

## Welcoming Chancell Daniel M. White

Dear friends,

I am honored to be named UAF's ninth chancellor. My wife, Ann Marie '98, and I have lived and worked in Fairbanks since 1995. I began my career at UAF as a professor of civil and environmental engineering, and I've enjoyed serving in many roles at both UAF and most recently at UA. Ann Marie is a graduate of UAF's MBA program, and our daughters have enjoyed participating in campus activities for years. UAF is a part of our family, and it's good to be back.

Just like you, our generous donors, I am committed to the institution and its faculty, staff and students.

enriched the university in so many ways.

I will work to foster strong relationships throughout the state. UAF will continue to support our local and state economies and serve a critical role in educating Alaska's future leaders. I invite you to join me for Convocation on Sept. 12 at UAF. Thank you for entrusting me to lead UAF into its next century.

Sincerely,

Daniel M. White, Chancellor

## Amazing Grace

**Grace Berg Schaible '49**, a loyal friend of UAF and incredible philanthropist, passed away on June 9, 2017. Her life was filled with unselfish service on behalf of the state, thoughtful application of the law for the benefit of Alaska's people, and a life of travel and adventure with her husband, Arthur.

Grace's 73-year relationship with UAF began when she arrived on campus in 1944. She was named Outstanding Freshman Woman and again received a similar honor during her senior year. She then went on to become Alaska's first female Attorney General. Through the following decades of devoted philanthropy, she was awarded the Alaska Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals Award for Outstanding Philanthropist in 1996, as well as a UAF Philanthropist of the Century in 2017. In addition to her remarkable generosity, Grace served on both the UA Board of Regents and the UA Foundation Board of Trustees.

Grace was an incredible leader and great friend to UAF. With her philanthropic gifts and personal investment of time, she enabled UAF to change lives beyond the walls of higher education. Even as we are surrounded by her legacy, we will miss her dearly. **Please join us for a celebration of her life that will be held August 28th, 5:00-7:00 p.m. at the UAF Patty Center.**



## UAF Nanook Rendezvous Reunion

UAF celebrated the Nanook Rendezvous, its annual reunion weekend, July 20-23. More than 100 alumni returned to campus from as far away as Florida, Massachusetts, Colorado, Missouri, Washington, California, and Arizona to celebrate UAF's centennial reunion.

The oldest alumni to visit was 97 (class of 1954). The youngest attendees were the grandchildren of members of the Class of 1967, who were celebrating their 50th reunion. UAF reconfigured the reunion this year to focus on more intimate opportunities and events for alumni to re-engage with their alma mater, rekindle friendships and reminisce. The reunion used to be held in late September but was moved to summer so alumni could enjoy Alaska's beautiful summer season and Golden Days.

The 2017 events included a welcome picnic with salmon and wine in the Georgeson Botanical



Left: Nanooks enjoyed activities like the Riverboat Cruise, Goldpanners Baseball, campus tours and more during the Nanook Rendezvous reunion. Visit [uaf.edu/alumni/events/](http://uaf.edu/alumni/events/) for information on upcoming alumni events.

On May 3, 1917, Gov. Strong signed the bill to create the University of Alaska. With a federal land grant, the institution began as the Alaska Agricultural College and School of Mines.

Over the past century, UAF has grown into a world-class, student-centered, Arctic research university serving more than 9,000 students every semester from Alaska and around the world. We have come a long way in 100 years. Current research is focused on solving real-life challenges facing Alaska's communities and the circum-polar North.

The centennial offers us an opportunity to celebrate our rich history, but more importantly, it is a time to envision the kind of university we want to be in our next century.

As we celebrate our first century, we are reminded of and inspired by the grit and determination of our founders. But, they did not do it alone. Over the years, the support from our alumni, partners, donors and friends has been the foundation of our success. The collaborative spirit was recently demonstrated through the **Centennial Scholarship and Fellowship Initiative**, which raised funds to help alle-



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