

# Philanthropy Report

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## Alumni Giving and Membership

In FY23, 131 alumni generously included the University of Alaska Southeast in their philanthropic giving, making gifts to a variety of areas across the university. In total, alumni made contributions totaling over \$69,000 in FY23, the largest level of alumni giving since 2020.

In addition to alumni contributing gifts, 84 memberships were received in FY23, an increase of 6 over FY22. This brings the total to 206 members in the UAS Alumni and Friends Association.

The support of alumni – in giving of time, talent, and treasure – is vital to the success of UAS and we thank our generous alumni.

## Upcoming Event: Evening at Egan

Join us on September 8th at 7:00pm in the Egan Library on the University of Alaska Southeast's campus or on YouTube for Fulbright Scholar in Residence Dr. Shingo Hamada's presentation "Eating the Herring: Rifts and Responses in the North Pacific."

YouTube Link: <http://www.youtube.com/UASoutheast>

The poster is set against a background of fresh salmon. It features a portrait of Dr. Shingo Hamada, a man with glasses and a beard, wearing a suit and tie. The text on the poster includes:

- Evening at Egan**
- At UAS Egan Library
- Free & Open to the Public
- [uas.alaska.edu/eganlecture](https://uas.alaska.edu/eganlecture)
- Dr. Shingo Hamada
- Eating the Herring: Rifts and Responses in the North Pacific**
- Friday, September 8 ~ 7pm
- The herring is one of the world's most culturally and ecologically important species. However, we have witnessed the depletion of herring stocks in both the western (Japan) and eastern (North America) sides of the North Pacific, as a result of mismanaging fisheries, habitat modification, and climate change. Shingo Hamada will provide an overview of the environmental and food history of herring in Japan, and discuss some "rifts" in our relationship with the herring and possible responses for sustainable seafood cultures in the North Pacific.
- UNIVERSITY of ALASKA SOUTHEAST

## Interested in Being an Alumni Association Board Member?

A great state needs a great university and a diverse and dedicated Alumni & Friends Board of Directors are essential to ensure our alumni and supporters are well represented. Be a part of a great group of individuals that strive to support the University of Alaska Southeast and its alumni. The UAS Alumni Association is looking for new board members!

The commitment is 3 years (2024-2027) and candidates must be active Alumni & Friends members to serve on the board.

Interested? Contact Jasper Vic Soriano, Alumni Relations Manager, at [jgsoriano2@alaska.edu](mailto:jgsoriano2@alaska.edu) or call 907-796-6569 for more information.



## Faculty and Staff Campaign Kickoff

On Tuesday, August 14th, the Development Office hosted a Faculty and Staff Campaign Kickoff event. In addition to tasty food and drinks, a presentation highlighting fundraising efforts at UAS over the past year was shared. To add an extra layer of excitement the event featured a raffle for an Alaska Airlines ticket that went to one lucky guest. The event closed with a renewed sense of purpose and togetherness as another semester began.

## A New Scholarship for UAS Students

Ecotrust, a collaborative nonprofit based in Portland, Oregon, works with community members and organizations toward a vision of an equitable, prosperous, and climate-smart future. Ecotrust works with philanthropists who remain anonymous to us, but who care deeply about the people of Alaska.

A donor made a gift of \$50,000 through Ecotrust in August for the Ecotrust Native American Scholarship Fund at UAS. The donor has verbally committed to another \$50,000 in 2024 for a total commitment of \$100,000. The gift will support scholarships for Alaska Native and Native American junior and senior students studying areas including climate and natural resources sciences, fisheries, mariculture, economic development, social sciences, and more. This scholarship will be a vital source of funding to ensure students complete their degrees with limited debt.



## Coeur Alaska Kensington Mine Community Advisory Board Tour

On July 7th, UAS' Dean of the School of Career Education and UAS' Development Officer had the opportunity to attend Coeur Alaska's community advisory board tour of Kensington Mine.



Pictured left to right: Katie Kuhn, Rochelle Lindley, Maggie McMillan, Robert Venables, Cory Ortiz, Brittany Walkenford, Cathy Munoz

Coeur has deep roots in Southeast Alaska and is committed to being an integral part of the business, social, and philanthropic life of the community.

The University of Alaska Southeast and Coeur have a long-standing partnership that began in the 1990s. Coeur established its Coeur Alaska Kensington Mine Environmental Science Award in 1991 and has continued to donate additional funds to the endowment over the years to support UAS Environmental Science, Environmental Resources, and Marine Biology students. Coeur Alaska established a Maintenance Trainee Program in collaboration with the UAS Associates of Applied Sciences Diesel Technology Program. UAS is grateful to Coeur for many years of supporting our students and programs.

