

**University of Alaska Southeast
KETCHIKAN CAMPUS**

Commencement 2021

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Associate Professor of English and Communication

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

Director of Ceremonies Priscilla Schulte
Campus Director

Congratulatory Remarks Pat Pitney
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Congratulatory Remarks Karen Carey
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Conferring of Meritorious Service Award Priscilla Schulte
Campus Director

Commencement Address Clare Bennett
Adjunct Assistant Professor of Writing and Communication

CONFERRING OF DEGREES

Presentation of Candidates Priscilla Schulte
Campus Director

Student Address Jennifer Helberg-Nilsen
Graduate, University of Alaska Southeast Class of 2021

Turning of the Tassels Priscilla Schulte
Campus Director

RECESSIONAL

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Ketchikan Campus Faculty

Jennifer Brown

Ph.D. (ABD), University of Pennsylvania

B.A., Fort Lewis College

Steve Florian

B.A., Grand Canyon University

M.A., California State University Northridge

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

Rod Landis

B.S., Toccoa Falls College

M.A., University of Georgia

M. Litt., Bread Loaf School of English, Middlebury College

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

Calhoun 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

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

BACHELOR

Arts, Social Science

Deborah Buring, *cum laude*

Jennifer Carter

Mark Anthony Dulay

Brandy Mulbury

Arts, Special Education

Katherine Gifford

Business Administration

Heather Henderson

Liberal Arts, Alaska Native Language/Studies

Sidney Hartley

Liberal Arts, Interdisciplinary Studies

Heather Miethe

Jasmine Taylor Bryant, *cum laude*

MASTER OF ARTS IN TEACHING

Arts in Teaching, Secondary Education

Mary Rose Maley

Daniela Saez

Education, Mathematics Education

Tony Scott

Academic honors are awarded to students who meet the resident credit requirements and meet the following cumulative grade point averages 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 the certificate or graduate level. Academic honors are indicated by a yellow honor cord. Gold stoles are worn by members of Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) International Honor Society. Red, white and blue cords indicate honorable military service.

Elizabeth Nelson

Meritorious Service Award

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.

To summarize recommendation letters submitted to the Board of Regents in support of Elizabeth, 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.

On behalf of the University of Alaska Regents and UAS Chancellor Karen Carey, I am 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.

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.

Degree Recipients 2021

We are pleased to honor graduates from Summer 2020,
Fall 2020, Spring 2021 and Summer 2021.

CERTIFICATE

Accounting

Danielle Lambert

Information Technology Specialist

Julia Sapelkina (UAF)

Medical Assisting

Ruth Pechay

Alexis Yoder

ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE

Business Administration

Adam Harford

Sabrina Smith

Health Sciences

Rhiannon Norton-Davis

Marine Transportation

Mariah Warren, *magna cum laude*

ASSOCIATE OF ARTS

General Program

Jennifer Helberg-Nilsen

Jessica Travis, *cum laude*

Ketchikan Campus 2020-2021 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.*

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

Ben Hastings, *USCG Approved*

Instructor

Forest Haven, *Ph.D. (ABD)*

Wayne Houtcooper, *B.S., M.A.,*

Ph.D.

Jim Jurgeleit, *Chief Engineer,*

Unlimited HP

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

Julie Landwehr, *B.A, M.S.*

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

Andrew Tighe, *A.A., State of*

Alaska Fire and EMT Instructor

Darcie Ziel, *B.S.N.*

Congratulations to our 2021 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

Congratulations to the Graduates of 2020 and 2021!

On this day we recognize and celebrate your accomplishment. Commencement is the culmination of so many responsibilities, obligations, deadlines, calculations, all-nighters, learning curves, best guesses, near misses, and photo finishes. Some of you, maybe most of you, will mark the obtaining of a degree or credential as the most difficult thing you've ever achieved. The important thing, though, is that you did achieve it. You're among the very few people in this country who have taken up the college challenge and seen it through. Each of you has an inspiring story to tell. Take a moment to be as proud of yourself as we are of you, for this is your moment.

We wish you success in whatever comes next.

Rod Landis, M.A., M. Litt.
Assistant Director for Instruction
Professor of English
UAS Ketchikan Campus

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

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