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# COMMENCEMENT

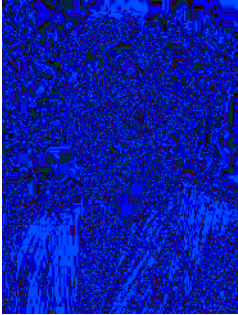
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# Commencement



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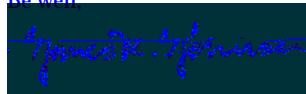
Dear 2020 Graduates,

This commencement is not like any other the world has experienced in our lifetime. Although we cannot be together to celebrate your accomplishments in person, in spirit we are all together as a university community honoring your hard work and dedication to pursue the worthwhile goal of a higher education. The coronavirus pandemic may have necessitated that you complete your final semester online, yet you pressed on to the goal. Bravo!

Today you join a legion of proud graduates as you receive your degree from the University of Alaska Fairbanks. You follow many thousands, and thousands more will follow you and your example of accomplishment in the years to come. Congratulations on a great personal achievement. Your hard work invested in earning your degree prepares you well to write the next chapter of your life. Whatever path you choose, you can carry it out with the great personal strength and self-confidence you have developed here at UAF.

My counsel for you today is that you be courageous in the midst of this uncertain time in your life, remain inquisitive, continue to grow intellectually, and find ways throughout your careers to give back to your community and to UAF. I hope you make your home with us here in Alaska — helping to build the Alaska we all want. But wherever life's journey may take you, please accept my congratulations and very best wishes for a bright future.

Be well!



James R. Johnsen, President  
University of Alaska



UAF COMMENCEMENT DEGREE

Dear Graduate,

This year will be a year to remember, the year of the COVID-19 pandemic and all of the challenges it threw at you. But you did it. Congratulations on your accomplishments and earning your degree!

Today you are joining a distinguished group of University of Alaska Fairbanks alumni, and although your journey has proved to be a little more memorable, to include taking part in the first ever virtual commencement, I hope you will take a moment to reflect on your time at UAF, and the lessons learned and the friends you have made. Those experiences will last a lifetime.

On behalf of the UAF community, I wish you success and happiness in your future endeavors and thank you for all your contributions to the university.

Thank you for choosing UAF. GO 'NOOKS!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'D. White'. The signature is stylized and cursive.

Daniel M. White, Chancellor  
University of Alaska Fairbanks

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# UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA FAIRBANKS

## COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES: MAY 23, 2020

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Grand Marshal	<b>J. Leroy Hulsey</b> <i>Grand marshal is a title given to the emeritus faculty member who has had the longest tenure at UAF and typically leads the procession.</i>
National Anthem	<b>Seth Blohm, Class of 2020</b>
Welcome	<b>Daniel M. White, Chancellor, University of Alaska Fairbanks</b>
Remarks	<b>James R. Johnsen, President, University of Alaska System</b>
Recognition of Emeriti	<b>Anupma Prakash, Provost, University of Alaska Fairbanks</b>
Introduction of Class Speaker	<b>Keith Champagne, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, University of Alaska Fairbanks</b>
Class Speaker	<b>Max Erickson, Class of 2020</b>
Recognition of Doctoral Candidates	<b>Michael Castellini, Interim Dean, Graduate School, University of Alaska Fairbanks</b>
Conferring of Degrees	<b>Sheri Buretta, Chair, Board of Regents, University of Alaska System</b>
Presenting the Class of 2020	<b>Graduates of the University of Alaska Fairbanks</b>
Alumni Association Representative	<b>Barbara Fujimoto, Class of 2014</b>
"Alaska Flag Song"	<b>Naella Lundell, Class of 2020</b>
Academy Acclamation	<b>Deans and faculty members of the University of Alaska Fairbanks</b>

Academic Degree  
Abbreviations

**A.A.**

## GRADUATION WITH HONORS

Associate and baccalaureate degree students who graduated with honors in August and December and candidates for graduation with honors in May wear a gold honor cord. Cumulative grade point averages required for graduating with honors are:

***summa cum laude* ..... 3.9 or higher with no grades lower than an A-  
*magna cum laude* ..... 3.75–3.8 • *cum laude* ..... 3.5–3.74**

## HONORS SCHOLARS

College honors scholars graduation designations require exceptional aptitude, academic performance and achievement in a challenging course of study. Honors scholars complete credits in specially designed courses and an honors capstone/senior thesis. Honors Thesis Scholars earned 12 honors credits and wear a long blue-trimmed and striped gold sash with a single blue and gold honor cord. University Honors Scholars earned 27 honors credits and wear the same sash with a double blue and gold honor cord.

## GOLDEN KEY HONOR SOCIETY

Golden Key is an international student-run service organization committed to meeting the needs of scholastic achievers. Members wear a gold medallion on a blue and gold ribbon, a gold satin sash with a blue logo, or a blue and gold honor cord.











**Hugh David Leonard \***

***Ph.D. Clinical-Community Psychology: Rural Indigenous Emphasis***

*B.A., California State University Dominguez Hills, 2013.*

**thesis: The Looking Glass Effect: The Influences of Clinical Supervision on Student Attitudes Toward Evidence Based Practices**

*Dr. Kinchel C. Doerner, Dean*

**Dina Abdel-Fattah**

**Ph.D. Natural Resources and Sustainability**

*B.A., College of William and Mary, 2010; M.S., University of Amsterdam, 2011.*

**esis: Stakeholder Needs and Information Use in Cryospheric Hazard Planning and Response: Case Studies from Alaska**

is dissertation investigated stakeholder use of various information products and resources in three cryospheric hazard-prone communities in Alaska that experience glacial lake outburst floods or anomalous high-speed sea ice motion events. is dissertation also tested whether a structured decision-making methodology could be useful and applicable in a cryospheric hazard context.

**Major Professor: Dr. Sarah Trainor**

**Katherine Lynn Anderson \***

**Ph.D. Geology**

*B.S., University of Michigan-Ann Arbor, 2012.*

**esis: Paleobiology of Ichthyosaurs: Using Osteohistology to Test Hypotheses of Growth Rates and Metabolism in a Clade of Secondarily Aquatic Marine Tetrapods**

Ichthyosaurs are a group of secondarily aquatic reptiles that globally dominated the oceans during the Mesozoic Era. Multiple lines of evidence suggest ichthyosaurs experienced elevated growth rates, body temperatures and metabolic rates.

is thesis sought to test these hypotheses using osteohistological methods and examination of bone microstructure.

**Major Professor: Dr. Patrick Druckenmiller**

**Till Martin Baumann \*\***

**Ph.D. Atmospheric Sciences**

*B.S., University of Kiel, 2012; M.S., University of Kiel, 2015.*

**esis: Response of Major Modes of Eastern Arctic Ocean Variability to Climate Change**

he Arctic Ocean plays a central role in ongoing climate change. Using observations from moorings in the eastern Arctic Ocean, the study investigated hydrographic seasonality and high-frequency current dynamics. Findings indicated a new, more dynamic eastern Arctic Ocean with direct implications for the ecosystem and further sea ice reduction.

**Major Professor: Dr. Igor Polyakov**

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**Brandon Burkholder \***

**Ph.D. Space Physics**

*B.S., Clemson University, 2015.*

**thesis: Solar Magnetic Fields — Source, Evolution, and Interaction with Planetary Magnetospheres**

Using a magnetohydrodynamic model of the solar magnetic carpet, the structure of boundaries in the sun’s atmosphere was found to be similar to the structure of the solar wind near Earth. At Saturn, viscous interactions with the solar wind were modeled using a hybrid model to understand transport and heating.

**Major Professor: Dr. Peter Delamere**

**Mitali Chandnani \*\***

**Ph.D. Geology**

*B.T., Indian Institute of Technology Roorkee, 2013.*

**thesis: Effects of Target Properties on the Formation of Lunar Impact Craters in the Simple-to-Complex Transition**

Impact cratering is ubiquitous on the planets, and different bodies serve as natural laboratories for studying this geologic process. A study of lunar craters of similar size enabled impactor energy to be held constant so that the effects of target and impactor properties on the final crater could be explored.

**Major Professor: Dr. Robert Herrick**





## **Kristin Rose Gagné**

### **Ph.D. Environmental Chemistry**

*B.S., Arcadia University, 2015.*

#### **esis: Influence of Permafrost Extent on Photochemical Reactivity, Functional Group Composition, and Geochemical Cycling of a Sub-Arctic Discontinuous Permafrost Alaskan Watershed**

This study observed how permafrost leaching affected surface waters. Observations saw permafrost was heterogeneous and waters had seasonal variability. Winter had increased photoproduction of reactive oxygen species and metal concentrations. Finally, this study observed that the combination of metal and optical data aided in resolving the possible permafrost extent beneath lakes.

**Major Professor: Dr. Jennifer Guerard**

## **Jesse Elliott Grunblatt**

### **Ph.D. Environmental Science and Communication: Interdisciplinary Program**

*B.A., Middlebury College, 1975; M.S., Colorado State University, 1980.*

#### **esis: Science, Perception, and Scale: An Interdisciplinary Analysis of Environmental Change and Community Adaptive Capacity**

This thesis fills a gap between science-based assessments and local perceptions of environmental and climate change was explored through three separate but interrelated studies: 1) an assessment of community perception of change, 2) a science-based assessment of environmental change, and 3) an evaluation of the role news media plays in communicating science.

**Major Professors: Dr. Mark Wipfler and Dr. Barbara Adams**

## **Diane Christine Huebner**

### **Ph.D. Biological Sciences**

*B.F.A., School of the Art Institute of Chicago, 1982; M.S., Northwestern University, 2009.*

#### **esis: Seedling Recruitment, Genetic Diversity, and Secondary Growth of Deciduous Shrubs in Arctic Tundra Disturbed by Retrogressive Thaw Slump Permafrost on Alaska's North Slope**

A study of deciduous shrub response to retrogressive thaw slump (RTS) disturbance at two North Slope, Alaska, sites found higher seedling recruitment, species richness and secondary growth in RTS. Willows showed high genetic diversity and low clonal spread regardless of disturbance. North Slope RTS may support enhanced tundra shrub growth.

**Major Professor: Dr. M. Sydonia Bret-Harte**

## **Alexander Kotlarov**

### **Ph.D. Natural Resources and Sustainability**

*B.S., Northeastern University, 1990; M.S., London School of Economics and Political Science, 1992.*

#### **esis: Retrospective Analysis of the Alaska Halibut and Sablefish Individual Fishing Quota Fisheries Comparing the Program with the Anticipated Outcomes and Other Limited Entry Fisheries**

This thesis first describes and analyzes the development and evolution of the Alaska halibut and sablefishery. It then reports on surveys of halibut and sablefish quota share holders. It ends with a review of the community support measures included in Alaska fisheries and opinions for rebuilding communities.

**Major Professor: Dr. Keith Criddle**



**David B. McAlpin \***

***Ph.D. Geology***

*B.B.A., Stetson University, 1980; M.S., Arizona State University, 2008.*

**thesis: Multi-Sensor Techniques for the Measurement of Post Eruptive Volcanic Deformation and Depositional Features**

Remote sensing of volcanic activity is an increasingly important tool for scientific investigation, hazard mitigation and geophysical analysis. These techniques describe new strategies to combine remote sensing data in multisensor analyses that improve our understanding of volcanic activity, depositional behavior and the evolutionary history of past eruptive episodes.

**Major Professors: Dr. Franz Meyer and Dr. James Beg**

**Kyle Ken Smith**

**Ph.D. Geophysics**

*B.S., New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology, 2012.*

**thesis: Seismic Wave Field in Nenana Basin and Cook Inlet Basin of Alaska**  
Seismic instruments were deployed on the Nenana basin and Cook Inlet basin of Alaska to study amplification from local earthquakes. Both basins amplified earthquake waves by at least a factor of two, and similar levels occurred for noise. Seismic noise needed to account for wind and a nearby river.

**Major Professor: Dr. Carl Tape**

**Lisa Smith**

**Ph.D. Biochemistry and Neuroscience: Biochemistry**

*B.S., University of Alaska Fairbanks, 2008.*

**thesis: Role of Neurotropism in HIV-1 Gp120 Induced Oxidative Stress and Neurodegeneration**

Approximately 50% of individuals with long-term HIV infection are affected by a spectrum of neurocognitive dysfunctions for which the molecular mechanisms of pathogenicity remain poorly understood. This research identified a previously unknown role for HIV envelope protein gp120 in the induction of neurotoxic actin-cofilin rods leading to synaptic dysfunction.

**Major Professor: Dr. Thomas Kuhn**

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**Samaneh Yourdkhani**

***Ph.D. Mathematics***

*B.S., Semnan University, 2002.*

**thesis: Investigations in Phylogenetics: Tree Inference and Model Identifiability**

This research presents two projects in mathematical phylogenetics. The first is a new, statistically consistent, fast method for inferring species trees from topological gene trees under the multispecies coalescent model. The second establishes that the tree and numerical parameters of the Profile Mixture Model of protein sequence evolution are generically identifiable.

**Major Professors: Dr. John Rhodes and Dr. Elizabeth Allman**

# C OLLIERY RURAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

*Mr. Evon Peter, Vice Chancellor*

*Mr. Bryan Uher, Acting Dean*

**Sharon Guenther Lind \*\***

***Ph.D. Indigenous Studies***

*B.B.A., Warner Pacific University, 1989; MBA, University of Alaska Anchorage, 2008.*

**thesis: Definitions of Success for Alaska Native Corporations**

Some elements that define success in a typical corporation have parameters that usually relate to financial performance or value added to an investment portfolio.

At an Indigenous organization, the word success takes on a new meaning. This work examines key elements in the definitions of success in Alaska Native corporations.

**Major Professors: Dr. Beth Leonard and Dr. Michael Koskey**

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# SCHOOL EDUCATION

*Dr. Amy Vinlove, Director*

**Havala Jessamyn Hanson \*\***

***Ph.D. Statistics and Policy in Education: Interdisciplinary Program***

*B.S., University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, 2005; M.A., Brown University, 2010.*

**thesis: Paving the Road to College: Impacts of Washington State Policy on Improving Equitable Participation in Dual Credit Courses**

This quasi-experimental study evaluated a 2015 Washington state policy to increase participation in dual-credit courses. The policy positively impacted participation for 10th graders but did not impact paation





# The Class of 2020

C, A, B, F, S, D, E, G, H, I, J, K, L, M, N, O, P, Q, R, S, T, U, V, W, X, Y, Z

**Rawser Spicer**

M.S., Computer Science

**Ryan Stonebraker**

M.S., Computer Science

**TristanRoe Suniga Van Cise**

M.S., Computer Science. *Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society*

**Arin Wooster**

M.S., Petroleum Engineering

**Baccalaureate Degrees**

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B.S., Computer Science

**Andrew Adler**

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B.S., Petroleum Engineering

**Shawn Almario**

B.S., Mechanical Engineering

**Christopher Jason Bailey \***

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B.S., Civil Engineering

**Sameen Singh Bhullar**

B.S., Petroleum Engineering

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B.S., Electrical Engineering: Computer  
Engineering

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B.S., Computer Graphic Design: Interdisciplinary  
Studies

**Joseph Matthew Byam**

B.S., Computer Science

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B.S., Petroleum Engineering

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laude*







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Technology: Process Technology*

**Michael L. Wright**

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**Elizabeth A. Wright**

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B.A., Interdisciplinary Studies: General Studies

**Stacy Lynnell Bell**

B.A., Interdisciplinary Studies: General Studies

**Gregory A. Broline**

B.S., Interdisciplinary Studies: General Studies

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General Studies

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**Ryan R. Cortez \***

B.S., Interdisciplinary Studies: General Studies

**Gail Ann Denning**

B.A., Interdisciplinary Studies: General Studies

**Eran E. Eads**

B.T., Interdisciplinary Studies: General Studies

**Amanda Ellis \***

B.A., Interdisciplinary Studies: General Studies

**Jaimeca Latrice Gazaway**

B.A., Interdisciplinary Studies: General Studies

**April George \***

B.A., Interdisciplinary Studies: General Studies

**Sarah Gordon**

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**Jennifer Claire Gri en**

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Kappa Phi Honor Society*

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B.A., Interdisciplinary Studies: General Studies

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**Rachel K. Harris \***

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**Rileigh Jorstad**

B.A., Interdisciplinary Studies: General Studies

**Bertha Kankk**

B.A., Interdisciplinary Studies: General Studies

**Katherine Keith**

## Master's Degrees

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Kelsey Monahan

**Brittney Anderson**

M.Ed., Education: Secondary Education

**Alexandria Joyce Bergholtz**

M.Ed., Education: Secondary Education

**Kathryn L. Conway**

M.Ed., Counseling: Clinical Mental Health

**Amanda Cunningham**

M.Ed., Special Education

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**Jennifer Dougherty \*\***

M.Ed., Education: Curriculum and Instruction

**Rebecca Lyn Emery-Sirevagg**

M.Ed., Education: Secondary Education

**Kyle Wayne Farris**

M.Ed., Education: People, Place and Pedagogy

**Nina Rosaleen Fehrenbach**

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**Christopher D. Fliss \*\***

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M.Ed., Education: People, Place and Pedagogy

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School Counseling Elementary Education

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**Taiyo Itoh**

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**Megan P. Ivano \*\***

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**James Matthew Kays \*\***

M.Ed., Education: Secondary Education

**Whitney Kazmierczak \*\***

M.Ed., Counseling: Clinical Mental Health

**Jocelyn Elise Kopsack**

M.Ed., Education: Secondary Education

**Alicia Ines Lamar**

M.Ed., Counseling: Clinical Mental Health

**Dana Emily Lindauer \*\***

M.Ed., Education: Elementary Education

**Selina Rae Mach \*\***

M.Ed., Counseling: School Counseling K-12

**Paul William Meritt**

M.Ed., Education: Secondary Education

**Peter Dalley Hem Miller**

M.Ed., Education: Secondary Education

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Gr. Cert., Elementary Education: Initial Teacher  
Certification Program

**Alexandria Joyce Bergholtz**

Gr. Cert., Secondary Education: Initial Teacher  
Certification Program

**Angela Coelho**

Gr. Cert., Secondary Education: Initial Teacher  
Certification Program

**Michael William Dean \***

Gr. Cert., Secondary Education: Initial Teacher  
Certification Program

**Amanda J. Edwards**

Gr. Cert., Elementary Education: Initial Teacher  
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**Hayley Holt**

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**Marlee Mathews Hughes**

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**Alexandra Taylor Hurley**

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**Cleora Adelle Logan**

B.A., Elementary Education

**Maynard Santos Maglaya**

*magna cum laude*, B.A., Elementary Education

**Kathleen Ina Naneng**

B.A., Elementary Education

**So e Marie Riley**

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B.A., Elementary Education

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## Master's Degrees

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### Samuel Grayson Altenberger

M.S.D.M., Security and Disaster Management

### Sarah Izzati Azmi Wendler \*

M.S., Resource and Applied Economics

### Marissa Bennett \*\*

M.S.D.M., Security and Disaster Management

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MBA, Business Administration: General Management

### Blaze Brooks

MBA, Business Administration: General Management

### Brandal Nicole Crenshaw \*\*

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### Kimberly Nicole Culver

MBA, Business Administration: General Management

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### Nathaniel DiGloria \*\*

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### Crystal Lynne Duncan

MBA, Business Administration: General Management

### John Vincent Dutton

MBA, Business Administration: General Management

### Patricia Mary Eagan \*\*

MBA, Business Administration: General Management

### Kyle Wayne Evans

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### Colin Field

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MBA, Business Administration: STEM

### Eric Ryder Hartley

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### Laura J. Hays \*\*

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### Jonathan Johanson

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### Jon McVay \*

MBA, Business Administration: General Management

### Zoe Mercurie \*\*

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### Kathlynn Mai Tram Le Nguyen

MBA, Business Administration: General Management

### Bernice L. Oyagak

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### Daniel Jerome Finley Powers \*

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M.S., Resource and Applied Economics

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MBA, Business Administration: General Management

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Technology Management

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## MS. DERYLEE ANN HECIMOVICH

Ms. Derylee Ann Hecimovich has served the University of Alaska Fairbanks with distinction in teaching and service in the Cooperative Extension Service from 2001 to 2019.

Ms. Hecimovich, who focused primarily on youth programs, developed curriculum and taught eighteen to twenty-two noncredit classes, workshops and Extension programs annually on an impressively diverse range of topics; and she annually organized up to twenty classes led by others.

She annually organized the 4-H contest, 4-H livestock exhibits and other activities at the Alaska State Fair; and she worked with youth and adult volunteers through 4-H activities, leader trainings, officer trainings and animal husbandry workshops.

Ms. Hecimovich served as the state Project Learning Tree and state Forest Stewardship Committee coordinator; and she has been on the state Agriculture in the Classroom Advisory Board, Mat-Su Borough Agriculture Board and FFA Board of Directors for many years.

Her character and collegiality contributed to her success; and all who worked with her felt respected and supported, making her an excellent mentor, community leader and colleague.

The University of Alaska Fairbanks expresses its deep appreciation to Ms. Derylee Ann Hecimovich for her extensive contributions to the State of Alaska and to the University.

## DR. J. LEROY HULSEY

Dr. J. Leroy Hulsey has served the University of Alaska Fairbanks since 1974 as a 2N9TmD)14 (2)4.8 (J)3.6 (L)29.

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MR. LEONARD J. KAMERLING

Mr. Leonard J. Kamerling has served the University of Alaska Fairbanks with distinction in teaching, research and service since the 1970s and, specifically, as Curator of Film at the University of Alaska Museum of the North and as an English faculty member from 1999 to 2020.

He has taught English courses focused on film writing, as well as courses in anthropological and

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## **RANDY J. BROWN**

Mr. Randy J. Brown has developed and shared vast amounts of knowledge about Alaska's wild fish populations during his nearly 25 years as a professional biologist, a career enhanced by the keen observational skills learned during years living along the Yukon River.



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## RICHARD SAVIK GLENN

Mr. Richard Savik Glenn has used his unique background, training and abilities to meld Iñupiaq and Western traditions and knowledge, advancing science and engineering across Alaska's North Slope for the benefit of all Alaskans.

Mr. Glenn, who was born and raised in California, spent many summers in the Utqiavik area with his mother's family during his teens. He learned to hunt and acquired an in-depth understanding of and respect for the sea ice.

Mr. Glenn earned two degrees in geology — a bachelor's from San Jose State University in 1985 and a master's from the University of Alaska Fairbanks in 1991. Within a few years, he was asked to lead the North Slope Borough's Department of Energy Management. In 2001, he joined the Arctic Slope Regional Corporation, where he gained special expertise in Arctic resource development and geologic processes. Mr. Glenn is now ASRC's executive vice president of external affairs, responsible for all government affairs and corporate communications.

Mr. Glenn helped found the Barrow Arctic Science Consortium in 1996 and

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## WILLIE KASAYULIE

Mr. Willie Kasayulie has promoted the health and welfare of Indigenous people through decades of community service, legal and political activism, and advocacy to reform education, governance, and subsistence hunting and fishing management.

Mr. Kasayulie, originally from the village of Akiachak, on the lower Kuskokwim River, attended U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs schools there and in Wrangell and Oregon. He completed high school at Hartford High School in White River Junction, Vermont. He later earned certifications in tribal and corporate governance, laws and procedures.

In Alaska, Mr. Kasayulie entered a career of service in numerous local, state and national organizations. He served as chief of the Yupiit Nation. He also served as chairman of the Alaska Federation of Natives, Alaska Inter-Tribal Council, Association of Village Council Presidents and Calista Corporation. His service on boards includes those of the Association of Alaska School Boards, Alaska Civil Liberties Union, Indian Law Resource Center and Native American Rights Fund.

Mr. Kasayulie is one of the longest-serving school board members in Alaska, having spent more than thirty years on the Yupiit School District Board of Education. He also volunteered as a plaintiff, for a cumulative twenty-two years, in two lawsuits filed to correct the injustices he saw in Alaska's method of

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## PATRICK J. WEBBER

Dr. Patrick J. Webber advanced the science of Arctic vegetation through new techniques that make it possible to link such work with integrated ecosystem studies, and his advocacy of Arctic science and logistics helped make the University of Alaska Fairbanks a leading institution in Arctic ecosystem research.

Dr. Webber was born, raised and educated in the United Kingdom. In 1960, he moved to Ontario, Canada, where he worked and studied until receiving his doctorate from Queen's University in 1971. He joined the University of Colorado-Boulder faculty in 1969 and spent most of the next twenty years there, studying Arctic and alpine regions. In 1990, Dr. Webber moved to Michigan State University to direct the W.K. Kellogg Biological Station.

Dr. Webber then began the first of two stints with the National Science Foundation, the latter of which involved directing the Arctic Systems Science Program in the Office of Polar Programs. He served as a professor and faculty associate at Michigan State until receiving emeritus status in 2005.

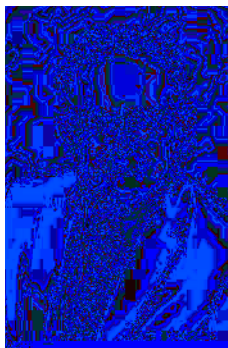
Dr. Webber, beginning with his historic doctoral dissertation, changed Arctic vegetation s3m0f2 6g)22.2 (16.7 6)7 6 d 0 6)9t)13.5 6)5.6.7 6)9t)13. f o)7w 5516 B41 sS9vogc



## ROGER BURGGRAF

Mr. Roger Burggraf has pursued a wide variety of careers and activities, many in service to the state and its people, during his 67 years in Alaska.

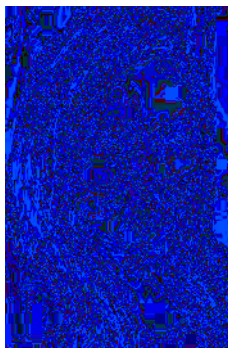
Mr. Burggraf, who grew up in New York and left home at age 14, earned a bachelor's degree in wildlife management from Cornell University while working summers in Alaska, then still a territory. After moving to Fairbanks and starting a family in 1959, he ran sled dogs and became president of the Alaska Dog Musers Association. Mr. Burggraf attended UAF but then pursued other opportunities, which over the years included commanding the local National Guard, banking, riverboat tourism, mining and consulting for mining companies. His mining experience led the former Sierra Club member to become a steadfast advocate of the industry. He eventually served as statewide president of the Alaska Miners Association. The Alaska Chamber of Commerce presented him with the 2014 William A. Egan Outstanding Alaskan of the Year Award, an honor named for the Alaska governor who helped him dedicate the National Guard armory in Fairbanks. Mr. Burggraf is a board member of the Friends of the University of Alaska Museum of the North and a former member of the UAF Board of Advisors.



## CARY S. KELLER

Dr. Cary Keller has dedicated himself to caring for not only his patients but also his community, efforts that have enormously benefited Alaskans during his decades practicing in Fairbanks.

Dr. Keller, an orthopedic surgeon, is a second-generation doctor who graduated from the University of Chicago medical school in 1978, 21 years after his father did the same. While working as an emergency room resident at the school, he began treating student athletes, an interest he has followed ever since. In 1986, he opened Sportsmedicine Fairbanks, a practice designed to provide a full range of care for athletes. Since then, Dr. Keller has volunteered in numerous significant roles for UAF and the community. He has served as the Alaska Nanooks' team physician since 1990 and was inducted into the Nanooks Hall of Fame. He is a member of the University of Alaska Foundation Board of Directors. He has received UAF's Circle of Giving Award and the School of Management's Business Leader of the Year Award, in addition to numerous other awards from state and local organizations. Nationally, he is a fellow and former trustee of the American College of Sports Medicine.



## LUISA MACHUCA

Ms. Luisa Machuca has been a steadfast advocate for education and training to help people in Northwest Alaska, as well as the state's other rural regions, reach self-sufficiency.

Ms. Machuca, an Iñupiaq from Council, Alaska, earned a bachelor's and master's degree in psychology from the University of Alaska Anchorage, completing her education there in 2005. She has worked for Kawerak Inc., the Bering Strait region's non-profit tribal consortium, for more than a decade and is now vice president of its Education, Employment and Supportive Services Division. Ms. Machuca serves on the Northwestern Alaska Career and Technical Center Advisory Council, the Bering Strait Foundation, and the statewide Alaska Native Coalition for Education and Training. She also participates in the Bering Strait Health Consortium, which advances training and employment in the health care field. Since 2013, she has served as Kawerak's representative on the advisory council of UAF's Northwest Campus in Nome. She also has served on the University of Alaska's statewide Strategic Pathways review team for community campuses.



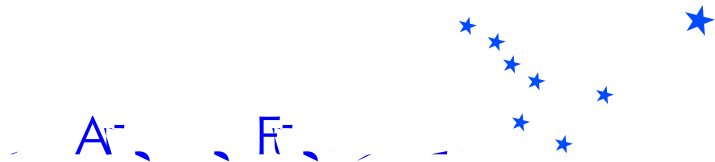


## MARISA SHARRAH

Ms. Marisa Sharrah has applied her energy and talents toward providing excellent advocacy for the University of Alaska Fairbanks and the Fairbanks community.

Ms. Sharrah has been the president and CEO of the Greater Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce since 2016. She previously served as the community relations manager for Flint Hills Resources' North Pole refinery. She began work at the refinery shortly after earning a

bachelor's degree in business administration from UAF in 2001. Ms. Sharrah previously served on the board of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Alaska and, as a winter sports enthusiast, she joined the 2014 Arctic Winter Games organizing efforts. In 2019, when the university faced severe budget cuts, Ms. Sharrah helped lead the local "Save Our University" campaign. Ms. Sharrah also serves on the UAF Board of Advisors, where she helps shape UAF's future.



Music by Elinor Dusenbury  
Words by Marie Drake and Carol Beery Davis

Eight stars of gold on a field of blue,  
Alaska's flag, may it mean to you;  
The blue of the sea, the evening sky,  
The mountain lakes, and the flows nearby;  
The gold of the early sourdough's dreams,  
The precious gold of the hills and streams;  
The brilliant stars in the northern sky,  
The "Bear," the "Dipper," and shining high,  
The great North Star with its steady light,  
O'er land and sea a beacon bright,  
Alaska's flag to Alaskans dear,  
The simple flag of a last frontier.

A Native lad chose our Dipper's stars  
for Alaska's flag that there be no bars  
among our cultures. Be it known  
through years our Natives' past has grown  
to share our treasures, hand in hand,  
to keep Alaska our Great Land.  
We love the northern midnight sky,  
our mountains, lakes and the streams nearby;  
Our great North Star with its steady light  
will guide our cultures clear and bright  
with Nature's flag to Alaskans dear,  
the simple flag of a last frontier.