

Commencement 2021



To our extraordinary graduates:

As Chancellor of the University of Alaska Southeast, I want to congratulate you and all of our graduates in the Class of 2021! You are strong, you are resilient, and you persevered. I am so very proud of you for completing your degrees while living through a pandemic, and you should be proud of yourselves.

This has been a tough year and a half on everyone but you stuck to it, you focused on what you needed to do, and you did it! Completing a degree is a major life achievement. You have demonstrated you are successful and I wish you the best as you land your dream job, continue on with your studies, or focus on family.

I look forward to meeting each of you in person and we will make sure that when we can come together again, that we celebrate you in person. Stay in touch with us, let us know how you are doing, and come and visit any time. You are UAS!

Congratulations!

Dan T. Carry

Degree Recipients 2021

The University of Alaska Southeast is pleased to honor graduates from summer 2020, fall 2020, and spring 2021 in this year's ceremony. UAS students pursue their studies from many different locations across Alaska. We offer congratulations to those graduates who could not be here today.



Honors

SCL summa cum laude - 4.0 G.P.A. MCL magna cum laude - 3.8 G.P.A. CL cum laude - 3.5 G.P.A.

All college work attempted, including that attempted at other institutions, is considered in the calculation of honors. Honors at commencement are based on grades through the fall semester, and calculations may be revised after spring grades have been posted. Honors are not awarded to certificate and graduate degree students.

Certificate

Accounting Technician

Melissa A. Baldwin
Kim A. Bardo
Teresa R. Cunan
Francis A Doubrava
Caleyanna Maureen Drake
Samuel M. Hobbs
Brittany M. Ivy
Danielle Marie Lambert
Xiaofeng Lu
Pauline Brenda Palopoli
Patricia Ann Puletau
Miriam Ramos Escobar
Augustina Louise Sanchez
Jennifer L. Sanchez

Outdoor Skills & Leadership

Naomi Wynn Boyles-Muehleck Tori J. Cash Henry Ishikawa Mark John Krumwiede Cassidy L. Somerville Sam Fabian Lee Vivegnis

Pre-Radiologic Technology Qualifications

Robin Roehl

Small Business Management

Tessa Rae Cavanaugh Eileen Cheryl Johnston Erin M. Johnston Jordan Dessa Lehr

Associate of Arts

Leah K. Bibb Brooke Bird William Tyrel Brand Kierstyn Marie Cadiente-Laiti-Blattner Tessa Rae Cavanaugh Jacob C. Dangeli Brandi Leigh Deafendeffin Jessie Elaine Dugan SaraBeth Duke Amanda E. Empson Jannie Blanche Bulauan Fernandez CL Sapphira Antoinette Flint Johnathan Maxwell Goldrich Tammy Lee Helms MCL Logan Michael Lesmann Sierra Marie Mow Paula Munoz Leyva Martin Lucas Reid Noah R. Reishus-O'Brien Ryan J. Roguska CL Freya Devi Shrestha CL Richellius R. Solanoy Adam W. Spiech Justine Lopez Taguibao Felix Antonio Thillet Jr. Kristian J. Untalasco

Lauren Marie Wall

Associate of Applied Science

Business Administration

ACCOUNTING

Catherine Jean Bras
Yolanda Hernandez Cordero
Brandi Leigh Deafendeffin
Francis A. Doubrava
Leah D. Ferster MCL
Sarah A. Foglia CL
Adam P. Harford
Kelly Michelle Moore
Patricia Ann Puletau
Bailey Marie Stuart
Amber Rose White
Mingming Yang

GENERAL BUSINESS

Melissa A. Baldwin MCL Caitlin Marie Coreson Sarah E. Dushkin Megan Lea Gregory Alice Elizabeth Johnson Erin M Johnston Christian Luna Kaitlyn E. Mountcastle Pauline Brenda Palopoli Stephanie Kristine Ritter Sabrina C. Smith Fa aana Tania Tosi Elise Wright

Construction Technology

Sophie M. Lager Willa N. Madden Wood (L

Aaron Edwin Young

Health Sciences

Nicole E. Adams Megan A. Dallas MCL Teslin L. Gallagher Rhiannon Q. Norton-Davis

Power Technology

DIESEL

Dawson Max Chilton Trevor L. Fritz Edward R. Scharen MINE MECHANIC Spencer E. Holt

Associate of Science

Jenna R. Helminski Lindsey K. Lonas Riley M. Van Kirk CL

Bachelor of Arts

Biology

Jordan S. Lewis

Elementary Education

Joshua Cyle Blodgett
Caten L. Canet
Jeanette Anne Drysdale
Ivette J. Egoak
Travis Andrew Gannon
Hannah Melissa Marie Gunther CL
Erin Anita Herrick
Jessie Nicole Irwin
Cora Ann Kibling
Alyssa Ann Lefebvre
Andrew J. Madsen
Denara Alana McLeod
Annika M. Meehleis CL
Hallie Peacock CL
Samantha Victoria Phillips

Jessica Emma Seltzer Olivia Marie Sims Danielle Elizebeth Solsvig CL Julee-Anna M Van Velzor Mariah J. Vantrease MCL Keziah Ruth Whipple MCL Kenna Danielle Willis

English

Erika Eileen Bergren Anastasia Rose Erickson Ryan J. Roguska (L

Geography, Environmental, & Outdoor Studies

Marco Antonio Banda Hope Courtney MCL Sara Elizabeth Inman Harold G. Ruchti Meghan Ann Tabacek CL

Geography & Environmental Studies

Matthew Raymond Berry MCL Seth Joseph Classen Nolan Thomas Horner Timothy James Woo

Social Science

Deborah Susan Musgrove Buring CL Chanel D. Carbillon Jennifer Kathryn Carter Megan Kaylene Christner Annamarieka R Chythlook MCL Mark Anthony Relizan Dulay Kelly Kay Dunford Joanna N. Hamblin Alexandra F. Hiley Miranda Rae Kellerhals Amy Lortie Cameron Rae Manahan Danielle G. Marcano Bryon Michael McRae Rosa Lavelle Miller Christine Shanay Moore CL Kaitlyn Nichole Morgan Brandy M. Mulbury CL Marina I. Ogai CL Robert Conrad Petersen Alicia C. Steiner MCL Robert C. Vicario Honesty J. Zahnd CL

Special Education

T'essa Lanae Blossom (L Debra R. Eddy Jaden M. Flores Katherine Denise Gifford Robert John Kelso Ava Marie Parrish (L Annica Tufele

Bachelor of Business Administration

Accounting

Tiffany Boardman Catherine Jean Bras Antonina K. Conger CL Breann Arlene Denton CL Chelsey Timantha Dunton Naomi H. Emmert Sharadee Fariolan Heather R. Henderson Shannon Louise Howard Jobina Harriet Ivanoff Elizabeth Suzanne Keltner CL Chris James Luck Erika May Mason Eric Trip McDonald MCL Jennifer Angela Mejia Nikita Mae San Agustin MCL Jeryd Edward Schauwecker (L

Robyn Mykael Schlins Kevin Daniel Somerville Justine Roi Gallardo Soriano Nastasha E. Suarez

Entrepreneurship

Noelani H. Kamahele

Human Resource Management

Taylor Rae Buettner Charles Lee Clark Kendall McDow CL Elizabeth Eilean Mears Carlos Meda Frias MCL April Q. Roark Jaime Kyle Skeek Elisha Rae Thibodeau Aurora Marie Warrior

Management

Toni A. Daniels
Letitia Lelia DuClos
Breanne Carol Erickson
Miles Jarvis Gibson
Johnathan Maxwell Goldrich
Logan Holt Cl
Alesha A. Long
Alena Rose Lunda
Matthew Moorefield Cl
Kimberly Kay Parran
Elizabeth F. Sakeagak
Patricia Nicole Stangeland
Linzey Calleen White Cl
Brent Russell Wittmer MCl

Bachelor of Liberal Arts

Alaska Native Languages & Studies

Sidney A. Hartley Kelsey Lauren Thompson

Independent Design

Sophie M. Lager Patricia Kelly Woo

Interdisciplinary Studies

Brianna Blaire Ackley MCL Rosalinda Marie Ainza CL Pearl Doxa Boamah Kyra L. Bodnar CL Cassandra Anne Chase Twila Marie Chayalkun Delcenia Christine Cosman MCL Victoria Mae Daniels Jessica Sue Dominy Dylan Corel Freeman Jeffrey Alan Holley Jessie S. Huett Michelle R. Kirkham MCL Michelle Marie Manning Heather McGee SCL Heather Ann Miethe Maria Rangel Jonah R. Robinson MCL Jasmine R. Taylor Bryant CL

Bachelor of Science

Biology

Austin Ryan Alderfer CL Katelyn S. Carlile Delton Davis Claggett Mikayla E. Clark Celestina L. Cruz CL Rosemary J. Eufemio Aaron Wallace Lambert MCL

Environmental Resources

Liam C. Bogardus Mollie Rose Dwyer CL Oscar Traul Jones

Environmental Science

Ashlev Marie Ford Lucy Elizabeth Franklin Kelly R. Gerlach Gretchyn Lorenn ODonnell Dean Adrian Thiart Joseph Charles Vorderbruggen MCL McKenzie B. Wilson Michaela Mae Zurflueh

Fisheries & Ocean Sciences

Jessica R. Lupo Kelson B. Rounds-Mcpherson

Marine Biology

Spirit Conley Robert Michael Haldane Cole Muriel Claire Dittrich Selina R. Ellanna James Marcellas Horner Danielle Elise Lowrey Michael Padraig New Margaret M. Sherman Matthew Jaime Leon Stevens

Mathematics

Nowielle Jose Corpuz (L Zachary A. White

Master of Arts in Teaching

Elementary Education

Russell Alan Baker Gabriella Nicole Bookman Kathryn Marie Borchardt Maya Jean Edgerly Gary Scott Gibbs Mark Glasionov Carmel Elizabeth Haug Brenna Dalyn Kennicker Iorden Michelle Lisac Matthew Brandon Liston Molly Lynn McFarland Verna Miller Rita Luanne Shannon Viana Rodriguez Stam Brook M Spurlock Amanda Lvnn Swanson Samuel C. Volk Morgan Abigail Wood

Secondary Education

James Allison Travis Anderson Beth Elise Dunlop Joseph Michael Fish Sara Elizabeth Fraser Megan Marie Montgomer Fullerton Sharon A. Gibbons Alexandra Karin Gibbs Jack Evan Gunnill Bradley John Hamilton Anne Kristine Hays Limalau Kaneyo Hirata Leticia Pureza Holloway Iohn Holt Jacica S. Kim Kyle R. Lindsey

Mary Grace Maley Scott Alexander Markle Rainier Nallas Marquez Charlotte Guyonneau Mason Seth Christopher Norell Bader Amanda Lyn Pugh Daniela Saez Allen Mallari Santa Maria Shelby Louise Surdyk Jacob Benjamin Tatum Thomas D. Varela-Kossak Elizabeth Anne Winkle Samuel Johnson Woolsey

Special Education

Linnell J. Bush Alyssa Sue Conner Carleen G. Ducker Daniel C. Felton Makinna Lee Halverson

Master of Education

Educational Leadership

Kendi Lynn Lesley Adams Audra Melinda Billings Shauna Christine Booton Marsha L. Browder Nate Creel Kelly J. Denny Haylee Elizabeth Donovan Julie Lynn Eberhardt Robert Edward Fagerquist Heidi Sue Fairbanks Stacy Lou Foshee Christy L. Gomez Corrie Catherine Hruby Craig Robert Kasemodel Jada M. King Offong Kaleb Kuehn Michael Jay Lancaste Bridget Marie Larson Allison M. Little Kristen Rausch McDonald Rebecca Kyleen Menzia Shaun Robert Milligan Nancy Louise Mills Adriana Elizabeth Northcutt Karen Cooke Phillip Katelyn Salchow Barron Sample William Terrell Sarandria Teriscovkya Brigitte Smith Riley William Spetz Michelle JoAnn Spillane Kelly Anne Stewart Shonia Gayle Werner Liesl Johanna Wietgrefe Andrea Zink

Learning Design & Technology

Erika N. Apathy Samantha M. Bopp Amanda Gray Coby C. Haas Heather M. Howe

Mathematics Education

Melissa Ann Gill Keri L. Gray Joshua Thomas Gumlickpuk Carrie E. Lambert Tony Scott

Reading Specialist

Special Education

Beverly Joan Bowman Conner Brooks Suzanne Elizabeth Callander Rachel Lyn DeRaeve Sarah Justine King Christy Jean McMillan Lauren Nicole Peters

Master of Public Administration

Jill M. Charlie Erwin Fariolan JoLee Ramona Giuchici Steven Douglas Handy Elizabeth Ann Hardie Olen Walter Harris Karen Lynn Hewes Qian Wen Jiang Mary K. Koester Erica Anne Meckel-Carson Kirstin Beth-Grieser Olmstead Katheryn E. Powers Mary R. Richey Tara Sidor April Marie Skorski Sonya Fisher Stein Sheena Claire Tanner Elise M. Tomlinson Lealofi Vaeao-Feagiai Lisa Lynn Yancey

Higher Education

Kimberly C Davis Christina Ray Johnson Kristy Lee Malamute Joseph H. Malbert Narvaez Jessica R. Skipper Shayla Marie Sulser

Municipal Governance

Kathrine Frances Coonjohn Margaret M. Wilcox

Natural Resource Policy

Shannon Jensen D.Tyrell McGirt Jessica I. Post Amber Leigh Sweetland

Graduate Certificates

Educational Technology

Heather M. Howe

Elementary Education

Maya Jean Edgerly
David Funatake
Gary Scott Gibbs
Yvonne Renee Gregg
Jorden Michelle Lisac
Esther A. Pepin
Viana Rodriguez Stam
Eva Sanchez
Erin N. Saunders
Ariane R.C. Skaw
Samuel Volk
Holly Lela Michelle Wiley

Mathematics Education K-8

Melissa Ann Gill

Joshua Thomas Gumlickpuk

Tony Scott

Kurtis Montgomery Schoenberg

Reading Specialist

Camille M. Varin

Secondary Education

Brenda Hager

Andrea Rose Gregovich

Special Education

Janelle Ruth Angela Alexander

Beverly Joan Bowman

Suzanne Elizabeth Callander

Rachel Lyn DeRaeve

Angela D. Essary

Ashley Kay Haley

Stefanie Margo Humphrey

Sarah Justine King

Emperatriz Stephanie Milner

Dawn Poetter

Erica Marie Priscella

Katie Swanson

Trina L. Terry

Educational Endorsements

Benjamin S. Glover

Shanon Harvilla

Beverly S. Kokrine

Kasie M. Luke

Iennie L. Peterson

Meghan R. Redmond

Mark J. Roseberry

Occupational Endorsements

Accountant

Maraiya L. Gentili

Behavioral Health Assistant

Tanessa A. Ashenfelter

Jack R. Byrne

Isaac Alan Cryer

Sierra Lynn Ezrre

Tawnia Hanel

Leona Kristina Johansson

Shelby L. Kennedy

Amanda C. Lane

Shawna E. Nelson

Nicole E. McCabe

Carrollynn C. Peterson

Kyle A. Shassetz

Kayla LaBree Svinicki

Carving

Douglas W. Gray

Certified Nurse Aide Training

Kassandra Amber Eyre

Allison S. Hoy

Shaye L. Skillings

Samantha L. Wiley

Construction Technology

Robert N. Brown

Robert K Johnson

Violet Elizabeth Johnson

Daniel Leblanc-Tweedy

Suzette Soalablai

Exterior Finishes

Lucas D. Crane

Northwest Coast Art

Andrea Diane Cook

Power Technology

Levi A. Norton

Welding

Jeremiah Blankenship
Austin Brumfield
Vaughn J. Dalton
Catherine R. Evans
Benjamin D Fratis
Mia Margaret Hines
Donovan K. Jackson
Jeremy Tucker Reece
Edward R. Scharen
Jake W. Tanner
Dominic James Watt
Jason Robert Baker Williams

UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA ANCHORAGE

Associate of Applied Science

Nursing

Matthew Elliott Susan Hart Olga Harutyunyan Kaitlin Pickett Casey Smyke Jenifer Stevenson

> UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA FAIRBANKS

Associate of Applied Science

Human Services Margaret Haube

Outstanding Student Academic Awards 2021



Mariah Vantrease

Bachelor of Arts, Elementary Education

Anastasia Erickson

Bachelor of Arts, English

Annica Tufele

Bachelor of Arts, Special Education

Nowielle Corpuz

Bachelor of Science, Mathematics

Honesty Zahnd

Bachelor of Arts, Social Science

Lucy Franklin

Bachelor of Science, Environmental Science

Meghan Tabacek

Bachelor of Arts, Geography, Environmental, and Outdoor Studies

Jonah Robinson

Bachelor of Liberal Arts, Interdisciplinary Studies

Matthew Moorefield

Bachelor of Business Administration, Management Information Systems

Outstanding Student Academic Awards 2021



Logan Holt

Bachelor of Business Administration, Management Bob Ellis Award

Kendall McDow

Bachelor of Business Administration, Human Resource Management

Antonina Conger

Bachelor of Business Administration, Accounting

Leah Ferster

Associate of Applied Science, Business Administration

Jill Charlie

Master of Public Administration Ernest Gruening Award

Mary Maley

Master of Arts in Teaching, Secondary Education

Maya Edgerly

Master of Arts in Teaching, Elementary Education

Corrie Hruby

Master of Education, Educational Leadership

Ms. Pauline Kookesh Duncan



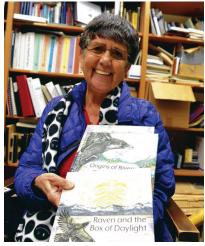
2021 Commencement Speaker Honorary Doctorate of Education

Pauline Duncan is greatly respected as a teacher and culture bearer. She created an invaluable legacy of teaching materials that merge Tlingit culture and language with Alaska educational standards. Ms. Duncan's achievements reflect her dedication to the exchange of cultural knowledge and her considerable talent and expertise

in the field of elementary education. An accomplished classroom teacher, her experience spans over 30 years at all levels from pre-kindergarten to high school. She retired from the Sitka School District in 2005.

Before the mid-nineties, culturally relevant materials for young children did not exist, and Pauline took it upon herself to create them. The result of this work is found in beautiful books and posters which have become a cornerstone resource for schools meeting the Alaska Cultural Standards for Students. They are widely used in schools throughout Tlingit traditional homelands.

Her book *Raven Stories*, part of the "Baby Raven Reads" series, was recognized as groundbreaking work by the National



Library of Congress Literacy Awards Best Practice as an Honoree, one of 15 programs in the world to receive the honor in 2017. The series is a foundation for community early childhood events that targets early learning and literacy strategies. Ms. Duncan's books encourage children to read, encourage parents to read to children, and pass

down traditional stories so they are not lost. Ms. Duncan's books are carried in bookstores throughout Alaska and are very popular with Alaska residents and visitors.

The importance of Ms. Duncan's work is widely recognized. She has received many awards and honors, including Alaska Bilingual Educator of the Year from the Alaska Association for Bilingual Education, the Alaska Federation of Natives President's Award, and the Sitka Tribe of Alaska Citizen of the Year. She was also the first recipient of the SheeAtika Corporation Charlie Joseph Culture and Heritage Award. We honor Ms. Duncan for her vision, dedication and her lasting impact. She receives an Honorary Doctorate of Education as a part of this ceremony.

Ms. Anastasia Erickson



2021 Student Speaker



Anastasia Erickson has conquered a lot in her education career, one of the most prominent things being the first in her family to get a college degree in the United States. In her time at UAS she has

served in leadership roles such as housing resident advisor and as an intern for *Tidal Echoes*, our literary journal. Anastasia will be graduating today with a Bachelor of English degree.

Mr. Gordon Jackson



2021 Meritorious Service Award Recipient, Juneau

Over the course of more than 40 years, Gordon Jackson's quiet leadership focused on making rural Alaska a better place to live. Gordon grew up in Kake, Alaska. He attended boarding school as a child, and worked as a commercial fisherman while pursuing his education at Sheldon Jackson College, where he earned an

Associate of Arts degree. He went on to earn a Bachelor of Arts in Education from the University of Alaska Fairbanks, as well as a Master's Degree in Rural Development from UAF.

Early in his professional career, he became Director of the Southeast Alaska Community Action Program and of the Rural Development for the Alaska Department of Community and Regional Affairs in Juneau.

From the mid to late 1970s, Mr. Jackson worked in Anchorage with the Alaska Native Federation in various leadership roles to implement the many programs and initiatives made possible by the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, which became law 50 years ago on December 18, 1971, including lobbying for the passage of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act and the Indian Self-Determination Act.

He was instrumental in changing the Johnson O'Malley Program, which was



a contract to the AFN, returning it to the original purpose by funding supplemental and enrichment programs for Alaska Natives. As the Vice President of Alaska Federation of Natives, Gordon worked hard to change the education delivery system in rural Alaska. His success ended the BIA Boarding and State Operated

Schools through legislation that created rural high schools with school boards.

In the 1980s, Gordon returned to Juneau to advocate for the advancement of Tlingit culture as Vice President of Corporate Development for Sealaska Heritage Foundation, and then as the Native Studies Director at Juneau-Douglas High School. In the 1990s, he was elected President and CEO of the Kake Tribal Corporation, demonstrating seasoned leadership in the local development of seafood processing, tourism, and environmental clean-up industries. In the 21st century, Mr. Jackson has been the manager or director of various projects for the Central Council of Tlingit and Haida Tribes of Alaska and the University of Alaska Southeast.

Gordon Jackson is recognized today with a 2021 Meritorious Service Award for his contributions to rural education, health services, and economic development for Alaska Natives, particularly in his home region of Southeast Alaska.

Ms. Elizabeth Nelson



2021 Meritorious Service Award Recipient UAS Ketchikan Campus

Elizabeth Nelson has been the artistic or executive director of the First City Players since 1985. Under her leadership, First City Players has become a major venue for the arts in our region. The FCP's play "Fish Pirate's Daughter" a locally written and produced comedy, is the longest running play in Alaska. She has overseen regular

seasons of theater in Ketchikan since 1988. Every summer since 1997 and every winter since 1999, she has directed children's summer theater camps for students ages 8 to 17 that have provided arts education to hundreds of local kids.

Her leadership is guided above all by inclusivity and is fueled by an unwavering drive to bring new people into the fold. She is visionary in her outreach to the broader Ketchikan community, and beyond. Her career has been devoted not only to the financial stability and artistic integrity of the organization, but to the social health of our community. Ketchikan is an incredible place for any



artist to live, or for anyone who loves the arts. For the better part of thirty years, Elizabeth Nelson has been an enormous part of building that community.

In addition to her work with First City Players, Elizabeth Nelson has served as an adjunct faculty for UAS, teaching theater history, literature, and acting courses. She has been honored

by WISH (Women in Safe Homes) as a Woman of Distinction and is the recipient of the Delta Kappa Gamma "Red Apple Award" for her creative energies and outstanding efforts on behalf of children. She has also been recognized for her work with Rotary, Boys & Girls Club, Youth Court, Pioneer Home, Ketchikan Theater Ballet, and the Ketchikan Gateway School District.

UAS is honored to present Elizabeth Nelson with a 2021 Meritorious Service Award for her outstanding leadership and devotion to the arts community of Ketchikan and throughout the region.

Congratulations!

On behalf of the UAS Alumni Association, congratulations on achieving a milestone event in your life – earning your degree! As you embark on your new path, we hope you will remember the time you spent with the University with fondness. We'd love to keep in touch with you as you move on. As you are now an alumnus of UAS, we hope you will consider joining the UAS Alumni Association to stay connected with the University, be invited to special events, and show your support for UAS.

Stay Connected and be a Part of Something Bigger Please join us by becoming a member of UAS Alumni & Friends Association.

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Each graduate will receive a free tassel and pin, to be mailed in early summer.

Alaska's Flag Song

Alaska's Flag Words by Marie Drake Music by Elinor Dusenberry

Eight stars of gold, on a field of blue
Alaska's flag, may it mean to you
the blue of the sea, the evening sky
the mountain lakes, and the flowers near by
The gold of the early sourdough's dreams
the precious gold of the hills and streams
the brilliant stars in the northern sky
the bear, the dipper, and shining high
the great north star with its steady light
o'er land and sea, a beacon bright
Alaska's flag to Alaskans dear,
the simple flag of the last frontier



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