

# STRATEGIC PLAN 2017



## The Strategic Plan for the University of Alaska Anchorage

UAA 2017 is the strategic plan that will guide our decisions about people, programs, and money for the next ten years. The plan sets out a bold and ambitious vision, establishes five fundamental priorities, and identifies the principal strategies through which we will address them. It is the product of many months of work within the university community, with valuable support and counsel from the UAA Board of Advisors and other community members. It will serve as a guide as we confront the challenges and take advantage of the many opportunities that will come our way in the years ahead.

**Priority 1** Strengthen the total UAA instructional program: sustain and develop courses and programs to address the opportunities and challenges of Alaskan life; prepare students to think and work in a rapidly changing world; and increase active student participation in research, creative expression, and service learning.

**Priority 2** Reinforce and rapidly expand UAA's research mission: strengthen capacity for competitive sponsored research, and give special attention to Alaska, the Pacific Rim, and the circumpolar North.

**Priority 3** Expand educational opportunity and increase student success: improve transition to higher education with an emphasis on serving Alaska Natives, other under-represented populations, and first-generation college students; continue to improve the rates at which students attain their educational goals; and substantially increase the number of our students who achieve the highest academic distinction.

**Priority 4** Strengthen the UAA community: develop campus life and the total college experience; build and maintain our facilities as sustainable models for northern universities; and recruit, retain, and develop the highest quality faculty and staff.

**Priority 5** Make UAA the exemplar of the Public Square: expand our commitment to community engagement, become a national model for community partnerships, and make our campuses the venue of choice for Alaskan public life.



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