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Saturday, May 1, 2021



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# CONGRATULATIONS!

UA INTERIM PRESIDENT PAT PITNEY

Dear UAF Class of 2021,

Congratulations, graduates! Today you join the ranks of more than 100,000 University of Alaska alumni.

We are so proud of you and your accomplishments. Graduation is a milestone worth celebrating in any year. And it's even more important to celebrate given the challenges and unique experience we've shared this past year. You did it despite COVID, despite being away from campus and your colleagues over the past year, and at a time when the university and the world underwent unprecedented change.

Now, allow your experience and knowledge to pave your path forward. Your hard work and resilience has prepared you to write the next chapter in your personal story. I hope you will continue to remain inquisitive and be courageous in the midst of unceren-USr31ren-USnin toÖrNMöncw, aive a Tfo)9.8

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UAF CHANCELLOR DANIEL M. WHITE

Dear Graduate,

2020 was 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 our most creative commencement, I hope you will take a moment to reflect on your time at UAF, the lessons learned, and the friends you have made. Your UAF experiences will last a lifetime.

On behalf of the UAF community, I wish you success and

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GRAND MARSHAL

**Kenneth Coyle**

*Grand marshal is a title given to the emeritus faculty member who has had the longest tenure at UAF and typically leads the processional.*

PROCESSIONAL

**UAF Inu-Yupiaq Student Dance Group**

NATIONAL ANTHEM

**Jenna Dreydoppel, Class of 2021**

WELCOME

**Daniel M. White, Chancellor, University of Alaska Fairbanks**

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ACADEMIC DEGREE  
ABBREVIATIONS

A.A.	Associate of Arts
A.A.S.	Associate of Applied Science
A.S.	Associate of Science
B.A.	Bachelor of Arts
B.A.A.S.	Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences
B.A.M.	Bachelor of Applied Management
B.B.A.	Bachelor of Business Administration
B.E.M.	Bachelor of Emergency Management
B.F.A.	Bachelor of Fine Arts
B.M.	Bachelor of Music
B.S.	Bachelor of Science
B.S.E.M.	Bachelor of Security and Emergency Management
B.S.R.B.	Bachelor of Sport and Recreation Business
B.T.	Bachelor of Technology
Cert.	Certificate
Gr. Cert.	Graduate Certificate
M.A.	Master of Arts
MBA	Master of Business Administration
M.Ed.	Master of Education
M.F.A.	Master of Fine Arts
M.N.R.E.	Master of Natural Resources and Environment
M.S.	Master of Science
M.S.D.M.	Master of Security and Disaster Management
O.H.M.	One Health Master's
Ph.D.	Doctor of Philosophy

HONORARY DEGREES  
AND MERITORIOUS  
SERVICE AWARDS

*Honorary degrees recognize people of extraordinary accomplishment, and service awards express our appreciation for the university's most dedicated advocates.*

DEGREE CONFIRMATION

*Confirmation of degrees and honors for the May 2021 degree candidates whose names are listed in this program will be made when final grades are received. Information presented in this program is accurate as of 9 a.m. April 26, 2021. Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of graduates' names, degrees and other information. We sincerely regret any errors and omissions.*

*\* Denotes summer degree recipient*

*\*\* Denotes fall degree recipient*







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\* Summer degree recipient

\*\* Fall degree recipient



**Ph.D. Oceanography: Chemistry**  
*B.S., Humboldt State University, 2016.*

**thesis: Utility of Trace Element Studies for Improving our Understanding of  
Geochemical Processes within the Arctic Ocean Environment**

Cheryl L. ... A ...



*Ph.D. F. Hee*

*B.S., Oregon State University, 2012.*

**esis: Sea Otters in Southeast Alaska: Subsistence Harvest and Ecological Effects**



Ph.D.

**Ph.D. A** **\*\***

*B.A., University of Montana, 2008; M.A., University of Alaska Fairbanks, 2012.*

**esis: Ethnoarchaeology of the Middle Tanana Valley, Alaska**

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*Dr. Amy Vinlove, Director*

**Ph.D. Candidate, Educational Leadership, State University of New York at Albany, 2014; M.A., Education, State University of New York at Albany, 2012; B.A., University of New Brunswick, 2002; M.A., Anna Maria College, 2006.**

**Thesis: Beyond Trending: Using Risking Connection as a Framework for Moving Agency Culture Toward Trauma-Informed Care**

Committee Chair: (C)

Advisor: (C) 119

Advisor: (C)

**Major Professor: Dr. Susan Renes**

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## CERTIFICATES AND ASSOCIATE, BACCALAUREATE AND MASTER'S DEGREES

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*Dr. William E. Schnabel, Dean*

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M.S., Mechanical Engineering

M.S., Geological Engineering

M.S., Computer Science

M.S., Petroleum Engineering

M.S., Environmental Engineering:  
Environmental Contaminants

M.S., Petroleum Engineering

M.S., Computer Science

M.S., Mining Engineering

M.S., Mechanical Engineering

M.S., Computer Science

M.S., Petroleum Engineering

M.S., Electrical Engineering

M.S., Civil Engineering: Water Resources  
Engineering

M.S., Petroleum Engineering

M.S., Civil Engineering

M.S., Electrical Engineering

M.S., Petroleum Engineering

M.S., Petroleum Engineering

M.S., Civil Engineering: Water Resources  
Engineering

M.S., Electrical Engineering

M.S., Petroleum Engineering

M.S., Civil Engineering: Transportation  
Engineering

M.S., Mechanical Engineering

M.S., Electrical Engineering

M.S., Computer Science

M.S., Electrical Engineering

M.S., Electrical Engineering

#### B r D r

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*magna cum laude*, B.S., Mechanical Engineering:  
Aerospace

*magna cum laude*, B.S., Petroleum Engineering:  
Mining Engineering

\* Summer degree recipient

\*\* Fall degree recipient







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M.S., Fisheries

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# C L A

Dr. Ellen D. S. Lopez, Dean

## r' D r

- M.A., English
- M.A., Applied Linguistics: Second Language Acquisition Teacher Education
- M.A., Justice Administration
- M.A., Arctic and Northern Studies: Arctic Politics and Policy
- M.A., Applied Linguistics: General
- M.F.A., Art: Ceramics
- M.A., English
- M.A., Applied Linguistics: Second Language Acquisition Teacher Education
- M.A., Administration of Justice
- M.A., Justice Administration
- M.F.A., Creative Writing
- M.A., Applied Linguistics: Second Language Acquisition Teacher Education
- M.F.A., Creative Writing
- M.A., Professional Communication
- M.A., Administration of Justice
- M.F.A./M.A., Creative Writing and Literature
- M.A., Justice Administration
- M.A., Justice Administration
- M.A., Professional Communication
- M.A., Professional Communication
- M.A., Professional Communication
- M.A., Justice Administration
- M.A., Arctic and Northern Studies: Environmental Politics and Policy

- M.F.A., Creative Writing. *Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society*
- M.F.A., Art: Sculpture, Native Art
- M.F.A., Creative Writing
- M.F.A., Art: Painting

## -B r Gr

- Gr. Cert., Resilience Adaptation Studies

## B r D r

- B.A., Justice
- B.A., Justice
- B.A., Foreign Language: Spanish
- B.A., English
- B.A., Japanese Studies
- B.A., Linguistics
- B.A., Political Science
- B.A., History
- summa cum laude*, B.A., Justice
- summa cum laude*, B.A., Social Work
- B.A., Justice
- B.A., Psychology
- cum laude*, B.A., Justice
- magna cum laude*, B.A., Social Work
- cum laude*, B.A., Japanese Studies
- B.A., Film and Performing Arts: Film
- magna cum laude*, B.A., Music: General Music

\* Summer degree recipient

\*\* Fall degree recipient

B.A., English

B.A., Justice

B.S., Psychology; Biological Sciences: Physiology

B.A., Justice

*magna cum laude*, B.A., Psychology

*cum laude*, B.A., Anthropology

B.A., Psychology

B.A., Communication

B.A., English

B.A., Art

B.A., Justice

B.A., Psychology

B.A., Psychology

B.M., Music Education: Music Education K-12;  
Music Performance

B.A., Justice. *Golden Key Honour Society*

B.A., Justice; Art

B.A., Japanese Studies

B.A., English

B.A., Justice

*magna cum laude*, B.A., Social Work

B.A., Social Work

B.A., Communication

B.A., Social Work

*cum laude*, B.A., Justice

B.A., Psychology

B.A., Digital Journalism; Website Design and IT Consulting; Interdisciplinary Studies

B.A., History

B.A., Justice

B.A., Social Work

B.A., Justice

B.A., English

B.A., Justice

*cum laude*, B.A., Social Work

*cum laude*, B.A., Art

B.A., Communication

*cum laude*, B.S., Psychology

B.A., Social Work

*summa cum laude*

B.A., History

*magna cum laude*, B.A., English

B.A., Communication

*cum laude*, B.A., Psychology

B.A., Art; Japanese Studies

*cum laude*, B.A., Social Work

B.S., Psychology

B.A., Justice

*cum laude*, B.A., Art

*magna cum laude*, B.M., Music Education: Music Education K-12

*magna cum laude*, B.M., Music Performance

*cum laude*, B.A., Psychology

B.A., History

B.A., Justice

*summa cum laude*, B.A., English

B.S., Psychology

*magna cum laude*, B.A., Justice

B.A., Justice

*magna cum laude*, B.A., Psychology





B.S., Physics

B.S., Biological Sciences

B.S., Mathematics

B.S., Geoscience: Geophysics

B.S., Biological Sciences: Physiology

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B.A., Earth Science: Earth Systems Science

B.S., Biological Sciences: Cell and Molecular Biology

*summa cum laude*, B.S., Biological Sciences: Cell and Molecular Biology

B.S., Biological Sciences: Cell and Molecular Biology

*magna cum laude*, B.S., Natural Resources and Environment

B.S., Biological Sciences: Physiology

B.S., Biological Sciences: Cell and Molecular Biology

B.S., Wildlife Biology and Conservation

B.S., Wildlife Biology and Conservation

B.S., Biological Sciences

B.S., Mathematics

B.S., Natural Resources Management. *University Honors Scholar*

B.S., Geology

*cum laude*, B.S., Biological Sciences

B.S., Biological Sciences

B.S., Biological Sciences

*magna cum laude*, B.S., Biological Sciences: Physiology. *Golden Key Honour Society*

B.S., Biological Sciences: Ecology and Evolutionary Biology

*magna cum laude*, B.S., Geoscience: Geophysics

*magna cum laude*, B.S., Chemistry: Biochemistry

*cum laude*, B.S., Mathematics

B.S., Biological Sciences: Cell and Molecular Biology

*cum laude*, B.S., Biological Sciences cidYcrla 438.1(B)21.1 0.6 h

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M.A., Rural Development. *Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society*

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*cum laude*, B.A., Child Development and Family Studies: Family Support

B.A., Child Development and Family Studies: Family Support

B.A., Child Development and Family Studies: Curriculum and Teaching

B.A., Child Development and Family Studies: Curriculum and Teaching, Administration Within Early Childhood Field

B.A., Alaska Native Studies: Indigenous Peoples in Law, Governance and Politics

B.A., Child Development and Family Studies: Curriculum and Teaching

B.A., Child Development and Family Studies: Administration Within the Early Childhood Field

B.A., Alaska Native Studies: Alaska Native

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*magna cum laude*, B.A., Child Development  
and Family Studies: Curriculum and Teaching,  
Administration Within Early Childhood Field

B.A., Alaska Native Studies: Indigenous Peoples  
in Law, Governance and Politics

B.A., Child Development and Family Studies:

Administration Within the Early Childhood Administration

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A.A.S., Applied Business: Entrepreneurship

A.A.S., Applied Business: Entrepreneurship  
summa cum laude

\* Summer degree recipient  
\*\* Fall degree recipient

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A.A.S., Construction Management

A.A.S., Human Services

*summa cum laude*, A.A.S., Early Childhood Education

A.A.S., Applied Business: Management

A.A.S., Construction Management

A.A.S., Fire Science: Municipal Fire Control

A.A.S., Applied Accounting

A.A.S., Process Technology

*magna cum laude*, A.A.

A.A.S., Medical Assistant

A.A.S., Applied Business: Administrative Management

*cum laude*, A.A.S., Applied Business: Management

A.A.S., Drafting Technology

A.A.S., Tribal Management

*magna cum laude*, A.A.S., Fire Science: Municipal Fire Control

*magna cum laude*, A.A.

A.A.S., Applied Business: Management

A.A.



A.A.S., Early Childhood Education

A.S.

*summa cum laude*, A.A.

A.A.S., Tribal Management

*magna cum laude*, A.A., Golden Key Honour Society

A.A.S., Fire Science: Municipal Fire Control

A.A.

*magna cum laude*, A.A.S., Paramedicine

A.A.

*cum laude*, A.A.S., Fire Science: Municipal Fire Control

A.S.

## C r f

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Cert., High Latitude Range Management. *Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society*

Cert., Baking and Pastry Arts

Cert., Culinary Arts

Cert., Tribal Management

Cert., Pre-Nursing Qualifications

Cert., Rural Human Services

Cert., Rural Human Services

Cert., Airframe and Powerplant











B.A.A.S., Healthcare Administration:  
Interdisciplinary Studies

B.A.A.S., Interdisciplinary Studies: General  
Studies

B.S., Interdisciplinary Studies: General Studies

B.S., Interdisciplinary Studies: General Studies

B.A., Interdisciplinary Studies: General Studies

B.A., Interdisciplinary Studies: General Studies

B.A., Interdisciplinary Studies: General Studies

B.A.A.S., Corporate Resource Management and  
Allocation: Interdisciplinary Studies

B.S., Interdisciplinary Studies: General Studies

B.A., Pedagogical Methods of Secondary  
Education with an Emphasis in Humanities and  
Social Sciences: Interdisciplinary Studies

B.A., The Pedagogy of Functional Anatomy:  
Interdisciplinary Studies

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A.A.S., Applied Environmental Education:  
Interdisciplinary Studies

A.A.S., Cold-water Research Diving:  
Interdisciplinary Studies









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MBA, Business Administration: General Management

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MBA, Business Administration: General Management

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MBA, Business Administration: General Management

MBA, Business Administration: General Management

MBA, Business Administration: General Management

MBA, Business Administration: STEM

MBA, Business Administration: General Management

MBA, Business Administration: General Management

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MBA, Business Administration: General Management

MBA, Business Administration: General Management

MBA, Business Administration: General Management

MBA, Business Administration: General Management

MBA, Business Administration: General Management

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

MBA, Business Administration: General Management

M.S.D.M., Security and Disaster Management: Business Continuity

MBA, Business Administration: General Management

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

MBA, Business Administration: General Management


MBA, Business Administration: General Management

M.S., Resource and Applied Economics

MBA, Business Administration: General Management

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



  
*cum laude*, B.A.M., Applied Management



B.S.E.M., Homeland Security and Emergency  
Management: Emergency Management

B.A.M., Applied Management

B.E.M., Homeland Security and Emergency  
Management: Homeland Security

*magna cum laude*, B.S.E.M., Homeland Security  
and Emergency Management: Cybersecurity and  
Information Technology Management

B.S.E.M., Homeland Security and Emergency  
Management: Public Safety Management

B.B.A., Business Administration: Leadership

B.B.A., Accounting

B.E.M., Homeland Security and Emergency  
Management: Fire Administration

*cum laude*, B.B.A., Business Administration:  
General Business

# EMERITI RECOGNITION

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## DR. KENNETH COYLE

RESEARCH ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF OCEANOGRAPHY, EMERITUS

Dr. Kenneth Coyle served the University of Alaska Fairbanks with distinction in research and public service from 1974 to 2020.

Dr. Coyle, despite his research faculty appointment, has served on sixteen doctoral student committees and nine master's student committees.

He has been lead author of thirty-one research publications and co-author on another forty-eight, with most articles appearing in well-respected first-tier journals; and he has been principal investigator or co-principal investigator on forty-six projects; and he has worked as a talented field ecologist and an accomplished numerical modeler; and his efforts made UAF sufficiently competitive to be awarded a new National Science Foundation Long-Term Ecological Research site in 2017.

Dr. Coyle has worked with numerous other institutions, colleagues at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and UAF faculty members outside the College of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences, service that exceeded the requirements of his research faculty assignment.

The University of Alaska Fairbanks expresses its deep appreciation to Dr. Kenneth Coyle for his extensive contributions to the State of Alaska and to the University.

## DR. MARY F. EHRLANDER

PROFESSOR OF HISTORY AND ARCTIC AND NORTHERN STUDIES, EMERITUS

Dr. Mary F. Ehrlander has served the University of Alaska Fairbanks with distinction in teaching, research and public service from 2001 to 2020.

Her students praise her high standards, academic rigor and thorough teaching style, while noting her accessibility and willingness to assist; and she received the Emil Usibelli Distinguished Teaching Award in 2016; and she served as chair of twenty-five graduate student committees and as a member of thirty-six others.

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# EMERITI RECOGNITION

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**DR. DAVID KOESTER**  
PROFESSOR OF ANTHROPOLOGY, EMERITUS

# EMERITI RECOGNITION

## DR. CHARLES MAYER

PROFESSOR OF ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING AND  
ASSOCIATE DEAN OF THE COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING AND MINES, EMERITUS

Dr. Charles Mayer has served the University of Alaska Fairbanks with distinction in teaching, research and public service from 1989 to 2021.

He taught not only upper-division and graduate classes but also, more recently, the first-year introductory course, where he shared insights from his career with more than two thousand aspiring engineers; and he served as committee chair for eleven graduate students.

Dr. Mayer pioneered research in the field of millimeter radio wave holography, applying it to the metrology of large reflector antennas to improve high-frequency performance; and he analyzed the high-speed radio transmission of data via NASA's groundbreaking Advanced Communications Technology Satellite.

He served as department chair for fourteen years and associate dean for thirteen years; and he helped create the engineering doctorate and computer engineering undergraduate degree programs; and he served over four decades with the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, including eleven years overseeing student chapters across the northwestern U.S..

The University of Alaska Fairbanks expresses its deep appreciation for Dr. Charles Mayer's extensive contributions to the State of Alaska and to the University.

## DR. PAUL METZ

PROFESSOR OF GEOLOGICAL ENGINEERING, EMERITUS

Dr. Paul Metz has served the University of Alaska Fairbanks with distinction in teaching, research and public service from 1975 to 2021.

He has taught a wide variety of geological and mining engineering courses, and his extensive experience equipped him to lead summer field and exploration courses that students have described as their most cherished memories of their education; and he served as chair for twenty graduate students and as a committee member or advisor for countless other graduate and

undergraduate students. He has also served as a committee member or advisor for countless other graduate and undergraduate students.

# EMERITI RECOGNITION

## DR. NICOLE MÖLDERS

PROFESSOR OF ATMOSPHERIC SCIENCES, EMERITUS

Dr. Nicole Mölders has served the University of Alaska Fairbanks with distinction in teaching, research and public service from 2001 to 2021.

She is an award-winning teacher who has advised twenty-one undergraduate and thirty graduate students, including the first Alaska Native student to earn a doctorate in atmospheric sciences from UAF.

Dr. Mölders' research is well-known internationally, especially in the field of air pollution, atmospheric chemistry, land-air interaction and mesoscale modeling; and she has published ninety-three papers in peer-reviewed journals and thirteen peer-reviewed book chapters; and she has co-authored a book on meteorology and authored another on land-use and land-cover changes.

She was the founding chair of UAF's Department of Atmospheric Sciences; and she edited several international, peer-reviewed scientific journals, founded the journal *Climate* and served as a reviewer for almost thirty different journals; and she held national leadership positions in atmospheric research organizations; and she engaged in efforts to understand and find solutions to Fairbanks' poor air quality.

The University of Alaska Fairbanks expresses its deep appreciation for Dr. Mölders' extensive contributions to the State of Alaska and to the University.

## DR. RAINER J. NEWBERRY

PROFESSOR OF GEOLOGY, EMERITUS

Dr. Rainer J. Newberry served the University of Alaska Fairbanks with distinction in teaching, research and public service from 1982 to 2020.

He is an award-winning teacher who gave students a constant source of help in classes, research and training; and his courses were popular and well rated; and he chaired more than forty graduate committees and was a member for many more.

Dr. Newberry, whose specialty is economic geology, has authored or co-authored approximately one hundred eighty-five book chapters, peer-reviewed journal articles, reports and maps; and he has worked internationally in studies of critical mineral resources.

His work with geology-related industries and state and federal agencies has contributed to the development of Alaska's resources and workforce; and his participation in the annual Science Potpourri and his visits to local schools have inspired and educated young people throughout the community; and he served twenty-one years with the Faculty Senate and on numerous university committees.

Dr. Newberry received the 2003 Emil Usibelli Distinguished Teaching Award, which recognized the creativity and enthusiasm he brought to his classes.

The University of Alaska Fairbanks expresses its deep appreciation to Dr. Rainer J. Newberry for his extensive contributions to the State of Alaska and to the University.

# EMERITI RECOGNITION

**DR. BRENDA NORCROSS**  
PROFESSOR OF FISHERIES, EMERITUS

# EMERITI RECOGNITION

## DR. ROBERT PERKINS

PROFESSOR OF CIVIL ENGINEERING, EMERITUS

Dr. Robert Perkins served the University of Alaska Fairbanks with distinction in teaching, research and public service from 1999 to 2021.

He is an excellent and highly rated teacher who, after joining the University following a successful professional career, developed four online courses in the fields of civil and environmental engineering; and he helped to create the engineering doctoral program and the engineering and science management master's program; and he mentored more than forty master's and five doctoral students.

Dr. Perkins' research during his career has made significant contributions to understanding Arctic oil spill response options, safe remediation of hazardous materials, techniques of handling and processing transportation safety data, and alternative construction project management methods.

He has served the engineering profession and the engineering and construction industry in Alaska through numerous activities recognized by his peers in those fields; and he has lectured and coordinated many outreach programs in Alaska and lectured nationwide and in Russia.

The University of Alaska Fairbanks expresses its deep appreciation to Dr. Robert Perkins for his extensive contributions to the State of Alaska and to the University.

## DR. TODD RADENBAUGH

PROFESSOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE, EMERITUS

Dr. Todd Radenbaugh served the University of Alaska Fairbanks with distinction in teaching, research and public service from 2006 until his death in 2020.

He was a dynamic, highly rated teacher who developed and taught a variety of geography, geoscience, environmental and biology classes at the Bristol Bay Campus; and the only class he missed in 15 years of teaching was on the day of his passing.

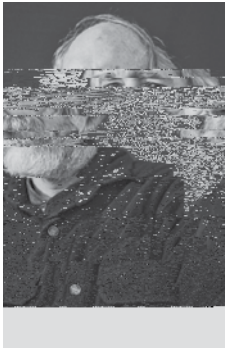
Dr. Radenbaugh built the only environmental science lab in the Bristol Bay region; and he studied and published research on isopods and the sea-bottom habitat of Bristol Bay; and he made dozens of presentations at scientific conferences.

He founded the Western Alaska Interdisciplinary Science Association and organized its annual conferences; and he frequently organized and presented at several other science and science education conferences; and he organized educational events for youths, such as the Bristol Bay Salmon Camp on Lake Aleknagik; and he consulted for Bristol Bay organizations and served on the board of the Nushagak Electric and Telephone Cooperative.

The University of Alaska Fairbanks expresses its deep appreciation to Dr. Todd Radenbaugh for his extensive contributions to the State of Alaska and to the University.



# HONORARY DOCTOR OF HUMANE LETTERS



WRITER, HISTORIAN, COMMENTATOR

## DANIEL T. O'NEILL

Mr. Daniel T. O'Neill has described elements of Alaska history, politics and life through in-depth, thorough researched book, radio and television documentaries, articles, and columns for more than 40 years. His work has reached Alaska not only through Alaska but also through the border, allowing them to understand more deeply the cultural complexities driving and colliding within the state.

Mr. O'Neill graduated from Alaska in 1972, the year he earned a bachelor's degree from the University of California, Berkeley. Three years later, he moved north and resided. His first decade in Alaska, he worked on the Trans-Alaska oil pipeline and began building log cabins for a living. He and Sarah Campbell married in 1977. Turning to writing and research in the 1980s, he worked for the Ramona Library Oral History Program, where he interviewed dozens of Alaskans during a decade of effort. He also gave UAF courses on oral history and journalism.

Mr. O'Neill published *The Firecracker Bomb* in 1994 after a year of research and writing. The book described the federal government's purchase of a harbor in northern Alaska in a clear decision, the dismissal of Alaska Native people's concerns and the University of Alaska's initial role in the subsequently abandoned plan. Mr. O'Neill followed this masterpiece with *The Last Giant of Beringia*, about scientist David Hopkins, and *A Land Gone Lone*, about the depopulation of Alaska's Upper Yukon River region. Mr. O'Neill also produced more than 80 opinion columns, primarily featuring analysis of Alaska's culture and politics, for the Fairbank Daily News-Miner between 1998 and 2002.

On his journey, Mr. O'Neill immersed himself in the quiet life of a small town in Alaska, hunting for moose, fishing for salmon and mending a dog team in Nome.

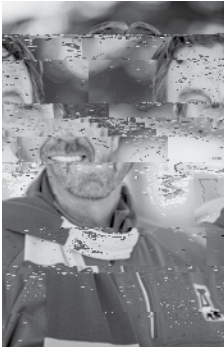




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FOR HER SUCCESSFUL ADVOCACY OF BILINGUAL  
EDUCATION, AND FOR HER CONTRIBUTIONS TO SOCIAL  
SERVICE TRAINING AT UAF'S KUSKOKWIM CAMPUS

# MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD



## S R L

FOR HIS DEDICATED EFFORTS IN BUILDING THE UAF HOCKEY PROGRAM, AND FOR HIS TIRELESS ADVOCACY OF ITS SUCCESS

Mr. Scott Roeli is a member of the UAF hockey team from 1978 to 1981 but has never stopped playing for the Ala-ka Nanook. He has helped enhance the hockey program since becoming a UAF student, organizing and promoting support for the team, not only among alumni but also in the broader community.

Mr. Roeli came from Anchorage to UAF, where he followed his passion for sports into the physical education degree program. When he arrived, hockey was one of the minor sports, and he had learned nothing. Mr. Roeli helped recruit a club team, and he tirelessly promoted the game. Within a few years, the minor sport once again had an NCAA Division II program, which eventually rose to Division I. After graduation, Mr. Roeli joined the Athletic Department where he rose to become sports media relations director. While there, he spearheaded the creation of the Face-Off Club. Mr. Roeli left UAF in 1999 for a career in radio and television, but he continued to promote the Nanook. He helped organize a 2005 reunion that led to the formation of the Ala-ka Nanook Hockey Alumni Association, which raises money for the program and provides scholarships. In 2016, Mr. Roeli was inducted into the Nanook Hall of Fame.

# MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD

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FOR HIS ACADEMIC AND ARTISTIC CONTRIBUTIONS  
TO UAF AND ALASKA, AND FOR HIS PHILANTHROPIC  
ADVOCACY

Mr. Ke ler Wood ard i not onl one of Ala ka be kno n ar b al o a de oed ad oca for the ar and the ni er role in aining them. A er coming to J nea in 1977, he joined UAF Deparment of Art in 1981 and a gh for 20 ear before rearing in 2000.

Toda ll of Ala ka major p blic art collection, a ell a man pri a, m e m and p blic collection acro the United States, fea re Mr. Wood ard di ne e pairing. He ha ritten i book and nmero article on Ala ka art ha c rated major m e m e hibition Ala ka mo igni can historical painter, and ha lect red e en i el on the art of the circ mpolar North. He i a pa pre ider of the Ala ka Art and C re Fo ndation and a former chairman of the Western State Art Federation. In 2004, Mr. Wood ard recei ed the r Ala ka Go ernor Award for Lifetime Achievement in the Art, and in 2012 he recei ed the Ram on Fo ndation Dignified Alaskan Art Fellowship. Mr. Wood ard leadership ha engaged many to belie e in the po er of the art in o r community. Hi ability to mobilize philanthropic ppor for important cause ha created oppor nite for Alaskan art to ld nother i e ha e materialized.



# THE ALASKA FLAG SONG

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 towers 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.