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5 YEARS OF SERVICE

Craig Baldwin

After 23 years in the travel industry, Craig became the travel coordinator for Statewide K-12 Outreach. In 2007, his peers named him Statewide Outstanding Classified Employee. Craig is a lifelong Alaskan, a graduate of Lathrop High School and received his associate degree in accounting from UAF. He is currently working towards a bachelor's degree in history.

Craig is married with two grown children, two grandchildren, and all live within two miles of his home. Grandkids keep him busy now.

Sheri Billiot

I have worked for the Statewide Office of Human Resources for 6 years. My current title is HR Systems Analyst. I was born and raised in Fairbanks. I graduated from North Pole High School in 1997. In 2001, I graduated from the University of Alaska Fairbanks with a bachelors' degree in business administration with an emphasis in Human Resources management. I enjoy spending time with friends and family, reading, and practicing yoga.

5 YEARS OF SERVICE

Cara Brunk

Cara was born and raised in Fairbanks until high school, when she moved to Honolulu, Hawaii, with her family. Soon after, she earned a BA in art history and fine arts at the University of Oregon. She returned to Fairbanks in 2006 and last year earned an MBA through the UAF School of Management, thanks to the University's tuition reimbursement benefit. Cara began working at UAF in 2007 for the Geophysical Institute's Education Outreach group and moved to the Office of Information Technology in the spring of 2009. She appreciates the dedication of her supervisors and coworkers, and is grateful for the opportunity to work on projects with such creative, hardworking and upbeat individuals. Cara loves to garden, bake, fly fish, camp and hike, especially in the company of her family. She is married to Forrest Karr and they are the proud and constantly entertained parents to Callia Grace, age two.

Robin Calvert

In 2006 Robin started working as the Administrative Assistant for the Statewide Office of Land Management. After a few months she took a promotion to UAA Athletics where she served as the Travel Coordinator for nearly 5 years. It was an exciting fast paced position that encompassed all her best talents. Just over a year ago Robin accepted another promotion back to Land Management to serve as their Fiscal Manager. It was a big step and she's glad she took on the challenge.

In Robin's spare time she likes to enjoy time with her family. There is always an adventure on the horizon, whether it's running a race in town or a fishing trip to the Kenai, something fun is always in the works. Bring on summer!

5 YEARS OF SERVICE

Debbie Carlson

I started at UAF in 2003 at the Business Office, followed by School of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences, and Facilities Services. In 2008 I transferred to my current position at Statewide Internal Audit.

Karesa Fraser

Karesa Fraser began her career at the University of Alaska as the Administrative Assistant for the University of Alaska Foundation in August 2006, where she acquired her experience of the accounting procedures in Development and Advancement. During her time at the UA Foundation, she served as a committee member and administrative accounting support on the SW Staff Campaign in 2008, which raised participation level to 67%, and in 2009, which raised it again to 71% overall SW Staff participation. As part of her goal of achieving academic excellence, and with the support of the UA Foundation, Karesa will graduate with her Associates Degree in Accounting on May 2012.

Linda Hall

Linda Hall came to Fairbanks from Anchorage in Feb 2006 joining UA Statewide in Cost Analysis. She moved to Fairbanks in order to be closer to the grandkids. In December 2007 she accepted an accountant position in Foundation Accounting. She has been in the accounting field for over 20 years. In 2005 she was an ambassador to China in the People to People program for accounting. She traveled to Beijing and Shanghai for that program. In her spare time she likes to take walks, crochet, read or spend time with the grandkids.

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Sacha Layos

After graduating with my BA from the University of Pittsburgh and spending two years in Americorps, I moved across country from Pennsylvania to New Mexico. I soon realized that not only was New Mexico extremely hot in the summer, but it also was teeming with insects, deadly ones. Alaska seemed to be the antithesis of that, so a few months later I came for a summer job, promising my mom I'd never stay here forever. That was 16 years ago.

After 5 years as a seasonal park ranger at Chena Lake Recreation Area, I applied for a part-time legal assistant position to fill the winter months. That position quickly evolved into a full-time position, and my years of asking campers to turn down their music after 10 p.m. were soon over. Fast forward five more years and two kids later, I decided it was time to increase my stability quotient even more (i.e., secure a job with benefits). I came to work for the Office of the General Counsel almost exactly 6 years ago (April 27, 2006). I work with a great group of folks who keep things entertaining and intellectually stimulating.

One more kid has since been added to the mix, so my hobbies now mostly include thinking about all of the hobbies I used to have, like aurora and wilderness photography, and when I might get to have them again.

Tim Machida

Technology Specialist, OIT Campus Technology Services

5 YEARS OF SERVICE

Jen Mahler

Jen came to UA in 2006 as the office coordinator for Statewide HR. Her role later changed to Assistant to the Chief Human Resources Officer and now also includes Assistant to the Board of Regents and part-time Benefits Coordinator. Jen was born and raised in Fairbanks and attended Northern Michigan University and UAF. Jen and her husband Kevin have 3 sons and 1 daughter, ages 5 to 15.

Kelly Ott

I have worked in the Statewide Office of Human Resources for 5 years. I am currently working as an HR Systems Analyst. I am a military brat that has been in Alaska since 1978, and I graduated from Eielson High School in 1988. I graduated from UAF in 1995 with a bachelor's degree in General Science with a major in Biology and minors in Chemistry and English. I am married and have two children. I enjoy skating, scrapbooking and photography in my spare time.

5 YEARS OF SERVICE

Samuel Reves

I am a certified mine safety professional, an MSHA Instructor, a member of the Alaska Miners Association, as well as the International Society of Explosives Engineers and the Northwest Mining Association. I've maintained first aid certification since 1980. I have more than 25 years in mining, surface and hard-rock across the Western United States and in Alaska. During this time I have trained new miners on safe equipment operation and specific mining procedures. In addition, I have been an MSHA approved instructor since 1989, teaching the federally mandated safety classes.

I have been married to the same good woman for 30 years. We met when we were both in the military. We moved to Alaska in 2005, and she tells me that if I move back to the lower 48, she's going to miss me. We have two sons, (both work in mining in Nevada) and three grandchildren.

We enjoy hunting, fishing and other outdoor activities, and support those interests through our involvement in the National Rifle Association, the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, the North American Hunting Club, and Safari Club International.

Anne Sakumoto

Anne has been the Faculty/Staff Training and Development Director since August 2006. She oversees training and development programs for Statewide and UA employees systemwide. Prior to joining UA, she was the HR Operations Manager for Alyeska Pipeline Service Company, the Employee Relations & Staff Development Manager for First National Bank Alaska and a Human Rights Field Investigator III for the Alaska State Commission for Human Rights. Anne was born and raised in Anchorage, and attended the University of Hawaii (UH) at Manoa where she met her husband, Dwayne. They have two children, Jennifer and Brandon, and a dog, Denali, who thinks she's their third child. Anne received a BBA from UH and her MBA from UAA.

5 YEARS OF SERVICE

Elizabeth Singer

I grew up in New Hampshire and drove to Alaska in 1986. I became curious about Alaska after traveling to Lapland in Norway on a trip through Europe. The first summer was great with lots of hiking and backpacking. The winter was even better with a long downhill and cross-country skiing season. I found employment with a bankruptcy attorney that year and worked for many years as a legal assistant for various law firms. In 1996 I started a home-based business as a medical transcriptionist and was self-employed for ten years. I accepted employment with the University of Alaska Land Management office in 2006 as an administrative assistant and am currently employed in Facilities and Land Management as a real estate technician.

5 YEARS OF SERVICE

Linda Toth

A 4th generation Californian, Linda spent years K-12 moving around the state with her father's job in the California Division of Forestry, but calls San Diego home. She is a graduate of University of California, San Diego.

Leaving the crowded cities of California in her early 20s, she moved to Colorado where she raised her own family, taught for several years, and then completed a MS in Computer Science, CU Boulder. Her IT career spans 22 years. She began at UA with the Alaska Satellite Facility and moved to OIT Core Applications in December 2008.

She enjoys puzzles, books, tending indoor and outdoor gardens, and following dog sled races. A goal is to mush small teams for winter camping. She currently authors two blogs, Each Day As It Comes – Alaska 2012, and Parenting Parents.

She is married to Gary, Director of Performance Operations at Davis Concert Hall. She is mother to Teresa and mom-in-law to Jamie, both of whom are instrumental in Long Term Ecological Research. Her son, Lorian, is News Director for KTNA public radio, Talkeetna.

Her guiding principle is "Chop wood, carry water." Finding joy in the commonplace is the essence of a happy and peaceful life.

John Vallejos

Windows System Administrator, OIT Systems Services

10 YEARS OF SERVICE

Fred Villa

Fred is the Associate Vice President for Workforce Programs in Academic Affairs and represents the University of Alaska on the Alaska Workforce Investment Board, Governor's Council on Disabilities and Special Education, Alaska Regional Training Center Alliance, Alaska Process Industries Careers Consortium and numerous statewide industry-education advisory committees. Fred oversees the activities of the UA Statewide Office for K-12 Outreach, and the UA Corporate Programs and Mining & Petroleum Training Services.

Patricia Wilson

Patti Wilson joined the System Office of Risk Services in Anchorage as claims manager in 2006 after many years as a licensed independent adjuster in the private sector. "An accident or loss can be very difficult and disruptive for those it touches, but when unforeseen events occur, it's our job to help University employees, students, and departments through the recovery process. Each situation is unique, and things are never boring in Risk Services! I feel fortunate to be a part of such a team of dedicated claims professionals."

Patti is a long-time Alaskan who was raised on a homestead on the South Fork of Eagle River. She enjoys seeing new parts of Alaska, volunteering with her church and non-profit organizations, and hanging out with her five grown children.

10 YEARS OF SERVICE

Allan Anderson, Jr.

Computer Operator, OIT Data Center Operations

Michael Brase

Mike was born and raised in Palmer, Alaska. Mike started working for UA in the spring of 2001 as Network Services Manager under Bill Gregory in ITS/Operations Services. In the span of three weeks, Mike and his wife Audra sold their home, boat, most of their belongings, welcomed a new family member, and moved from Juneau to Fairbanks to both start new jobs while returning to "the land of roads and hockey." It was a busy three weeks.

Mike has been involved in many IT projects over the years; his current focus as the OIT Telecommunications Services Manager is on the multi-year VoIP implementation for UAF and associated community campuses. Mike is fortunate to have a solid team of professionals that bring his philosophy of "build it right the first time" and a strong commitment to customer care to work every day.

Mike enjoys spending time watching Nanook hockey, coaching youth baseball and hockey, running the rivers in the summer and working the family trap line in the winter.

10 YEARS OF SERVICE

Rolonda Burgo

Rolonda plans, coordinates and organizes the largest, best attended job fairs for teachers seeking employment in Alaska. She is the person to seek out at a Job Fair if you really want the right answer, and can usually be found wherever the ATP command center is set up. At the Anchorage Job Fair, this is down the set of stairs near the Fletcher's pub entrance in Tower 3. Rolonda has been with Alaska Teacher Placement for the last six years and with the University of Alaska for over ten years. When Rolonda is not organizing job fairs, she can be found cheering on her sons at their basketball games, racing her youngest son down a sledding hill, and spending time with her girlfriends.

Kenneth Coon

Kenny was appointed Interim Manager of the OIT Support Center in May 2011. He has been the Lead Support Center Analyst for OIT since 2001. Prior to joining the university community, he was in the US Air Force stationed in Alaska and Washington, spending most of his 8 years of active duty deployed to Southwest and Southeast Asia. He received his bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice and Management Information Systems from Wayland Baptist University in 2000. Most of his time more recently, when not at work, is devoted to his family, home improvement projects, and church activities.

Donna Evans

Systems Coordinator, Financial Systems

Alesia Kruckenberg

In 1996 Alesia, along with her two young daughters, moved to Fairbanks from Baltimore. She began her career with the university in 2001, working for Statewide Risk Management as an Administrative Assistant. She has been with the Statewide Budget department since fall of 2005, developing the university's capital and operating budget requests.

10 YEARS OF SERVICE

Collin Stephen Richard Lichtenberger

My last name alone has 13 letters (which an elementary student pointed out to me recently, "that's half the alphabet"), and my whole name is 33 letters long (and the same student astoundingly declared, "that more than the whole alphabet!"). I am married to a beautiful woman, Meagan, and we together are raising 4 children Stephen, & James (twins) 5 yrs, Hannah 4 yrs (born on leap day, so is that technically 1yr? her father hopes so anyways), and Adam Michael Alexander (also inflicted with the curse of 33 letters) 2yrs.

I've been working for the University of Alaska since 1998 when I joined the Statewide Office of Network Services as a student employee. After working for the University in a student capacity for 3.5 years (and training a couple of full-time staff along the way), I decided that I should get paid a little more and became full-time staff in November of 2001. Since then I've been working to improve the University's network in one capacity or another, starting in Network Operations and now working as Lead Network Engineer since 2007.

In my spare time (which isn't much) I'm seeking a degree in German from UAF, I'm active in my church, and I have been known to enjoy playing games, baseball, football, and paintball for fun.

10 YEARS OF SERVICE

Izzy Martinez

Izzy Martinez is the Web/Publications Assistant for the office of Public Affairs. She started her career with the university in 2001. Izzy enjoys the challenges of her job and the opportunities it gives her to learn about her community, the university and the many extraordinary people that keep the university moving.

In her spare time, she enjoys reading, photography, archery and shooting. She also actively participates on the UAF C-CERT - Campus Community Emergency Response Team, SAA - Statewide Administration Assembly and the Polar Chapter of IAAP - International Association of Administrative Professionals.

Izzy was born and raised in Texas, which explains the southern drawl that creeps out after speaking to her family for any length of time. Izzy came to Alaska with her husband Oscar on his assignment to Ft. Wainwright in 1997. They have one daughter, Cheyenne, age 13.

Advice for the newbies: "Be optimistic about the future and realistic about the present. Make the best interests" of our university "and the people you work with your priority, always."
- Dan Rockwell

10 YEARS OF SERVICE

Larry McGrady

I was born in Plattsburg, New York, "a long time ago" ;) and raised in Sumter, South Carolina. My father, brother, brother-in-law and I were all in the U.S. Air Force.

I retired from the U.S. Air Force in 1994, and went to school and earned an Associate's Degree at UAF's TVC in Microcomputer Support. I started with UA in July 2001, one week before Kenny Coon. My philosophy for work is: Be on time, own up to your mistakes and learn quickly from them, and keep an open mind. I have a wonderful family, Suki, Joseph and Joyce. My hobbies are computers and fishing.

Christopher Pousche

Network Communications Specialist, OIT Network Operations

Margaret Schwartz

Margie grew up in Central Idaho and finished school in Spokane, WA. She later went into the US Air Force and spent a career as an avionics technician on B-52's and F-16's, retiring in 1995. After working for Alaska Airlines and Raytheon, she joined the University in the OIT Data Center. In her spare time she volunteers in the Salcha community, and enjoys gardening, fishing, cooking, working on Toyotas, and beekeeping.

Anthony Shaw

Support Specialist, OIT Systemes Services

Carolyn Voss

Gift Manager, System Development

Nathan Zierfuss

Chief Information Security Officer, OIT Technology Oversight Services

15 YEARS OF SERVICE

Shawn Armstrong

Shawn's UA career began in 1996 as a Support Services Specialist with the UAF Department of Computing and Communications assisting UAF faculty, staff and students with network connectivity as well as installing some of the first ethernet cabling and equipment on campus. After 3 years, in 1999, Shawn was promoted to Manager of the UAF networking department for the next year before transitioning to the Arctic Region Supercomputing Center for a short term. In late 2000 an opportunity as Lead Network Engineer within Statewide IT Services presented itself. Shawn remained in that position until 2007 when his supervisor left UA and he was selected to fill the position.

15 YEARS OF SERVICE

Cathy Earp

Cathy began her UA working career as a Student Assistant with the dear folks in the Dean's Office and Business Office at the UAF School of Engineering/Institute of Northern Engineering (SOE/INE), who made her feel like family and gave her a great foundation at the university.

After graduating from UAF with a BA in History and a minor in French (mais, oui!), Cathy began her hunt for a "real" job; fortunately, it wasn't long before she received a call to join the ranks of the benefit-eligible! In January 1996, she was hired in Statewide HR as a Payroll Clerk back in the pre-Banner era of daily trips to visit the kind people in the Butrovich basement (DCO) for HR microfiche, 40-pound reports, and fights with an avocado-green check separator/signer that was the size of a Mini Cooper...and none too quiet either.

Over the past 16 years in Statewide HR, Cathy has morphed into a Payroll Technician, HR Systems Coordinator, and her current post as an HR Systems Analyst for the past five years. She is truly grateful for the wonderful ladies she works with in HR Systems each day, and for all of the fine people she has been able to meet and work with in Statewide, at the campus HR offices, and throughout the University system. She hopes one day to convince PERS to give her credit for her six years as a student employee, and the university to move its fiscal year-end away from the lovely (all-too short) Alaska summer months.

15 YEARS OF SERVICE

Linda English

Linda English began her university career as an accounting tech in the Advance College Tuition office of Statewide Finance in 1996 becoming the manager in 1998. During her tenure, she and her expert team have launched three separate, nationally recognized 529 college savings plans which currently have a combined total of approximately \$4.6 billion in assets under management. Additionally, Linda's office administers the UA Scholars program that awards scholarships to roughly 1,110 high school graduates each year. Linda is proud of the work she does for the University and feels blessed to work with exceptional staff at UA.

Maureen English

Maureen started working at the University of Alaska, in the Financial Systems office, in January 1996. While there, she was introduced to Oracle database administration. After about two and a half years, she took a job with the Alaska Satellite Facility at the Geophysical Institute, where she spent the next six and a half years as a Sybase Database Administrator. Just as the ASF was moving to Oracle, Maureen had an opportunity to join the Tech Services group at Statewide as an Oracle Database Administrator. The opportunity was too good to pass up, and she's been with OIT/TS ever since.

15 YEARS OF SERVICE

Laura Katucki

Arriving in 1996 from Pennsylvania where she worked for Lockheed Martin as a systems engineer, Laura held her first position at the University as a Banner programmer for the student group. From there she worked for the Statewide Helpdesk as a trainer and quickly moved to Statewide Financial Systems as a systems coordinator. In that role, she began learning the ins and outs of the Banner finance system as she assisted the university finance end-users and trained the statewide folks. With more experience and knowledge, Laura was promoted to the lead systems coordinator, and in addition to more responsibility, she mentored the finance functional staff. Today, Laura is the assistant director of Financial Systems and thoroughly enjoys her job and the people she works with! Laura has been married for 20 years and enjoys spending time with her husband and their 11 dogs.

Ricky King

Ricky King re-located to Fairbanks, Alaska in June 1989. He joined the University of Alaska System Office Information Technology (IT) Department in Feb 1996. He was initially employed as a desktop/server technician and is currently working as the Manager of the Windows Server Administration department within Infrastructure Technology services. He has seen and been part of an ever expanding IT infrastructure at the university. He enjoys traveling with his family to various locations throughout Alaska and the Lower 48 when the opportunities arise.

Geeta Kolean

LER Analyst, Labor and Employee Relations

15 YEARS OF SERVICE

Rhonda Ooms

Rhonda moved from Andros Island in the Bahamas to Fairbanks, Alaska, in 1988. In 1996, she was started working for the University of Alaska as an administrative assistant/fiscal professional for the Statewide Office of Information Technology. She transferred to Labor Relations in 1998 as the labor analyst providing research, technical analysis and analytical support. In February 2005 she became a Labor and Employee Relations Coordinator. Rhonda works with the campuses providing direction and guidance on the University/Union labor contracts, grievance adjudication, and serves as chief spokesperson for the University's negotiation teams.

Rhonda enjoys reading, fine wines, and spending time with family and friends at their cabin on Fielding Lake.

DeShana York

As a Manager at UACP, DeShana works closely with the UACP team to make the desired workforce outcomes of new clients a reality. DeShana also works with existing clientele in their ongoing workforce strategies. Her experience and passion in outreach programming from a continuing education perspective serves as a valuable asset to the UACP team.

DeShana grew up in Soldotna. Working in a family commercial fishing business many years introduced her to the nautical principles that she loves and enjoys today. She graduated from UAF with a BA in Speech Communication in 1995. She began working for UAF in 1996 with the Cooperative Extension Service before moving to UACP as a Client Partner in 2006.

DeShana has served on UAF's Staff Council and on SAA, plus special committee appointments. She sits on the UAF Alumni Association Board and is the South Central Chapter President.

DeShana enjoys spending time with family, friends and pets; traveling; and floating on "the big blue".

20 YEARS OF SERVICE

Brad R. Bodde

Born in California but raised with a 40+ year commitment to Alaska and its communities. In 1986 Brad Bodde owned a computer consulting business in Eagle River. He was approached by the Eagle River branch of UAA with a problem. The problem was quickly solved, and a new relationship was formed with the University. An offer was made to teach as an adjunct faculty along with a part-time tutoring position. The satisfaction of helping students learn and achieve their educational goals quickly became more rewarding than consulting money. The part-time work became full time and the small Eagle River extension grew from 30 course offerings to a peak of almost 200 sections.

In 1997, Brad was recruited by the UAA Curriculum department. There he automated the course scheduling process, turning it from a two-month process to a two-day one. This feat ultimately earned him the Chancellors Staff Excellence award in 2001. In 2004, he moved to University Advancement during a time of rapid development activity growth. That led to the move to the UA Foundation Advancement Services department to become the constituent data manager, providing current Alumni and University donor information to the entire system.

After 70+ semesters teaching, he is looking forward to another 10 years advancing the University and contributing to the next generation of leaders.

20 YEARS OF SERVICE

Laura Morisky

Laura graduated from UAF in December 1990 with an AAS in Office Professions. Armed with her degree, she was determined to get a job at UAF. She started first at the Institute of Arctic Biology August 1, 1991, as a Department Secretary. Laura then moved to the Department of Biology and Wildlife in August 1996 as an Administrative Assistant. In May of 2001, Laura then moved to Information Technology Services as an Administrative Assistant and has worked her way up to Fiscal Professional 2 for the Office of Information Technology.

Laura's passions include: fly fishing, planting flowers, traveling and spending time with her two grandchildren. In her other life, she is a registered sport-fishing guide who enjoys sharing this passion with others.

25 YEARS OF SERVICE

Robert Hale

Technology Specialist, OIT Campus Technology Services

30 YEARS OF SERVICE

Laura Letuligasenoa

I began my career with the University of Alaska in 1981 as a Data Entry Clerk. At this time the University contracted their IT services with the vendor SCT (Systems Computer and Technology). Now known as OIT, this department has previously been known by other names as well: first UACN then ITS. For 25 years I worked in Network Operations as a Network Communications Specialist, and for the past 5 years in Telephone Services (now known as Telecommunications). I love working all over campus and interacting with students, faculty and staff members. I have over 6 years of service with Statewide Administrative Assembly, and I also received the Outstanding Employee Award in 1998. During my 30 years here at the University, I've had the pleasure of working with and getting to know a multitude of wonderful people.

35 YEARS OF SERVICE

Michelle Wood

I was born and raised in Fairbanks and graduated from UAF with a BA in Accounting.

I started with the university in August of 1976 in what was called the payroll department. I held positions in two other departments in Statewide before moving to my current position in Fund Accounting in 1984. I am still here because it is a great job with lots of diversity.

I have a great family – my husband LaMar and two grown children. We love Alaska and all that it has to offer.