Faculty Senate Report – September 2013 Megan Olson, Vice Chancellor

**Administration**

* **Ceremonial Groundbreaking of UAA’s New Engineering and Industry Building – September 13**

Be part of the progress! Join us Friday, September 13 at 10 a.m. in front of the Wells Fargo Sports Complex to celebrate the ceremonial groundbreaking of UAA’s new Engineering and Industry Building. UAA's Engineering and Industry Building will create an environment forenhancing engineering teaching, learning and research, fostering collaborationand inspiring greater achievement and success. It will be an economic stimulusand powerhouse for Alaska that attracts and engages students, faculty and the engineering and industry community.  For more information, go to <http://greenandgold.uaa.alaska.edu/email/engineering-ground-breaking.html>

* **Faculty and Staff Convocation – September 20**

Get an update on important initiatives and celebrate fellow faculty and staffonFriday, September 20, in the Wendy Williamson Auditorium. Faculty and Staff Convocation kicks off with breakfast at 8:30 a.m., followed by promotion and tenure awards, Chancellor’s Awards for Excellence and longevity awards at 9 a.m.

**Alumni Relations**

* **Green & Gold Gala – September 28**

The annual Green & Gold Gala, the Alumni Association’s black-tie scholarship fundraisert will honor the 2013 UAA Alumni of Distinction: Alumni of Achievement Award, **Sophie Minich**, B.B.A. Finance ’89; Alumni Humanitarian Award, **Susan Labelle**, BSW, ’84, MSW, ’97; Alumni Emerging Leader Award, **Stephen Trimble**, B.A. Interdisciplinary Studies ’08.

Tables are available for purchase, and RSVP’s are being requested by September 13. To be a sponsor or purchase a table, please contact Heather Karwowski, (907) 786-1942 or email [alumnirelations@uaa.alaska.edu](mailto:alumnirelations@uaa.alaska.edu).

For additional information go to [www.uaa.alaska.edu/alumni/green-and-gold-gala.cfm](http://www.uaa.alaska.edu/alumni/green-and-gold-gala.cfm)

**Development**

**Upcoming events**

* **Weidner Property Management & Real Estate Program - September 5**

Dean Rashmi Prasad and the College of Business & Public Policy at UAA will be holding a reception to introduce the Weidner Property Management & Real Estate Program, and will be honoring W. Dean Weidner, who pledged $3 million to endow the Weidner Chair on September 5 at 7:00 p.m. at the Rasmuson Hall Lobby.

* Student Phone-a-thon begins - September 16

**Recent Major Gifts**

* The Estate of John F. McManamin donated $100,000 to support the Patty McManamin Endowment for Education, which provides assistance to students pursuing a career in education.
* First National Bank Alaska donated $25,000 to support the AK Sourcelink Initiative in the Center for Economic Development at the College of Business and Public Policy. The Sourcelink Initiative is designed as a resource for small businesses throughout the state.
* Google, Inc. provided an in-kind donation of search network advertising, valued at over $80,000, to support the AK Sourcelink Initiative.
* The Kralick Foundation donated $40,000 to the Louis L. Kralick, M.D. Alaska WWAMI Professorship in Biomedical Science.
* Livingstone Slone, Inc. pledged over $25,000 to support a Livingstone Slone Applied Research in Health Project Management Award at UAA.
* The KeyBank Foundation donated $10,000, dividing their gift to support the KeyBank Scholarship for Business and Economics, and the Seawolf Legacy Endowed Scholarship.

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