

**University of Alaska Southeast  
KETCHIKAN CAMPUS**

# **Commencement 2022**

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**2:00pm Saturday  
April 30, 2022**

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**Ted Ferry Civic Center**

  
**UNIVERSITY of ALASKA SOUTHEAST** KETCHIKAN CAMPUS

## **Congratulations to the Graduates of 2021 and 2022!**

This is a special day for all of us here as we honor your accomplishments. It is a time to pause and recognize your efforts and talents that have culminated in the degrees and certificates that you are receiving today. Each of you has your own story that reflects how you have met life's challenges and overcome obstacles. Commencement is also a good time to reflect on the support you have received from family, friends, faculty, and staff in helping you reach your educational goals.

Your accomplishments are inspiring and serve to remind us to continue to follow our dreams. I applaud each of you and wish you success in future endeavors.

Priscilla Schulte, Ph.D.  
Campus Director  
UAS Ketchikan Campus

World renowned primatologist Jane Goodall made the following statement:

“What you do makes a difference, and you have to decide what kind of difference you want to make.”

# Commencement 2022

*Please remain seated during the ceremony and silence your cell phones.*

## **PROCESSIONAL**

Faculty Marshal..... Ali Ziegler  
*Associate Professor of Psychology*

## **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTORY REMARKS**

Director of Ceremonies ..... Priscilla Schulte  
*Campus Director*

Congratulatory Remarks ..... Karen Carey  
*Chancellor, University of Alaska Southeast*

Commencement Address ..... Rod Landis  
*Professor Emeritus*

## **CONFERRING OF DEGREES**

Presentation of Candidates ..... Priscilla Schulte  
*Campus Director*

Student Address ..... Amy Bauer  
*Graduate, University of Alaska Southeast Class of 2022*

Conferring of Honorary Doctorate ..... Karen Carey  
*Chancellor, University of Alaska Southeast*

Turning of the Tassels ..... Priscilla Schulte  
*Campus Director*

## **RECESSIONAL**

# Degree Recipients

## CERTIFICATE

### **Accounting**

Brenda Jacobson

Ann Morris

### **Medical Assisting**

Maria April Visenio

### **Small Business Management**

Tessa Nelson

## ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE

### **Business Administration**

Helen Holzmeister

Tessa Nelson

### **Health Science**

Maria April Visenio

Ashley Yoder

## ASSOCIATE OF ARTS

### **General**

Angela de Mello

Kaile Hutton

Autumn Records

## BACHELOR

### **Arts, Elementary Education**

Amanda Easterling

### **Arts, Social Science**

Graham Seibel

### **Arts, Social Work**

Jean Paulin Lockulu (UAF)

## **BACHELOR**

### **Business Administration**

Natalia Dyakanoff, *cum laude*

Brehanna Johnson

Aaron Young

## **GRADUATE CERTIFICATE**

### **Elementary Education**

Heea Chang

Adam Gullen

Michelle Rhein

Anne Schuerger

### **Reading**

Amy Bauer

## **MASTER**

### **Arts in Teaching, Elementary Education**

Zachery Trudeau

### **Arts in Teaching, Secondary Education**

Vance Churchwell

Delton Claggett

Heather Gause

Sara Orozco

Thomas Varela-Kossak

### **Business Administration**

Iuliia Sapelkina (UAF)

### **Education, Reading Specialist**

Amy Bauer

*Academic honors, yellow honor cords, are awarded to students who meet resident credit requirements and the following cumulative GPAs in all college and university work: summa cum laude, 4.0; magna cum laude, 3.8 and greater; cum laude, 3.5 and greater. Honors are not awarded at certificate or graduate level. Gold stoles are worn by members of Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) International Honor Society. Red, white and blue cords indicate honorable military service.*

## **David Kiffer**

### **Honorary Doctorate Recipient**

Honorary degrees are bestowed on individuals who exemplify a significant and lasting contribution to the university, to the State of Alaska, or to the individual's discipline or profession. The UA Board of Regents approves candidates who are nominated by local campuses. This year UAS honors David Kiffer with an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters.

David Kiffer is a community leader in Ketchikan and an important figure in the arts and letters of Southeast Alaska. He has worn many hats in his lifetime including journalist, regional historian, teacher, poet, musician, and mayor. He is currently the education coordinator at the Ketchikan Correctional Center and previously was the long-time executive director of Historic Ketchikan

Mr. Kiffer is a leading figure on Ketchikan's music scene and leads his own popular jazz band as well performing with numerous other groups in the area. He also taught private woodwind lessons to Ketchikan youth and adults for more than 20 years.

He has been an adjunct professor at UAS Ketchikan for 25 years, most recently teaching a very successful course in music appreciation.

He is currently the Mayor of the City of Ketchikan and has served on the City Council for the past eight years. He previously served as Mayor of Ketchikan Gateway Borough and as a member of the borough assembly. Mr. Kiffer has worked as a journalist in Alaska, Los Angeles, Boston and Wyoming and has written articles for the Associated Press, the New York Times, the Seattle Times, and the Anchorage Daily News among many others. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in journalism from Northeastern University in Boston and a Master's Degree in poetry and Irish Studies from Poets' House at Lancaster University in Donegal, Ireland.

Today we are proud to honor David Kiffer with an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters. Mr. Kiffer is truly deserving of this award.

## Ketchikan Honorary Degree Recipients

1981	Lew Williams, Jr.	Doctor of Humanities
1988	Nathan Paul Jackson	Doctor of Humanities
1989	Cliff Taro	Doctor of Humanities
1991	Delores Churchill	Doctor of Humane Letters
1994	Esther Shea	Doctor of Humane Letters
2004	Erma Lawrence	Doctor of Humane Letters
2008	Ray Troll	Doctor of Fine Arts
2009	Christa Bruce Kotrc	Doctor of Humane Letters
2011	Stephen Reeve	Doctor of Laws
2013	Jim Baichtal	Doctor of Science
2014	Evon Zerbetz	Doctor of Fine Arts

### **Honorary Degrees and Meritorious Awards Approval and Criteria**

Nominations for honorary degree or meritorious service awards may be made by members of the Board of Regents, Campus Advisory Council, members of the university community or citizens of the state.

Honorary doctorate candidates must have made “significant and lasting contributions to the University, their community or the State of Alaska.”

The University of Alaska Southeast Honorary Awards Committee considers the recommendations and submits the names to the Chancellor who forwards the names to the Board of Regents. The Board of Regents approves individuals to receive honorary degrees.

## Ketchikan Campus Faculty

**Jennifer Brown**

*B.A., Fort Lewis College  
ABD, University of  
Pennsylvania*

**Steve Florian**

*B.A., Grand Canyon University  
M.A., California State University  
Northridge  
Ph.D., Indiana University of  
Pennsylvania*

**Ryan Houtcooper**

*Certified Welder  
Journeyman Level Pipefitter*

**Colleen Ianuzzi**

*B.S., University of Alaska  
Fairbanks  
M.S., University of Alaska  
Fairbanks*

**Mike LaBarge**

*B.A., The College of Saint Rose*

**Barbara Morgan**

*B.S., University of Alaska  
Southeast  
M.A.T., University of Alaska  
Southeast*

**Neil Nickerson**

*B.S., Arizona State University  
M.A., Naval War College*

**Lawrence O'Loane**

*A.A.S., Oregon Institute of  
Technology  
Calhoon MEBA Engineering  
School  
USCG-Licensed Marine Engineer*

**Kasia Polanska**

*B.A., San Francisco State  
University  
M.A., Stanford University  
Ph.D., University of Minnesota*

**John Radzilowski**

*B.A., SW Minnesota State  
University  
Ph.D., Arizona State University*

**Charmaine Robinson**

*B.S., University of California  
Davis  
Ph.D., University of California  
Davis*

**Priscilla Schulte**

*B.A., University of Connecticut  
M.A., University of Connecticut  
Ph.D., University of New Mexico*

**William Urquhart**

*B.S., Oregon State University  
M.A., Tulane University  
Ph.D., Tulane University*

**Teague Whalen**

*B.A., University of Michigan  
M.F.A., Northern Michigan  
University*

**Ali Ziegler**

*B.A., University of Michigan  
M.S., University of Michigan  
Ph.D., University of Michigan*



## Ketchikan Campus 2021-2022 Adjunct Faculty

**Clare Bennett, B.A., M.A.**

**Brittney Cioni-Hayward, B.S.,  
M.S.**

**Michele Cornwall, B.S.N.**

**Melissa Cruise, B.A., M.A.**

**Charles Dodd, USCG-Approved  
Instructor**

**Trevor Fritz, A.A.S., B.S.**

**Angie Goffredi, B.S.**

**Ben Hastings, USCG-Approved  
Instructor**

**Jim Jurgeleit, Chief Engineer,  
Unlimted HP**

**David Kiffer, B.A., M.A.**

**Rod Landis, B.S., M.A., M. Litt.**

**Shivani Mathur, B.E., M.P.P.**

**Susan Porter, B.A., M.A., Ph.D.**

**Donna Mae Roberts, Tsimshian  
Language Instructor**

**Linda Schrack, Haida  
Language Instructor**

**Darcie Ziel, B.S.N.**

### ***Congratulations to our 2022 participants in workforce training***

Short-term training helps meet the vocational, technical and occupational needs of the residents of Southeast Alaska.

*Certified Nurse Aide  
Marine Transportation  
Maritime Multi-Skilled Worker (QMED)  
Power Technology  
Welding*

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### **Ex Officio**

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**Karen Carey**, *UAS Chancellor*

**Maren Haavig**, *UAS Provost*

**Priscilla Schulte**, *Director, Ketchikan Campus*

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