

Advancement - UAA Assembly Report – May 11, 2006

- **FY06 Fundraising Goals** – UAA is ahead of pace to meet its FY06 fund raising goal of \$3.5 million.
- **Annual Scholarship Luncheon** – Advancement planned and executed a scholarship luncheon at The Cuddy on April 21 honoring more than 50 scholarship recipients and donors.
- **Graduation Appreciation Luncheon** – More than 100 graduating seniors attended this luncheon hosted by the Alumni Association on April 20. 53 graduates applied for membership in the association at this luncheon.
- **Shakespeare Birthday Party** – the second annual Shakespeare Birthday Party was held on April 22. UAA friends and prospects attended a private reception followed by the play “A Man for all Seasons.”
- **1,000 Giving \$1,000** – Plans continue for the fall launch of this fund-raising effort which seeks to create a sustainable \$1 million fund raising base.
- **UAA’s Family Campaign** – New annual giving manager, Julia Martinez, led the launch of our annual UAA Family Campaign designed to encourage UAA staff and faculty to give to UAA (runs from April 26-June 30). More details on how to participate in the Family Campaign can be found at:
www.uaa.alaska.edu/advancement/giving/uaafamily.cfm
- **Personnel recruitments underway in Advancement:** Advancement is seeking to fill two key positions in the department: alumni relations manager and editorial associate. Additional information on both job postings can be found at:
www.uakjobs.com
- **Commencement ’06** – Our new events manager, Tami Choquette, led a committee and volunteer group to plan and execute Commencement ’06. UAA graduated a record 1,841 students, about 1,000 of whom walked on Sunday, May 7. Strong media coverage of the event resulted from the efforts of the media relations team (Channel 2 and 11, as well as Daily News). Also a part of the Commencement weekend activities was the first-ever Masters Degree Hooding Ceremony, designed to recognize and celebrate the academic achievements of these graduates in a more intimate setting the day prior to Commencement. The Masters Degree candidates received their hoods on Saturday and then walked on Sunday to receive their diplomas.
- **Work on the fall ‘06 issue of *Accolades* continues (due out in Sept.):** This issue will include the annual donor roll for FY06 and will highlight the “impact of giving” on students, programs, faculty, etc. at UAA. Story ideas are welcome, please send them to: megan.olson@uaa.alaska.edu

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