews and on-campus interviews. This feedback will be instrumental in helping us choose the next Dean of Career Education.

Regarding A&S strategic planning: I appreciate your participation (particularly the initiative champions!) as we move into the next phase of this process and fine tune the writing of our final document. Michele Thornton will return in April and we'll travel to both community campuses to discuss the first draft of the strategic planning document.

Natural Sciences - Brian Blitz, Department Chair

- Megan Buzby and Brian Blitz are attending a mathematics conference for the Pacific Northwest section of the Mathematical Association of America (MAA) and Section NExT (New Experiences in Teaching) March 17-18 at George Fox University. (*excellence, collaboration*)
- Jim Powell (ACRC) presented his preliminary findings on one of his research projects at the Arctic Science Summit Week in Vienna Austria on February 17-24, 2023. Dr. Powell's NSF funded project examines multiple urban hazards caused by climate change including wildfire at the urban interface, Rain-in-winter, and thawing permafrost in Anchorage, Fairbanks, and Whitehorse. (*excellence, collaboration, sustainability*)
- Megan Behnke (ACRC Postdoctoral Fellow) had an article accepted for publication in Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences titled "Aquatic biomass is a major source to particulate organic matter export in large Arctic rivers". (*excellence, sustainability*)
- Heidi Pearson gave an invited virtual talk at the "Oceans for Hope" youth conference, organized by The Whale museum in Andenes, Norway on Feb. 22. The title of her talk was, "Can whale recovery help to store and sequester carbon"? (*excellence, sustainability, collaboration*)
- Heidi Pearson was invited to participate in a Congressional briefing organized by COMPASS on Feb. 1 to share the latest science on blue carbon with staffers from the offices of Senator Whitehouse (RI), Congresswoman Bonamici (OR), Congressman Pallone (NJ), and the House Natural Resources Committee. (*excellence, collaboration, sustainability*)

Business & Public Administration - Kristy Smith, Department Chair

- Dr. Kristy Smith served as an ACBSP Evaluator for initial accreditation for the Global Leadership University in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia. The CEO / Founder is interested in developing 2+2 or one-year abroad agreements with UAS. (*excellence, collaboration, access, sustainability*)
- Dr. Charla Brown was nominated to serve on the board of the Alaska Postsecondary Access Network (Alaska CAN!); the results of this election are pending. (*excellence, collaboration*)
- In support of the Juneau Economic Development Council's annual Innovation Summit, Dr. Carla Kroeze and Dr. Paulette Schirmer will be facilitators for keynote speaker workshop sessions on March 15-16. Cagney Ramirez, UAS Student and former JEDC Intern, will also provide coordination assistance at the event. (*excellence, collaboration, stewardship*)
- Dr. Paulette Schirmer has arranged two events for the SEA-P.A. Club. The first is a painting night hosted by Ryptic where individuals in the club will get together virtually and paint under the capable guidance of their artistic staff. The second is a speaking opportunity where several members of different community businesses will speak about their careers in accounting, their experiences with their career in accounting, and potential internship opportunities. (*stewardship, collaboration, excellence, access*)
- Charla Brown participated in the "Fostering a Positive and Supportive Work Culture" session hosted by UA HR and the "Decolonizing Our Spaces" facilitated by Kaia Henderson and Math Trafton. (*diversity, excellence, collaboration*)
- 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. This conference is in part supported by our key stakeholder, Northrim Bank. (*collaboration, excellence*)
- BPA Faculty met with Dr. Michelle Thornton to further explore strategic planning. (*excellence, collaboration, sustainability*)

Social Sciences - Bill Urquhart, Department Chair

- Nothing new to report

Humanities - Forest Wagner, Department Chair

- Nothing new to report

Ketchikan Campus

Dr. Priscilla Schulte, Campus Director

- Priscilla Schulte attended the Community Campus Directors Council (CCDC) meetings in Anchorage.(*excellence, collaboration*)
- Priscilla Schulte also attended the Workforce Development meeting in Anchorage to discuss TVEP requests for each university.(*excellence, diversity,stewardship*)
- The visit by a candidate for the Assistant Professor of Communication position was postponed due to weather and transportation problems to March 21. (*excellence, diversity*)

- The USDA/NIFA grant sponsored class offered classes on cedar bark weaving with Haida weaver Holly Churchill, Design and carving with Tlingit artist Norman Jackson, and devils club salve making and Respectful Harvesting with Tlingit cultural teaching Naomi Michalsen. (diversity, access, collaboration, sustainability, stewardship, and excellence)
- The Maritime Training Center offered numerous US Coast Guard approved classes for AMHS employees. (access, diversity, excellence, collaboration)

Sitka Campus

Dr. Paul Kraft, Campus Director

- Paul Kraft attended the Spring Gathering of the CCDC (Community Campus Director Council) in Anchorage. The 13 Campus Directors shared success stories, challenges and opportunities to collaborate on various student success initiatives. (*access, collaboration, sustainability*)
- Katie Sill attended the Regional NACADA conference in Las Vegas where she gave a presentation on effective collaboration with high school counselors to improve student success and access with dual enrollment. (*access, collaboration*)
- Mariculture instructor Angie Bowers attended and presented the work being done with kelp and salmon hatchery nutrients at an international conference in *Hobart, Tasmania*. (*access, collaboration, sustainability*)
- Mariculture technician, Sara Ebersol gave a presentation on the mariculture program in New Orleans at the Aquaculture North America conference and she shared a poster at the mariculture conference in Juneau. (*access, collaboration, sustainability*)
- Attended the Bren Smith “Eat Like a Fish” presentation along with approximately 50 other interested Sitka community members.

Egan Library

Elise Tomlinson, Dean

Library

One Campus, One Book | Year in Review

As the 2022-23 One Campus, One Book exploration of *Eat Like a Fish: My adventures as a fisherman turned restorative ocean farmer* by Bren Smith winds down, coordinator Jonas Lamb is excited to share a few quick highlights and ask for your input. From Jonas:

I invite you to answer [five short questions](#) to help improve future events or to offer recommendations for future book selections.

Thank you to everyone who attended Bren Smith's March 7 Juneau keynote, *Sea Farming, Sustainability and the Future of Food*. Bren had the room busting up with laughter on multiple occasions and those in attendance (students, faculty, alumni, community members) seemed to really connect to Bren's authenticity and down to earth demeanor. They also seemed to tolerate when he occasionally cursed like the fisherman at his core! The recording is available on UAS YouTube channel through March 24.

This week Bren Smith visited Juneau and Sitka supported by a grant from the Alaska State Library. In Juneau he met with local seaweed farmers, fielded questions from a super engaged group of students from Mike Navarro's (Assistant Professor of Marine Fisheries), Introduction to Marine Fisheries Science and presented a keynote. He also traveled to Sitka where he visited with students from Mt. Edgecumbe and Sitka High Schools, accompanied UAS Associate Professor of Aquaculture, Angie Bowers for a skiff-powered tour of the UAS bull kelp farm and presented the keynote, *Ocean Farming and the Fight for Equality in a Changing World* to an engaged crowd on the Sitka waterfront at Harrigan Centennial Hall.

Related events in October (Barnacle Foods Facility Tour, Ocean to Table Panel Discussion) provided opportunities for Alaskans to learn more about the role of mariculture and aquaculture in the Alaskan economy, local and global food security and in mitigating effects of climate change. Eat Like A Fish provided readers a timely introduction to issues central to life in Southeast Alaska as showcased in Tlingit oral literature and the research and economic development sectors.

- 6 UAS courses included assignments or activities related to the book.
- 9 community partners: Sitka Public Libraries, Barnacle Foods, Foraged & Found, Alaska Fisheries Development Foundation, UAF School of Fisheries and Ocean Science, Southeast Conference, UAF Cooperative Extension Service, Hearthside Books and Old Harbor Books.
- 10 cubic yards of seaweed collected and delivered to 4 community gardens (CCTHITA Head Start, Juneau Tlingit and Haida Community Council, TMHS, Juneau Community Garden).
- 16 alternative terms for seaweed (including 4 in Tlingit) generated at UAS Campus Kickoff and shared with Bren Smith.
- 76 community service hours provided by 15 UAS students, 2 UAS faculty members, 1 UAF faculty member and 1 community partner to collect seaweed from Juneau area beaches on a rainy Saturday in October.
- 207 people attended 4 events and 2 class visits.
- 225 free copies of the book were distributed.

Alaska Library Association Annual Conference: Rising to Challenges

Egan Library faculty are actively involved in the upcoming annual conference to be held in Fairbanks and virtually. This event typically draws between 200-250 library professionals for two days of professional development, networking and collaboration. As outgoing President, Conference Accessibility Coordinator & Awards Committee Chair, Jonas Lamb

will travel to Fairbanks for the conference while Jen Ward, David Cox and Kaia Henrickson will participate virtually.

- Jonas will present the session, "Leveraging Wikipedia for Library & Museum Programs" and serve as MC for the "State of our Libraries Luncheon featuring 'Our Brave Communities' with American Library Association President, Lessa Kanani'opua Pelayo-Lozada."
- Jen will present a pre-recorded session, "Digital Humanities and Data Literacy: Making Meaning out of Big Data."
- David will present a pre-recorded session, "Reclassifying the UAS Indigenous Knowledge Collection."
- Kaia will present, "Challenge Your Comfort Zone - Leading a Professional Learning Community" and lead a meeting of the Academic Roundtable as co-chair.

(excellence, access, and collaboration)

Friend of Egan Library, a UAS Alumni and Friends Network (FOELN)

Save the date for our Annual UAS Authors' Celebration, hosted by Egan Library and the FOELN. This year's celebration will be on Friday, April 14, starting at 5:00.

If you haven't yet, please consider joining FOELN to show your support for Egan Library and programming such as Evening at Egan and Once Campus One Book. Benefits of membership include:

- A commemorative Friends of the Egan Library lapel pin.
- Invitation to the annual UAS Authors' Reception and other events throughout the year.
- FRIENDS newsletter highlighting library news and initiatives.
- One time 25% discount on select of University of Alaska Press titles (details at <http://uas.alaska.edu/library/give.html>)
- Invitations to review and select materials withdrawn from the collection.
- Recognition in the annual Honor Roll of Friends

Please click here for more information or to [become a member](#)!

Writing Center

The Writing Center is wrapping up production on their fourth edition of Summit. This volume will feature a collaborative cover by student artists as well as nine student essays. Each edition of Summit honors a student's work with the *Ernestine Hayes Award for Excellence in Essay Writing*. Congratulations to this year's winner Jack Imel.

The Writing Center hired two new tutors this semester: AJ Shultz and Don Scalia. AJ is an English major from Anchorage. He's always working or on the move, and hopes to one day be a screenwriter, ideally for Doctor Who. Don Scalia is a marine biology major, and we are excited to add another STEM major to our team, to better help students with more scientific-based projects. Don loves to read, and they are trying to read a book a week this year.

The Writing Center is holding a writing contest that includes two categories: historical flash fiction and short historical nonfiction (with prizes of \$250 in each category!). Prize money is provided by the Gastineau Channel Historical Society; the Native and Rural Student Center is also offering guidance to students interested in entering. The deadline for submissions is March 31; [please visit our contest website for guidelines and resources](#). (*excellence, access, and collaboration*)

Learning / Testing Center

New Staff: Please welcome Kay Riley as our new Testing Supervisor. Here is a brief introduction from Kay:

"Hello! My preferred name is Kay, pronouns they/them/theirs. I was born in Baltimore, Maryland and raised in the Maryland countryside (there were many cows which I miss greatly as they are my favorite animal). I have lived all over the United States, most recently in the Seattle, Washington area, which is where I moved here from in February of 2023. I live here with my partner and our three dogs (plus one cat who hides from us all!). I am enjoying Juneau, most of all the water/city/mountain view from my front porch - there really is nothing like it! My doggo is appreciating the snow and being the world's tiniest polar bear with her new big dog friends. For a very small city, Juneau has proven to be full of surprises and I can say that I am definitely well attached and in love with Juneau since my first of many visits here last year. I look forward to becoming a part of the UAS community and getting to know everyone here!"

The UAS Math club, which meets weekly in the Learning Center, received a URECA grant to purchase board games, study them mathematically, and eventually write a paper on their findings. Members can be spotted nearly every day conducting their research here, and have even been roping non math club folks into the fun.
(*collaboration*)

CELT

Please mark your calendars for the following presentations from CELT:

- Tue Mar 14, 2023 [VoiceThread and Universal Design for Learning \(UDL\) \(webinar\)](#)
- Tue Mar 21, 2023 [VoiceThread Advanced Skills \(webinar\)](#)
- Fri Mar 24, 2023 [Courageous Space: Antiracism/Bystander Overview with Carin Silkaitis](#)

Alaska Native Programs / PITAAS

Ronalda Cadiente Brown, Associate Vice Chancellor

- Faculty Alliance Retreat March 8 on the Juneau Campus, invitation to provide an update on the Alaska Native Success Initiative.

- Upcoming panel presentation at the Western Annual Conference hosted by the Society of College and University Planners (SCUP) on the campus of University of California, Davis, March 27, 28, 29, 2023. The presentation is entitled Weaving Indigenous Cultures with Institutional Goals (*collaboration*)
- Alaska Native Success (ANSI) UA campus leads continue to meet with and contribute toward planning with CHRO Memry Dahl while the UA position of Senior Director ANSI remains vacant due to a failed search. Leads assisted in the preparation for a report to the Board of Regents that took place on February 24. (*diversity, collaboration*)
- Meeting attendance and participation includes the Chancellor's Advisory Committee on Alaska Native Education and related committee on HR related priorities; Sealaska Heritage Institute partnership on Northwest Coast Arts and education degree scholarships; Alaska Native Science and Engineering Program (ANSEP) memorandum of understanding finalization (*diversity, access, & collaboration*)

Administrative Services

Michael Ciri, Vice Chancellor

Grants, Contracts & Budget - Julie Vigil, Director

Nothing to report this month.

Information Technology - Michael Ciri, Director

UAOnline and Banner have been successfully migrated to the cloud. Thank you for your patience during this transition.

Business Services - Jon Lasinski, Director

The [Associate Bursar](#) position is posted. Please spread the word (*diversity, excellence, sustainability*)

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

Compensation Manual (Link Repository) - The Compensation Team has created a virtual Compensation Manual which can be accessed through ESM in this [Knowledge Base Article](#). The manual contains all of the Class and Comp-related guides, forms, templates, and articles all in one place. It is a living document in that each resource will be linked to the most current version. For questions, please contact ua-compensation@alaska.edu. (*excellence, diversity, access, collaboration*)

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)*

Performance Evaluation Process Update - UA HR has finalized a condensed, user-friendly version of the performance evaluation process that is more concise and requires fewer steps to complete in MyUA. This updated process will be available for FY23 evaluations starting, Wednesday, March 1, 2023.

While we would like all employees and supervisors to utilize the myUA tool for performance evaluations, we realize that some may prefer a PDF form. For those employees and supervisors completing the [PDF Performance Evaluation Form](#), updates have been made to that form to better align with the rating system within the performance evaluation in MyUA. As a reminder, completed PDF evaluation forms must be submitted via NextGen, per the following Knowledge Base Article:
<https://service.alaska.edu/TDClient/39/Portal/KB/ArticleDet?ID=1009> *(excellence, diversity, access, collaboration)*

Enrollment Management & Student Affairs

Lori Klein, Vice Chancellor

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

- Visited high schools in Fairbanks, North Pole, Nenana, Kodiak, and Bethel to present in classrooms, table events, and facilitate application workshops. *(access, stewardship, Collaboration)*
- Hosted 49 prospective students and parents on campus for tours and admissions counseling. *(excellence)*
- Welcomed two new Student Ambassadors to the Admissions team, Justin Trumble and Hannah Sallee. *(excellence)*

Veterans Affairs / Advising - Deb Rydman, VA School Certifying Official

- UAS was designated as a Military Friendly® School for 2023-2024, earning designated Silver award status. To receive the Silver distinction, selected schools are within 20% of the 10th-ranked small public schools. Special thanks to Kristen Handley and Lori Klein for their participation in this effort. *(excellence & collaboration)*

Advising– Amanda Triplett, Academic Advisor

Attended the AlaskaCAN conference March 1-3 followed by the Culturally Affirming Counseling Convening sponsored through the Tumyaara project and hosted by APU on March 4th. Discussed college readiness in the western context vs indigenous framework and postsecondary workforce development pathways. (*diversity, access, stewardship & collaboration*)

Working with Juneau School District, SHI, Goldbelt, SERRC and AASB on summer career academies and campus. Coordinators from each organization are mapping out curriculum which will likely translate into some type of dual credit opportunities for participants. Faculty are involved in the programming. (*diversity, access, stewardship & collaboration*)

Career Services - Aimée Richards, Career Services Manager

- Hosted 33 employers at the UAS Spring Job Fair on February 22, 2023. Student attendance at the fair increased by over 30% from 2022. Special thanks to Facilities, SAB, Creative Agency, Food Services, and various EMSA staff volunteers for their support in making this a successful event. A special career development shoutout to Dr. Kevin Maier for requiring his students to attend the fair as part of a class assignment! (*collaboration, excellence, access, stewardship*)
- In collaboration with Dr. Buzby & Dr. Blitz, coordinated a recruitment event for [Segal](#) who is interested in hiring another UAS Math/Accounting graduate. (*collaboration, stewardship, access*)
- Presented to students at Dr. Tallmon's Biology Careers event. (*collaboration, stewardship, access*)
- Coordinating logistics, marketing and recruitment of the [American Bald Eagle Foundation/UAS internship](#) and the [Klondike Gold Rush National Historic Park/UAS internship](#). (*collaboration, stewardship, access*)
- Met with several employers who are eager to hire UAS students/graduates to fill many vacant positions locally and state-wide and onboarded them to Handshake. (*collaboration, stewardship*)
- Hosted several on-campus independent tabling events for employers looking to recruit students for summer and permanent positions. (*collaboration, stewardship*)
- Conducted over 50 student appointments over the past month. (*excellence, stewardship, access*)
- Presented to UAS student clubs about activating Handshake accounts, internship/job opportunities, and services for students. (*diversity, stewardship, access, collaboration*)

Financial Aid - Janelle Cook, Director

- Loaded in FAFSA's for the 2324 and sent out first round financial aid award letters and tracking letters (*excellence, access, collaboration, stewardship*)
- Cost of Attendance for 2324 is finalized (*excellence, collaboration, access*)

- Thank you to all the scholarship readers that took time out of their busy schedules to read Foundation applications! We are working hard to get those scholarships awarded to our students. (*excellence, diversity, access, collaboration, stewardship*).
- We are still looking for a Financial Aid Advisor (*stewardship, diversity, excellence, access*)

Registrar's Office - Trisha Lee, Registrar

- We are currently participating with UAA and UAF registrars and admissions teams in multiple workshops with SIG to look at our admissions and registration processes hoping to find ways to make it easier for students to navigate. This is part of the modernizing of our SIS project. (*collaboration, access*)
- We are in the review process for the Student Systems Support Technician and the Student Information Specialist positions. (*diversity, excellence, access*)

Creative Agency - Alison Krein, Creative Manager

- Launched Summer Registration campaign (*access, collaboration*)
- Booked campus photographer for fall (*excellence, diversity, collaboration*)
- Finalized longevity pin award order (*excellence, collaboration, stewardship*)

Students and Campus Life

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

- Residence Life is working to increase our ability to offer programming to our students who are living within John Pugh Hall, Upper Housing Apartments, and Banfield Hall. Our Resident Advisors have been working hard to put on the following programs:
 - 2/28: Air Plants potting and decorating - Approximately 25 students participated in the event with a total of 100 potted plants being distributed to residents (*sustainability*)
 - 3/3: Neon Dodgeball Night -approximately 45 students participated (*collaboration*)
 - 3/4: Painting Night - approximately 15 students participated
 - 3/11: Game Night - TBD
 - 3/18: Crochet & Knitting Night - TBD
 - 3/25: UAS Ski Day - TBD (*collaboration*)
- Housing Applications for Summer 2023 and Fall 2023 are up in both our overall totals and new student applicants from last year at this time! (*excellence*)
 - For the Summer 2023 term, we have 21 total applications (6 new) compared to 16 total applications (1 new) at this time in 2022.
 - For the Fall 2023 term, we have 41 total applications (26 new) compared to 31 total applications (18 new) at this time in 2022.

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

Greetings from the NRSC!

Tutoring has started in the NRSC: Tuesdays, 2pm - 4pm, Writing; Wednesdays, 12:30pm - 2:30pm, Math & Science; Fridays, 2:15pm - 3:15pm, Lingit Language Fridays, 2:15pm - 3:15pm

Drop in Counseling/collaborating with our Art Therapist/Counselor Carrie Kline, Thursdays, times vary

Past Events:

- AAPI hosted their first fellowship event - Dinner & a Movie, 3/2, 20 folks attended (16 students, 4 faculty/staff)
- Woonch.ween is continuing to host Frybread sales 3/3 & 3/21, \$2 for students, \$4 for everyone else
- Woonch.ween also hosted a lingit language learning event at the Heritage Cafe (valley location), (3 faculty/staff and 7 students attended the morning event.
- Woonch.ween also cohosted an art therapy event with our UAS Art Therapist/Counselor Carrie Kline, 3/4 , about 20 folks attended (5 faculty/staff & 15 students)

Upcoming Events:

- Our Hawaiian Relatives come to Juneau next week, we'll host them in Wayne's Classroom, and then again through harvesting edible medicinal plants. (excellence, diversity, access, collaboration, sustainability, and stewardship)
- 21st Annual Oratory Showcase, 3/25, Saturday, 4pm - 7pm, EG112 lecture hall (excellence, diversity, access, collaboration)
- Annual Traditional Games Competition, 4/1 & 4/2, Thunder Mountain High School (excellence, diversity, access, collaboration)
- Annual Native Graduation Celebration, 5/7, 11am - 12:30pm (excellence, diversity, access, collaboration)

Club business:

- Woonch.ween meets weekly, Fridays, 12pm - 2pm (excellence, diversity, access, collaboration, sustainability, and stewardship)
- AAPI meets bi-weekly, Fridays, 3:45pm - 4:45pm (excellence, diversity, access, collaboration)
- AISES meets monthly (excellence, diversity, access, collaboration)
- Traditional Games meets weekly at the REC CTR, and off site preparing for the Annual Traditional Games 2 day competition (excellence, diversity, access, collaboration)

Student Engagement & Leadership - Mallory Nash, Student Engagement Manager

SE&L

- Read [The Weekly Spike](#) on Mondays and [submit](#) by Wednesdays to be included. *(excellence, diversity, access, collaboration, sustainability, and stewardship)*
- UAS Day of Service is Sunday, April 2! Please consider joining this University tradition and volunteer with Juneau organizations! *(excellence, diversity, access, collaboration, sustainability, and stewardship)*
- Congrats to [Connor Owen](#), recipient of March Mighty SE&L! In addition, congrats to SamMi and Almeria who were nominated by peers. Learn more: <https://www.instagram.com/uasengage> *(excellence, diversity, access, collaboration, and stewardship)*
- SAVE THE DATE: Friday, April 14 | UAS Spring Carnival *(excellence, collaboration, and stewardship)*

SAB

- SAVE THE DATE: March 23 at 7 p.m. Alaska Airlines Student Concert Series presents, Katherine Blanford. *(excellence, collaboration, and stewardship)*
- We'll be taking a group of students to Folk Fest on April 11. *(excellence, diversity, access, collaboration, and stewardship)*
- In collaboration with Arts & Sciences, SAB will bring students to the Little Women play at Perseverance Theatre on April 19. *(excellence, diversity, access, collaboration, and stewardship)*

SGUAS-JC

- Public meetings are held weekly on Tuesdays from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Please consider joining! *(excellence, diversity, access, collaboration, and stewardship)*
- April 10 - 12 are SGUAS-JC elections (President, VP, Treasurer, Secretary & Public Relations are open) *(excellence, collaboration, and stewardship)*

Registered Student Organizations

No updates at this time.

Whalesong

March print will be released on Thursday, March 23! 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

Number of active students (81), total accommodation requests (246), number of classes with accommodations (149). *(excellence, diversity, access)*

Ongoing ORCA partnership: outdoor recreation activities for students with disabilities. 9 students went downhill skiing on 2/25. Nordic skiing will occur on 3/31 and kayaking on 4/28. *(excellence, diversity, access, collaboration, and stewardship)*

Continuing to rollout 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

Increased acuity of mental health symptoms (depression, suicidal ideation, hopelessness, lack of motivation, anxiety) for students. Not unusual for increases to occur near mid-terms. *(diversity, access, collaboration, sustainability, and stewardship)*

Health Clinic

No new updates for the Health Clinic.

Recreation Center - Dave Klein, Associate Director of Campus Recreation

Black Light Dodgeball (last event was in 2018) co-sponsored by Residence Life and SAB had a great turnout with approximately 50-60 in attendance, all UAS Students. This event is open to UAS faculty and staff and will be offered again as part of welcome week in fall 2023. *(excellence, access, collaboration)*

Summer room rentals have kicked into full swing with many new clients due to the closure of Centennial Hall. The SafeGrad event will once again be hosted at the REC Center. This year UAS Admissions will be involved by hosting the photo booth. *(excellence, diversity, access, collaboration, sustainability, and stewardship)*

The REC Center's three wood floors will be refinished during the later half of June. Last time they were repaired/refinished was December of 2016. Going forward we plan to refinish every other year so as to reduce the likelihood of costly repairs. *(sustainability, and stewardship)*

The week of spring break the REC Center will be open for limited hours of 11am to 8pm daily. We are not closed on Friday of Staff/Faculty spring break. I have several Alumni working with our climbing coordinator and coordinator in training to work on route setting during the break. *(excellence, access, collaboration, sustainability, and stewardship)*

Facilities Services

Nathan Leigh, Director

Spring is on it's way as you can see from on the UAS snow-cam showing Spike coming out from under a blanket of snow: https://uas.alaska.edu/facilities_services/grounds/ Soon we will see our landscaping appearing from beneath all of these snow piles and we will need someone to take care of them. If you would like help, we are still looking for people to work on our grounds crew (*Sustainability*). They can be part-time, temporary, students, full time etc. If you are interested please apply at careers.alaska.edu.

Please let us know if you see some building facility that is broken and needs to be fixed (*stewardship*). Just fill out our work order online [HERE](#). If you see something that can be improved, renewed, renovated, please let us know, we will have some time to do these projects during the summer break.

Facilities Planning and Construction (FP&C) Project Status: (*Stewardship*)

- Auke Bay Integrated Science Building: The Contractor keeps rising the challenges that keep popping up like whack a mole. Recent challenges include; heavy snow, staffing shortages, missordered parts and continuous delays from supply disruptions. We are keeping our fingers crossed that they can keep up with the moles for 10-12 more months.
- IT - UPS Replacement: Contractor has ordered the Uninterruptible Power System (UPS) and we will soon know when the manufacturer can deliver this important piece of equipment.
- Novatney Roof Replacement: Contractor has ordered materials and if the materials arrive they will start work next month.
- Housing Sidewalk Repair: Consultant is working on design and we hope to bid this summer.
- Sitka Mariculture Expansion: Consultant will be providing a draft report next month.
- Campus Security Assessment: The goal is to have a report completed before graduation in May. Then UAS will start work on implementing their recommendations.

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

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

Dr. Math Trafton and Courtney MacArthur, co-Chairs

- Planned an all-day retreat for our next meeting on Friday 3/31. During the meeting, we will continue subcommittee work in person, in addition to beginning to draft our annual report and begin to strategize and prioritize efforts for the next year. (*collaboration and stewardship*)
- Added a 16th member to the committee (15th voting member) to represent Student Affairs. Kailey Pritzl will serve in this role for the remainder of the academic year. (*diversity and access*)
- Started collaboration with UAS-J Student Government's Social Justice & Equity Committee, and we will continue to meet with them, especially as they begin to review results of student survey they distributed. (*collaboration*)
- Continued to explore ways to revise the UAS Student Registration form to make a more inclusive and equitable collection of student data. (*diversity and access*)

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

Mischa Jackson and Janelle Cook, co-Chairs

- Met with the committee and are working on updating our website with the members. (*excellence, diversity, collaboration*)
- Each chair has a subset committee to work on tackling our priorities for this year. (*excellence, diversity, collaboration*)