Faculty Senate Report – September 2014 Megan Olson, Vice Chancellor

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| **Administration** |

* **Alaska Airlines Center Grand Opening – Friday, September 5 from 4:00-7:00 p.m.**

Be among the first to enter the doors of the Alaska Airlines Center on Friday, September 5, 2014. Join UAA as the ribbon is cut and the new center is dedicated and opened for our students and community. Come see the new 5,000-plus seat facility, enjoy light refreshments and learn about the exciting things happening at UAA.

* **SpringHill Suites Volleyball Tournament – Friday, September 5 at 7:00 p.m.**

Be sure to stick around for the SpringHill Suites Volleyball Tournament at 7:00p.m. to cheer on the Seawolves as they take on LIU Post.

* **First Commencement in the Alaska Airlines Center – Sunday, December 14 at 1:00 p.m.**

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| **Alumni Relations** |

* **2014 Alumni of Distinction Award Recipients**

The recipients of the 2014 Alumni of Distinction awards have been announced. These three distinguished UAA alumni will be honored for their outstanding contributions to their chosen fields and community at the ***fifth annual Green & Gold Gala on Saturday, Sept. 27 at the Alaska Airlines Center***. [Reserve your seat online](http://greenandgold.uaa.alaska.edu/gala/) today and join the UAA Alumni Association as we celebrate this year's Alumni of Distinction and raise funds to support student scholarships.  
  
**Ted Trueblood** –– Alumni of Achievement Award

* M.S. Civil Engineering ’80
* President, Tryck Nyman Hayes Inc. (Retired)
* Past president, UAA Alumni Association

**Cristy Hickel** –– Alumni Humanitarian Award

* B.Ed. Physical Education ’86, M.S. Interdisciplinary Studies ’89
* Program Director, SPYDER (Sports Programs for Youth Development, Education & Recreation)
* Member, Seawolf Athlete Alumni Chapter

**Virginia Groeschel** — Alumni Emerging Leader Award

* B.S. Civil Engineering ’06
* Aviation Design Engineer, State of Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities
* President, College of Engineering Alumni Chapter

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| **Development** |

* **Corporate and Foundation Gifts**
  + **W. Dean and Ana Weidner** contributed $500,000 toward their $3 million pledge to support the Weidner Property Management and Real Estate Professorship. The professorship was established to bring to UAA distinction and leadership in the study of Property Management and Real Estate and its relevance to Alaska’s future. The goals of the professorship are to advance Property Management and Real Estate teaching and research.
  + **Pepsi-Cola** contributed $100,000 toward their $266,000 pledge to support Seawolf Athletics Building Futures fund which providea support for capital and operating expenses associated with any existing and future Athletics facilities on the UAA campus.
  + The **Atwood Foundation** contributed $50,000 toward their $150,000 pledge for the Robert B. Atwood Chair of Journalism.
  + **Bartlett Regional Hospital** fulfilled their $150,000 pledge to support the School of Nursing Expansion with their recent gift of $50,000.
  + **ConocoPhillips Alaska** donated $36,000 to support ANSEP.
  + **BP** pledged $25,000 to support Excellence in Engineering.
  + **Rasmuson Foundation** donated $25,000 to support the CBPP Experimental Economics Laboratory .
  + **Evergreen Business Capital** donated $10,000 to support UAA’s Small Business Development Center.
* **Individual Gifts**
  + **Barbara Ellen Clinton** contributed toward her Leadership Circle pledge ($20,000+) to support the Edward Rollin Clinton Memorial Endowment which provides funding for a visiting guest pianist to play at public performances for students, faculty and the general public.
  + **Cecilia C. Doak** donated at the Aurora Circle level ($10,000-$19,999) to establish the Leonard G. Doak Health Literacy Scholarship which provides financial assistance to one student each year who is accepted to participate in the Leonard G. Doak Health Literacy Fellowship while enrolled in the graduate Master of Public Health (MPH) degree program.
  + **John and Madge Oswald** donated at the Aurora Circle level to support the Excellence in Geomatics and Geospatial Studies Endowed Scholarship which benefits students currently enrolled in a degree program, including but not limited to the GIS emphasis, remote sensing, geospatial, hydrographic surveying, and ocean mapping.
* **UAA Faculty and Staff Giving Campaign**

In FY14, 403 employees, committed over $167,00 to 85 funds. Of those employee donors, 99 made their first gift this year. Thanks to everyone who showed their Seawolf Spirit at work, making the university a better place for all of us.

* **Student Phonathon**

Now entering its 11th year, the UAA Student Phonathon will start calling alumni the week of Sept. 15, with a fundraising goal for fall semester of $98,000. To date, student callers have raised over $1,100,000 from our dedicated alumni.

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| **University Relations** |

* **UAA Alumni Spirit Magazine**

The UR team is working to publish the second edition of the UAA Alumni Spirit magazine, scheduled to hit mailboxes later this month.

* **Alaska Airlines Center Grand Opening Festivities**

The Alaska Airlines Center grand opening festivities kick off on Friday, Sept. 5, and several events to celebrate the new "communiversity" facility will take place through Sept. 14. Events include the Grand Opening Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, Service Before Self, Taste of Alaska, Alabama Shakes Concert, Faculty Research and Creative Activity Showcase, Drive-In Move and Food Truck Rodeo, and Howlapalooza. More info at [www.alaskaairlinescenter.com](http://www.alaskaairlinescenter.com).

* **Seawolf Weekly**

A special edition of the Seawolf Weekly on Sept. 3 focuses all stories on the Alaska Airlines Center and its benefits to UAA students and the community. Read about the new sports medicine facility, gymnastics training facility, renovations to the Wells Fargo Sports Complex for the hockey program, and an update on the new Varsity Sports Grill, scheduled to open Oct. 1.

* **2014 Green & Gold Gala**

The UR team is helping Alumni Relations prepare for the 2014 Green & Gold Gala on Sept. 27, the first formal event in the new Alaska Airlines Center.

* **UAA Facebook Page**

Thanks to the efforts of UAA Social Media Specialist Catalina Myers, the UAA: University of Alaska Anchorage Facebook page hit the 10,000 "Likes" mark last week.

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