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XI. Adjourn
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V. President’s Report

Welcome the committee back after being gone over break.
Mike Hostina is scheduled to address the Assembly at the February meeting, since a quorum wasn’t reached in December.
National Coalition Building Institution is willing to work with us by allotting 2 hours for a workshop. The committee has agreed to do so during a regularly scheduled meeting time.

VI. Administrative Reports

A. Chancellor Case

FAQ [http://www.uaa.alaska.edu/chancellor/]
The UAA athletics program is continuing to succeed with the student athletes reaching the highest grade point average in UAA history.
Bear Baker has accepted the position of Provost.

B. Provost Baker

Three Dean searches are currently in progress and three offers have been made; hoping to make an announcement next week on those who have accepted.
Discussed the structure and future of the CIO and IT.

C. Vice Chancellor of Administrative Services Spindle

A policy library link has been established on the Chancellor’s website
The Governor’s budget request is much leaner than what was originally submitted
Copies were distributed to the board detailing the operational and capital budgets
The Operational budget has items that the Governor did not request
The Capital budget includes requests for engineering building (approximately 108 million is still needed for both UAF and UAA buildings).
Sports complex and road extension is projected to be done in Summer 2014

D. Vice Chancellor of Advancement Olson (pg. 5-6)

A new position is open in Advancement for an Executive Vice Chancellor of Alumni Relations
UAA is a Pick.Click.Give. organization and Exxon Mobile has agreed to match the amount donated
The new UAA brand is hoping to be launched February 16th at the UAA/UAF basketball game.
A new plane will be unveiled soon that will include a UAA Seawolf logo and a UAF Nanuk logo

E. Vice Chancellor for Student Services Schultz (pg. 7-10)

A team of academic advisors reached out to first time freshman over Christmas break
Fall 2012 enrollment information will be released next Friday; enrollment was down 790 students with the biggest decreases occurring in first time and continuing freshman. Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors increased.
The MAU enrollment for Spring 2013 is currently down 377 students from where it was last year (less than 2% of our enrollment).
Significant decreases in enrollment are occurring in CAS and CBPP. Significant increases in COH. Largest decrease is in CTC.
Made changes in the student information office last year in regards to how students sign in and the customer service training. Admission process is currently being updated.

VII. Governance Reports
A. System Governance Council
   No Report

B. Staff Alliance
   Anthony Smith is new Statewide Governance Coordinator
   Spring Staff Alliance retreat is March 19th and 20th in Anchorage
   Looking at Staff Makes Students Count Award timeline
   President Gamble spoke with Staff Alliance on their blog
   Staff is encouraged to review the blog and comment on articles

C. Classified Council
   Have not met since December
   Had a successful coat and sock drive

D. APT Council (pg. 11)
   Have not met since December; written report is attached

E. Union of Students/ Coalition of Students
   New senators were sworn in in December and they now have a full Assembly
   Green fee board met over winter break; they are currently working on creating a rubric on how students can access the funds
   Annual retreat will be January 25th and 26th – new senators training will be the 25th and committees will be meeting the 26th
   Juneau Advocacy trip is scheduled for February 8th thru the 12th
   Donated 180 toys that were donated in the Toys for Tots drive

F. Alumni Association - James R. Hemsath

G. Faculty Senate/ Faculty Alliance
   No additional report

VIII. Old Business

IX. New Business
A. President Gamble 1:30
   Discussed the implications of the federal postponement of the sequester and how it would change the state budget and our advocacy findings
   - Predicts the conversation in Juneau regarding taxes and budgetary issues to be similar to the national level
   - Already received an indication that utilities, personnel costs and benefits, and other baseline areas will be funded again
   - Research programs had approximately 5 budget requests this year in which all of them were cut
   - Academic programs had a .8% increase from last year, however, it got cut
   - Expected to receive $37.5 million from the governor to be used for various projects including deferred maintenance

Complimented both staff and faculty for their support in program development and in providing university services
Discussed the Governance process and the value of transparency

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XI. Adjourn
Dear UAA Community,

Welcome to the spring 2013 semester! Ice and snow presented challenges our first week of classes and I'm glad to see everyone taking the time they need to get safely from one part of campus to another.

We kick off spring semester each year with Civil Rights Month. This year marks the 50th anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr's "I Have a Dream" speech. Visiting Distinguished Professor of Business and Public Policy, Willie Hensley, an architect of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of 1971, and Alaska leader, heard Dr. King's speech in person. "The words of Dr. Martin Luther King helped me frame my own thoughts," Willie told those gathered at UAA's Civil Rights month kick off last week. To see a video of Dr. King's historic speech go here.
In December I traveled to Washington, D.C. to present UAA's experience with the American Council on Education (ACE) Internationalization Laboratory at the Leadership Network for International Education. The Leadership Network brings together leader from universities across the country to talk about best practices integrating international education into higher education. ACE has commended UAA for its inclusive methodical process, involvement of community campuses and focus on learning outcomes for international and intercultural education. UAA's focus on integrating international and intercultural education is a direct reflection of our commitment to promoting and strengthening our diverse community.

Weather withstanding, the semester is off to a great start.

**Faculty and staff notes**

After a nine-month national search, **Elisha "Bear" Baker, Ph.D.**, was selected and has accepted the position of provost and vice chancellor for Academic Affairs. Read more...

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**Pat Shier** has accepted the position of chief information officer. Pat has more than 20 years of experience including CIO and director of Enterprise Technology Services with the State of Alaska.

The second group of Innovate Awardees were announced in December and include faculty from Chemistry, Civil Engineering, Economics, Theatre Astronomy and physics professor **Travis Rector, Ph.D.**, has produced one of the largest astronomical images ever made. Read more...

Director of Creative Writing and Literary Arts, **David Stevenson** won the first annual Montana Prize for Fiction. The $1,000 prize was awarded by the Whitefish Review, a literary journal based in Whitefish, Montana for his "luminous story, 'The Bear Outside the Door.'"

**Dr. Sharon Chamard**, Justice Center faculty was appointed to the Municipal Airports Aviation Advisory Commission and reappointed to a third term on the municipality's Public Safety Advisory
Alumni notes
Leila Kimbrell, B.A., Justice and Paralegal Certificate ’02, has been tapped by Senator Lisa Murkowski to serve in her Washington, D.C., office. Read more about Leila.

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Three Justice alums were among the 18 new law enforcement officers who graduated from the Alaska Department of Public Safety Training Academy in Sitka on Nov. 16.

Seawolf Athletics notes
UAA is ranked 6th in the nation in the Director's Cup after the fall season, men's cross country finished #3 in the nation, women's cross country #6 in the nation and volleyball completed its 5th consecutive winning season.

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UAA student-athletes have a cumulative 3.21 GPA from the fall 2012 semester, the highest ever. The mark tops last year's combined GPA of 3.16 and becomes the 16th time in the past 19 years that UAA's student-athletes have eclipsed a 3.0 GPA. For the fourth year in a row, the women's ski team was the top-ranked team for spring and fall semesters with a 3.46 GPA.

Alumni note
The Western Association of Graduate Schools (WAGS) Executive Board has selected Chris Barnett, a recent graduate student from the UAA Biology department, as the winner of the 2012 Distinguished Thesis Awards for STEM and Humanities & Social Sciences. Chris' winning master's thesis was titled "Williams Syndrome Transcription Factor is Critical for Neural Crest Cell Formation in Xenopua Laevis," and his thesis advisor was Professor Jocelyn Krebs. The 2012-2013 WAGS Distinguished Thesis Award consists of a certificate and $1,000 to the recipient, with travel expenses for the student and the student's advisor to attend the awards ceremony at the annual meeting in Tucson, Arizona.
Public Square note
Project LEAP (Language Equity and Academic Performance) is a partnership between the College of Education and the Mat-Su Borough, Anchorage and Juneau school districts that is funded by a $1.5M grant from the U.S. Department of Education. The project's mission: to train in-service teachers to be leaders in their districts when working with English language learners. The outcome: an 18-credit graduate certificate in teaching ESL for elementary education that supports academic performance while sustaining cultures and language identity. Read more…

Sustainability note
The Office of Sustainability organized UAA's America Recycle Day event collecting and displaying one day’s worth of trash at UAA. Theresa Cho, Stephanie Kuhns Oliver Petraitis, Mary Logan's Honors 192 class, Herminia Din's Art Appreciation class and Facilities personnel Edwin Delatorre and Glenn Brown helped. A video of the event is here.

Kenai Peninsula College notes
The Kenai Peninsula College (KPC) Kenai River Campus Fall Mini Health Fair drew 12 major health education exhibitors and more than 150 participants. More than 250 high school students attended KPC’s 23rd Annual Career Day.

Development notes
A generous anonymous donor recently committed to a $2M gift to UAA, which will establish the First Generation Endowed Student Scholarship and also go toward the Alaska Endowment for Excellence - (the intent of this fund is to help stop the "brain drain" by supporting programs and academic endeavors to ultimately keep students in Alaska).

MicroSurvey Software made an in-kind donation of 50 software package licenses to UAA Geomatics, valued at over $500,000.

Icicle Seafoods made a gift of $300,000 to the University of Alaska, with $150,000 benefitting UAA campuses. Their contribution will support the Institute of Social Research, the Kachemak Bay Learning Resource Center, KPC Kachemak Bay Technology Staff and Student Support, KPC Icicle Seafoods Endowed Scholarship and Kodiak College General Support.

For a list of other recent donations, click here.

Publication notes
A manuscript written by UAA undergraduate student Vitaliy Kaminker, Jerzy Maselko (UAA Professor of Chemistry) and James Pantaleone (Professor of Physics) was published in Volume 137 Issue 18 of the premier Journal of Chemical Physics. A photo from their manuscript, "Chemical precipitation structures formed by drops impacting on a deep pool," was selected as the journal cover. The Journal of Chemical Physics ranks number one by the Institute for Scientific Information with an impact factor of 2.920 in the category of Atomic, Molecular and Chemical Physics.

We celebrated the grand opening of the new BP Asset Integrity and Corrosion Lab in December, made possible with a $1M gift from BP and vision from engineering professor Matt Cullin. Read more...

ExxonMobil has committed to match all Pick. Click. Give. gifts to support higher education in Alaska, up to $100,000. This year, all donations to UAA will go directly to student scholarships, and will be matched 1 to 1. I encourage you to make your PFD go further Pick. Click. Give. to UAA this year.

Enjoy all that UAA has to offer and stay safe!

Best regards,
STATEWIDE

Academic Affairs

UA's Mining and Petroleum Training Services (MAPTS) has just finalized an agreement for the first instructor exchange with Canada's Yukon College. A MAPTS instructor will conduct the first mine training course ever offered by Yukon College. Two courses will be offered: an eight-week general mine training course and a two-week mine simulator course. MAPTS Director Dennis Steffy credits Governor Parnell, former Deputy Commissioner David Stone, and Commissioner Dianne Blumer for their support and initiative in helping to establish this collaborative international mine training.

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Wendy Williamson Auditorium has new carpet in the lobby and stair areas, new LED lights in the lobby and auditorium that will have an energy savings of 62%, and new seating that is wider, with a higher back, and rated for 1,000,000 rubs. UAA recycled 16.78 tons of materials from the old seats.

UAA's Fulbright Distinguished U.S. Arctic Chair Professor Jeff Welker is a keynote speaker at the Transatlantic Science Week in Houston, TX. A panel of experts is focusing on US-Pan Arctic cooperation and collaboration in addressing changing climates, shifting resource abundance, sustainable growth and research priorities.

UAA is celebrating Civil Rights month with numerous lectures and celebrations including the Martin Luther King Student Appreciation Lunch on Jan. 25, with keynote speaker Kenjji Yoshino, the Chief Justice Earl Warren Professor of Constitutional Law at the NYU School of Law and author of Covering: The Hidden Assault on our Civil Rights.

Astronaut Buzz Aldrin is the special guest at the 2013 ANSEP Celebration and Extravaganza at the Dena’ina Convention Center on Jan. 25.

Prince William Sound Community College (PWSCC): Dual credit enrollment is up to 18 students this year, from 15 last year. Dennis Eastman has joined PWSCC as full-time assistant professor of millwright and is bringing in outside employers to present on the millwright trade.

The UA press published a new book, Gaining Daylight: Life on Two Islands, by Kodiak College adjunct/employee Sara Loewen-Danelski.
Astronomy and Physics Professor Travis Rector, Ph.D., has helped produce one of the largest astronomical images ever made: a wide-field image of the Cygnus Loop, a giant supernova remnant.

Director of Creative Writing and Literary Arts David Stevenson won the first annual Montana Prize for Fiction. The $1,000 prize was awarded by the Whitefish Review.

Student Phonathon callers raised $88,595 from 893 alumni donors during fall 2012.

Icicle Seafoods made a gift of $300,000 to UA with $150,000 going to UAA.

Dr. Catherine Knott, assistant professor of Anthropology at KPC’s Kachemak Bay Campus, presented "People, Process, Participation" at the American Anthropology Conference in San Francisco.

Leila Kimbrell, B.A., Justice, and Paralegal Certificate ’02, has been tapped by Senator Lisa Murkowski to serve in her Washington D.C. office.

UAF
The UAF Strategic Planning Committee is gathering feedback from faculty, staff, students and the public on the current draft of the Strategic Plan 2012. To review the plan or give feedback, visit www.uaf.edu/provost/.

Given the potential for higher incidences of seasonal flu, the Student Health and Counseling Center coordinated two vaccination clinics the second week of the spring semester. Students taking nine or more credits received free flu shots. Staff and faculty paid $25, but will be eligible for reimbursement with Premera Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Alaska insurance.

The Fairbanks campus stayed open during the winter storm warning Jan. 16. The warning, based on forecast for warming temperatures and freezing rain, prompted Fairbanks area schools to close and borough bus service to shut down for a short time. As a residential campus it’s imperative that UAF make every effort to remain open. Employees were asked to use their discretion about safe travel and to work with supervisors for appropriate leave time. Facilities Services worked hard to keep the campus roads clear and walkways free of ice.

A number of UAF researchers participated in the Federal Advisory Committee Draft Climate Assessment Report released for public review. Following extensive review by the National Academy of Sciences and the public, the report will be revised, reviewed and submitted to the federal government for consideration in the Third National Climate Assessment Report. The public comment period is Jan. 14 – April 12, 2013.

The Office of Undergraduate Research and Scholarly Activity announced a new round of funding for undergraduate students. Students are eligible to apply for one of several summer undergraduate research awards of $5,000. URSA provides multiple funding opportunities for undergraduate students and faculty mentors throughout the year. Last year it awarded a total of $110,000 for student-centered research.
The Golden Valley Electric Association installed a meter on the new solar array at the University Fire Department’s (UFD) off-campus fire station. The effort is a collaborative project involving the UAF Office of Sustainability, student RISE board, the Fairbanks North Star Borough, UFD and University Fire Service Area Commission.


Chancellor Rogers addressed the Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce Jan. 22. He updated the Interior business community on UAF research, academic issues and facilities.

UAF is close to its fundraising goal for the United Way of the Tanana Valley. As of mid-January, the campus had raised more than $67,000 toward its $70,000 goal.

For additional highlights visit [www.uaf.edu/chancellor/highlights/](http://www.uaf.edu/chancellor/highlights/).

**UAS**

More than 50 high school students taking an Introduction to Mining Occupations course had quite the guest speaker on the first day of class Jan. 22. Governor Sean Parnell urged the students to follow their passions, whether they end up working in the mining industry or not. The governor was the first of many guest speakers the class will hear this semester. Instructor Mike Bell worked at Hecla Greens Creek Mine before becoming director of the Center for Mine Training at UAS. This is the second year Bell has taught the class, which is designed for high school juniors and seniors. Last year, enrollment was limited to 20 students, all from Juneau. But this year, with the help of video conferencing equipment, there are 55 students statewide, from the Northwest Arctic Borough to remote parts of Southeast. In his remarks Governor Parnell talked about the importance of keeping mining jobs in Alaska. He praised UAS for teaching Alaska students the skills needed to perform those jobs. The Department of Education and Early Development is one of several partners that provided support to make the class possible. That includes mining companies like Hecla Greens Creek, which donated $300,000 to the UA Foundation in 2011 to help create the mine training program.

Research Assistant Professor of Alaska Native Languages Alice Taff is the new vice president/president elect of the Society for the Study of the Indigenous Languages of the Americas (SSILA). SSILA was founded in December 1981 as the international scholarly organization representing American Indian linguistics. Current membership is more than 900. Taff’s term is a 6-year commitment in all, 2 years each as vice president and president, then 2 more years as past president.

Psychology faculty member Amanda Sesko went to New Orleans Jan. 16 – 20 to present a poster at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology annual conference.

Assistant Professor of Political Science Glen Wright is going to Wroclaw, Poland Feb. 6 – 17 to present a paper at the National Science Foundation’s Coupled Natural and Human Systems meeting.
Ten student projects were awarded Undergraduate Research and Creative Expression grants this funding cycle totaling almost $20,000. Students and their mentors have been notified of their successful applications and will attend mandatory orientation. Most of the proposals came from the Humanities and the Social Sciences this year.

The Outdoor Studies (ODS) program embarked on its first international capstone over the holiday break. The ODS expedition was based in Quito, Ecuador in a high elevation area around 10,000 feet in the foothills. Highlights included hiking the 12,000 ft. Volcan Pichincha and a ski on Mt. Cayambe, 18,996 ft. Some members climbed Mt. Pichincha, 15,696 ft. on Dec. 30 and Mt. Cotopaxi, 19,347 ft. on Jan. 7. The trip was led by ODS faculty members Forrest Wagner and Kevin Krein. Eight junior- and senior-level outdoor studies students participated.

**PRESIDENT’S COMMENTS**

Vice President Dana Thomas, Associate Vice President Paula Donson, and I met to prepare for the Feb. 20 meeting among Terry MacTaggart, the Statewide Academic Council, governance leaders, the chancellors, provosts, student and enrollment services representatives, and other executives. Goals for the Feb. meeting are to review feedback on the SDI themes, set priorities, and preview the next steps in SDI, going from phase II to phase III.

Met in Anchorage separately with Alyeska President Tom Barrett and ExxonMobil’s Bill Brackin. Megan Riebe, UA associate vice president of development, accompanied me.

Spent two days in Juneau meeting individually with legislators, House Finance Co-Chair Alan Austerman, House Finance Subcommittee Chair Cathy Munoz, and Senate President Charlie Huggins. Presented an operating budget overview to the House Finance Committee. I return to Juneau next week to present to the House Finance Subcommittee, Senate Finance Committee, and the Joint House and Senate Education Committee.

At the request of Alaska Pacific University (APU) President Don Bantz, we met to discuss his concerns relative to arena traffic and a new roadway’s impact on the UAA and APU campuses.

Attended the Alaska Business Hall of Fame awards in Anchorage.

Spoke to our capital request for engineering facilities at the Joint UAA/UAF Engineering Advisory Council.

Discussed cooperative programs with UA Foundation Trustee and ACS Vice President Jim Johnsen, in Anchorage.

Served as guest lecturer at the 3rd Operations Group Warrior Call at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson (approximately 200 attendees).
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Alumni Relations
On Thursday, Jan. 31, 2013, UAA appointed eight members to the interim Board of Directors for the UAA Alumni Association. Members of this interim board will serve a one-year term, after which, board members will be elected from the alumni body.

Ben Anderson, B.A. Journalism and Public Communications '11  
Reporter, Alaska Dispatch

Heather Cavanaugh, M.B.A. '08  
Director of Corporate Communications, Alaska Communications

Carol Comeau, M.Ed. Public Administration '86, LL.D. '07  
Retired Superintendent, Anchorage School District

Patty Hickok, A.A. General Program '99, A.A.S. Occupational Safety and Health '08, B.B.A. Management '01, M.B.A. '03  
Director of HR Process Improvement, NANA Development Corporation

Leverette G. Hoover, B.S. Technology '97  
General Manager, Siemens Industry Inc. - Alaska

Andrew Romerdahl, M.B.A. '08  
General Manager, PTP Management Inc.

Eric Wohlforth, LL.D. '09, M.A. Interdisciplinary Studies '12  
Senior Partner/Attorney, Wohlforth, Brecht, Cartledge & Brooking APC

Also appointed to the board in an ex-officio role is Rachel Morse, M.B.A. '08, interim director of Alumni Relations for the University of Alaska Anchorage. She will serve as the board’s executive director.

Three special advisors to the board were also announced:

Cathleen Hahn, B.B.A. Finance '85  
Certified Public Accountant, Cathleen S. Hahn CMA CPA LLC

Gloria O’Neill, B.A. Sociology '96  
President & CEO, Cook Inlet Tribal Council  
University of Alaska Board of Regents

Dave Rand, M.B.A. '00  
CEO, ATS Alaska

This board will serve a term of no more than one year, with the overall goal of 'test-driving' the new organizational structure of the association and working to establish a strong network of alumni chapters. The new UAA Alumni Association is an interdependent advisory council that replaces the former 501c3 association which dissolved in November.
Jan. 31st also marked an end of UAA's 18 month project to explore best practices in alumni relations and establish greater consistent support and recognition of UAA's alumni community. With the appointment of the new board of directors, the work of the Chancellor's Task Force on Alumni Relations and the Alumni Relations Implementation Committee will be complete.

Learn more about alumni relations at UAA by visiting www.uaa.alaska.edu/alumni.

**Development**

- Chugach Alaska Corporation made donations totaling $75,000, with $50,000 directed to Excellence in Alaska Native Business and Public Policy, and $25,000 to Alaska Native Services.
- Donlin Gold has contributed $40,000 in support of Alaska Native Science Engineering Program scholarships.
- The Max Llanes “Behind the Camera” Award has been established to provide support to UAA students who best demonstrate inspiration in visual communications and applications of technology.
- The spring Phonathon starts the week of February 3.
- The University of Alaska Foundation has announced that donors who contribute $500 or more from their Alaska Permanent Dividend through Pick.Click.Give. (PCG), now have the power to designate which University of Alaska fund their donation will support. All PCG gifts to the UAA main campus that fall under $500 threshold will be directed to the UAA General Scholarship Fund.
- Northrim Bank has contributed $50,000 to the UAA Small Business Development Center
- Hawk Consultants have pledged $25,000, split evenly between the Hawk Consultants ANSEP and Production Management Scholarship and the Hawk Consultants Production Management Scholarship.
- Wells Fargo Bank Alaska has contributed $25,000 to support Lemonade Day Alaska.
- Costco Wholesale Corporation has donated $35,000 to the Recruitment and Retention of Alaska Natives into Nursing Program Scholarship.
- Upon final approvals, UAA will receive a donation of a 727 from FedEx on February 26. Once the 97,650 pound aircraft makes its final landing at Merrill Field, it will remain permanently at UAA’s Aviation and Technology Building as a teaching tool for the Aviation Maintenance Technology program.

**University Relations**

- Ads will begin running in support of our new brand and advertising campaign in mid-February. You’ll see television commercials, hear radio ads, see print ads, campus banners, bus wraps, building projections and much more. We’ll be unveiling the new campaign the week of Feb. 18. If you’re interested in being part of the roll-out street team (help us share the word through a week of campus activities), please contact Kristin DeSmith at 786-1263 or kadesmith@uaa.alaska.edu.
- We're beginning work on the next issue of Accolades. The theme for this issue is UAA's Amazing Stories. If you have any examples of truly amazing stories from your respective areas, please share them with us by the end of January.
- We've started work on a new UAA Green & Gold news site. The website behind the Green and Gold email houses all the information in greater detail. A new design, better flowing content, easier navigation of the news site, all on the way. Our goal is to launch the new site by Feb. 1. You can check out the old (current) site at http://greenandgold.uaa.alaska.edu/ to get a good sense of the "before" look.

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UAA’s freshman retention rates are approaching an all-time high, according to figures published by the UA Office of Institutional Research & Analysis. The first-time, full-time retention rate among baccalaureate degree seeking freshmen increased to 71.5% in FY13, a 0.8% increase from FY12 and a 3.9% increase from FY06. The overall (associate and baccalaureate combined) first-time, full-time degree-seeking retention rate increased to 67.6% for FY13, a 1.3% increase from FY12 and a 4.4% increase from FY06.

Early indications are that students in this year’s freshman class are on the way to breaking UAA’s retention rate record. As of today, nearly 90% of Anchorage-campus, degree-seeking freshmen that enrolled for the first-time in fall 2012 are continuing with their enrollment this spring semester.

This month the Military & Veteran Student Resource Center (MVSRC) has provided one-on-one “coaching sessions” for more than 100 military and veteran students.

MVSRC has designed and implemented a new tracking system to allow for better visibility of the students they serve.

The Post 9/11 GI Bill Workshops on campus and on base were attended by 32 students.

MVSRC also conducted a Q&A session for 15 military and veteran students during Howl Days.
The Office of New Student Orientation hosted its final Howl Days (new student orientation) for the season, Summer 2012 through Spring 2013, on February 1st; in partnership with International Student Services, sixteen (16) international students were oriented to UAA. The closing total for the season is: 1,157 people participated in Howl Days (946 students; 211 guests); a 16.8% increase over last year’s total (991 participants; 782 students and 209 guests).

TRiO programs, Student Support Services, Educational Talent Search, and Educational Opportunity Center will host the 4th Annual TRiO National Day of Service at the University of Alaska Anchorage on February 18, 2013. Hundreds of Anchorage School District students, parents, and UAA students will be present to hear Keynote Speaker Tyrone Flowers, J.D. and to participate in United Way’s community service project 90 by 2020.

The Multicultural Center sponsored and participated in the Black History Month opening celebration on Thursday, January 31, 2013 at 12 noon in the UAA Student Union. This year’s keynote address was presented by Judge Pamela Washington, Anchorage District Court. The national theme was At the Crossroads of Freedom and Equality; more than 150 student, staff, and administrators were in attendance. Other AMSS departments that participated were New Student Orientation, Student Support Services, and Disability Support Services.

Ms. Ashleigh Nero, UAA student and employee of the Multicultural Center, will be featured on KTBY Fox 4 by reporter Whitney LB Miller about the George T. Harper Blacks in Alaska historical display that was highlighted during the 2012 Black History Month Celebration.

Native Student Services received a $25,000 donation from Chugach Alaska Corporation to fund a summer bridging program; Director Willy Templeton was on hand to receive the award.

Native Student Services saw a 4% increase in persistence of students served (39) in the Net Program from fall 2012 to spring 2013; rate of persistence fall 2012 was 78%; fall 2011 was 74%.

AMSS welcomes new employees:

~Janine Elgamal, new Student Transition Advisor with the Multicultural Center. She comes to UAA from the American University in Cairo, Egypt. Janine is responsible for the Seawolf Success Program which aims to provide first and second year students at UAA with the transitional support they require to succeed in college.

~Andrew Mullins joins UAA as the new Student Support Coordinator with Student Support Services. He comes to Alaska from Florida; and will provide retention and persistence-based services for 160 first-generation and pell-grant eligible students.
The Fall Closing Report is the official report on fall 2012 enrollment and can be accessed at [www.alaska.edu/swbir/ir/](http://www.alaska.edu/swbir/ir/). The Anchorage campus and the MAU saw its first decline in enrollment since 2007. This trend mirrors the declining number of high school graduates in Alaska, which peaked in 2009 and will not return to that level until 2025 according to WICHE projections. Student headcount declined 4.2% in the MAU, but student credit hours declined only 1.9%, continuing a 10 year trend towards greater full-time enrollment. Kodiak College was a shining star in the UA system with an 11.4% increase in headcount and 11.5% increase in student credit hours.

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Enrollment Services has begun a comprehensive review of the admissions process. A business process analyst has been hired to assist in this review. The goal is to identify ways of making the admission process more efficient and transparent, and better support students’ transition into the University. This review will conclude with a report to the Associate Vice Chancellor by the end of the fiscal year. Recommendations for change will be considered and implementation thereafter. Any recommendations connected to Academic Policy will be addressed to the appropriate governance body.

Spring Preview Day on February 4th was a great success. Just-under 500 students and family members experienced a day in the life of a UAA student. New features included an application station where students could apply for admission or submit their FAFSA, nearly 100 students took advantage of it. More than 50 academic departments, clubs and organizations were invited to participate in the Student Involvement Fair. A special thank you goes to these 31 programs and departments that shared information with our future Seawolves:

- Advising & Testing Center
- Career Services
- College of Arts & Sciences
- College of Business & Public Policy
- College of Education
- College of Health
- Community & Technical College
- Commuter Student Services
- Honors College
- International Affairs Coordinator
- International Studies
- Justice
- KRUA
- Learning Resource Center
- Mathematical & Computer Sciences
- Native Student Services
- New Student Orientation
- Office of Sustainability
- Recreation/Intramurals & Athletics
- RRANN & NWDP
- School of Allied Health
- School of Engineering
- School of Nursing
- Emerging Leaders Program
- Tri Sigma
- Undergrad Science Academic Advisor
- WWAMI Biomedical
- Student Life and Leadership
- UAA Campus Bookstore and Parking Services
- Student Support Services
- Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education (ACPE)
STUDENT DEVELOPMENT

The Career Services Center is preparing for the City-Wide Career & Job Fair that will be held in the UAA Student Union from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 14, 2013. CSC currently has 70 companies registered for this event.

The 2013 Drug Free Schools Notification has been updated and posted to the Dean of Students Office website for review and information.

The Assistant Director of Student Conduct Michael Votava is working with the Faculty Senate Ad Hoc Committee on Academic Integrity to develop sanctioning guidelines for academic misconduct cases to help positively influence the culture of academic integrity on campus.

Alcohol, Drug, and Wellness Educator Amanda Murdock will host a booth during the Healthy Sexuality Fair in Rasmuson Hall on February 13, 2013 to share educational material.

The Department of Residence Life’s Fall 2013 “Student Leader: More than Meets the Eye” recruitment for Resident Advisors and Peer Mentors is underway. The Residence Life professional staff hosted information sessions in the Gorsuch Commons as well as information booths in various locations on campus.

The Department of Residence Life’s Sustainability Collateral in collaboration with The Office of Sustainability and Housing is facilitating an energy saving competition throughout residential campus during February and March.

As a part of Cama-i Room, Retired Anchorage Police Department officer, Cynthia Bradley, will discuss human trafficking in Anchorage and Alaska on Tuesday, February 12, at 6:00 p.m., in the Cama-i Room. She will also share tips on keeping yourself and others safe.

North Hall’s First Year Experience LLC student staff is creating a Relay for Life team for the University of Alaska Anchorage’s first hosted Relay for Life event.

The Annual MLK Student Appreciation Luncheon was held on Friday, January 25 with over 300 students, faculty, and staff in attendance.

The Campus Programming Board presents UAA WinterFest, February 25 through March 2.

Five Emerging Leaders Program students will attend an Emerging Leaders Retreat in Wasilla, AK on February 15-17 hosted by University of Alaska Fairbanks.

The Student Union & Commuter Student Services Resource Assistants and Student Managers took part in Spring Student Employee training on January 11 and 12 in the Student Union. Training included workshops on assessment, budgeting, planning, and mission. The focus of the training centered on Simon Sinek’s book *Start With Why* and various Ted talks to inspire student engagement.

A new program is taking shape at the Student Union every other Thursday night in the Den. *Den Sessions* is a new program that highlights UAA student musicians and allows time for open mic routines including poetry, singing, and other types of musical performances.

The Student Union and Commuter Student Services will be hosting The Winterfest Beard and Mustache Competition will be held on February 27 at 6:00 p.m. The Winterfest Broomball Classic and Lau is scheduled for February 28 - March 1 and the Traditional Games Day will be held on February 23 at 12 p.m.
UAA Faculty Diversity & Inclusion Celebration
Friday, February 15, 2013 | 3pm-5pm
Consortium Library, 307

Interested in faculty diversity and mentorship opportunities at UAA?

Join us at the UAA Faculty Diversity & Inclusion Celebration. Meet, network, and find potential mentors with members of the Faculty Senate Diversity Committee, Diversity Action Council, NCBI members, and others. Learn about the different diversity groups at UAA and find ways to get involved in promoting and advancing diversity in our campus. **Junior faculty and faculty interested in diversity are particularly encouraged to attend.**

Hosted by the Faculty Senate Diversity Committee, Diversity Action Council, and Office of Campus Diversity and Compliance.

**Food will be provided.**

For Info, contact: Gabriel Garcia | 786.6532 | gabrieljmgarcia@uaa.alaska.edu

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“At the crossroads of Freedom and Equality”
All Programs/Events Are Free to UAA students And Open To The Public

Black History Month Launch
Thursday, January 31, 2013
Student Union Cafeteria
12:00 pm to 2:00 pm

NCBI, One-day,
Social Inclusion & Equity Workshop
February 9, 2013
Gorsuch Commons, 107
10:00 am to 5:00 pm

BSU Dance
Friday, February 15, 2013
Student Union Cafeteria
9:00 pm to 2:00 am
Students: $5 / Guest & Public: $10 Doubles at door

Black History Jeopardy
Thursday, February 21, 2013
Student Union Den
6:00 pm

Movie Night and Discussion
film: “Booker’s Place: A Mississippi Story”
Friday, February 22, 2013
Wendy Williamson Auditorium
6:00 pm

Health Symposium
Thursday, February 28, 2013
Student Union Cafeteria
10:00 am to 3:00 pm

Special Thanks To:
Black History Month Committee Office of Campus Diversity & Complainz, Multicultural Center, UAA
Diversity Action Council, Dean of Students Office,
Student Activities, UAA Publicity Center, UAA Sociology Dept., UAA Student Health & Counseling Center, Anchorage Urban Works, WIN for Alaska Inc.,
Black Student Union, Club Council, KRUA,
Department of Dietetics, Chancellors Office, USUAA Council Board Special Projects Fund

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