
From: Cheryl Stromme <cbstromme@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 27, 2019 8:57 AM
To: House Finance Legislation
Subject: University Budget Cuts

The University is pivotal in training students to fill Alaska jobs that we currently fill by hiring out of state.

The Alaska School of Education is graduating Alaskan teachers who stay in Alaska. UAS offers career and technical training for pre-nursing requirements, medical assisting, certified nurse aides, welding, construction, marine transportation, and fisheries technology. All of these degrees and certificates either put students right into the work force or prepare students for more advanced medical degrees offered at UAA, including WWAMI. UAF is a leader in Arctic research. These students study, live, and go to work in Alaska.

The current budget proposal does not take into account all of the lost income from research, grants, and salaries earned and spent in Alaska. 1000 people from the university have already lost jobs with the budget cuts from the last four years. If the university is cut \$41 million we will see much higher numbers of unemployed from the university.

We will also lose tuition as students look to the lower 48 for schools that offer the degrees that are cut in Alaska and security that their degree won't be canceled. Students who study and train outside the state often do not return.

Alaska can't cut its way to solvency. We should be looking at ways to grow our economy. Business will not move to a state with lousy school districts with 45-50 students in a class room or a gutted university.

We need to implement an income tax, a school tax, keep PFD payments at a reasonable amount, and not gut our state with this absurd budget proposal. This budget represents people who do not care, are self-serving and do not know very much about our state and about Alaskans.

Cheryl Stromme

Sitka, Alaska

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An educated society is a successful,
prosperous society. Without the university,
alaskans will begin to fall behind everyone
else who will continue to progress.
Please don't be the cause of our
down fall.

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Alaskan resident,
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students are unique - I've taught
at two different large state schools
but we have a student population
that thrives in small classes, appre-
ciates experiential
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Dr. Lora Vess,

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To our elected representatives ...
To secure Alaska's future
economy, we need young
professionals to make Alaska
their home.
Cut UAS
you cut
the future.
Josh Cooper
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College would be impossible if it was not for
UAS. The location, fees, and access to a higher
education has made my dream of being a
teacher in Southeast Alaska possible!
We Love UAS. We need UAS. We
are UAS.

Sincerely,
Felisha Hope
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UAS has enabled me to live and study with
the Alaskan spirit. UAS is a small personal and
individualistic. I love that I can stay in my
home state, climb mountains, pursue a higher education
all debt free. Dont cut the budget, ~~the~~ the UA
system gives back
to Alaska in
~~per~~ its creation
of a responsible
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UA strong is Alaska strong.

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UAS is the foundation of my Secondary education. After going to school at UAF my freshman year, I made the switch to come here and it has been the best choice I have ever made. I can't fathom pursuing my degree in Geography elsewhere, UAS is my school home.
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UAS is the ONLY college in JUNEAU. If it's shut down, all of the students will have to leave JUNEAU to get an education. DO YOU REALLY WANT ALL college students to LEAVE TOWN?
KEEP UAS
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wasnt for having an at home campus
I most likely wouldnt have gone to
college. With going to UAS I never would
have been able to do an exchange to
be able to see the world. If UAS
prices werent what they are
I would not ~~be~~ be going to grad school!

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UAS has given me an incredible amount
of opportunities and a wonderful education
~~at a~~ relatively low cost. The relationships
I have made w/ my professors are very
important and would not have happened
at any other school. The UAS school
system allows a wide variety of students
to easily obtain an education and
work towards their passions.

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Education is the basis of a strong economy. Education creates a workforce of competent people who excel at their jobs, thus providing success to Alaska's economy. If education is reduced, Alaska will be forced to look to an outside workforce to support our growing economy. This is outside workforce is not what is best for Alaska!

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UAS matters because it is where I've been able to grow & develop a sense of identity and passion for the environment. I've been able to further my knowledge base & now feel confident in the field I am ~~just~~ pursuing. I stand for Alaska.

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-Gretchlyn O'Donnell

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The University of Alaska has given me the opportunity to receive a high class science degree in the state that I love. I grew up in Bristol Bay and Dutch Harbor and as a Native Alaskan woman it is important to me to be able to stay in Alaska and contributing to the States future while pursuing my education. As a 1st generation college student, it was a great incentive to stay in state because of low tuition prices at UAS and the Alaska Performance Scholarship. Without these programs and affordable education, I would have not stayed within Alaska. ~~and~~ Increasing financial burdens on students is not the way to solve a budget crisis or strengthen our state.

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I moved to Alaska a year ago and UAS
changed my life. I have met students
and professors that have helped me
succeed and transform me into a
stronger person. The University here
is so unique. Losing any of the
Alaska Universities would be a huge
loss. There are so many opportunities
here that can't be found anywhere
else. Please support the amazing
people ~~here~~ and communities here
at UAS, UAA, and UAF.

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 the university being available to
 me. Budget cuts would not
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 students
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 Alaskans

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Without the low tuition rates
and scholarships I recieved from
the University of Alaska, I would
not have been able to stay in
AK for college!

UA matters
and deserves
funding!

-Emma Luck

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UAS allows us to build our futures
and dreams. We are able to open our
worlds up and explore possibilities
that allow us to support our
communities.

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know if I
would be able
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school, but
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I am a student at the University of Alaska Southeast and I am proud to be a part of the UAS community. I am currently studying for my degree in Environmental Science and I am looking forward to completing my studies and entering the workforce. I am grateful for the opportunity to attend UAS and I am committed to making the most of my time here.

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I decided to stay in Alaska after high school because of UA. I had other options available, but UA was the most affordable option for me and gave me a chance to stay in Ak. My career goals wouldn't be possible without a degree. Funding the University is important to support the young people and their families in our state.

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UAS is an amazing school full of communities that come together under one roof, learning and growing together. Some of us cannot afford to go to school anywhere else or have good enough grades to get help to go to other schools. Please help us be able to afford a good education that will give us bright futures. I do not stand with Alaska and big oil. The education of our youth should be more important than a 41% ~~budget~~ budget decrease.

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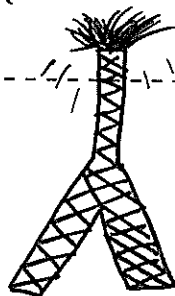
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I am an Alaskan resident, and the UA system is valuable to me in providing an affordable way for me to receive higher education. After graduation, I would love to stay and work in AK, but if the UA system is shut down or unaffordable I will have to go elsewhere!

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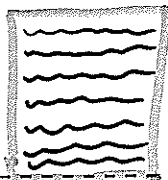
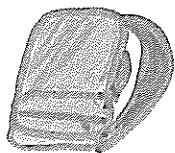
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The UA system is helping me get a great education from the beautiful place that I get to call my home, all for a fairly low price. My friends and colleagues at UA are a huge part of my life, and I can't imagine going somewhere else because tuition got too high, or, in a worst-case scenario, my home campus was closed. I hope to continue learning from home, and providing my experience to Alaska.

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I love Alaska and I love UAS. I am so grateful that I can pursue my degree in Elementary Ed. and that I can pay in state tuition. I could not imagine going to school anywhere else, and I wouldn't know if I could even afford it.

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Like the Alaska Marine Highway, the university of Alaska (all three campuses) is part of the identity of Alaska. The UA system has grown with, and contributed to the growth and advancement of Alaska. Through cutting edge research, high quality academic and professional programs, and exceptional service to the far flung community of Alaska, the University of Alaska has forged a unique identity among institutions of higher learning. The

success (through continued support) of the university of Alaska and the continued growth of the people of Alaska are essential for the well being of Alaska.

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Christopher May-Jahans
Prof. of Mathematics.
University of Alaska Southeast.



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In order to nurture a thriving state with a robust economy, educated and safe children, and healthy communities we MUST fully fund our University system.

UA is training our future leaders, teachers, nurses, marine biologists, and so much more. By

slashing the University budget, we will undermine the future of our state.

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Allison Neeland



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I came to UAS as a Freshman in 2015 due to its inexpensive and high quality programs. I fell in love with Alaska after a summer of fishing up in Bristol Bay. Even with the unique income that fishing provides any increase in tuition would make it dramatically harder to attain my degree in Environmental Science.

(Yes I do pay in state tuition) I hope to stay in AK to work in our states abundant and rich outdoors. Please help me invest in

our state. Do not cut ~~the~~ UA's budget!

Do not cut Alaska's future!

Thanks, Hayden Jackson
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Successful, we need educated
individuals. Fund our Future!

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Gov. Dunleavy,
You are an alumni of the
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don't forget that, and help
keep young
professionals
in Alaska.
- Josh

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Alaska competes in a global
society — we need to
understand that world's complexity.
A university education helps us
do that.
Invest in
our future;
don't just
maintain the
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in you. Please believe in us!
— a UAS student —

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I'm originally from South Dakota. I'm
Alaskan Native and U.A.S. has
provided me with an excellent education
and has helped me learn more
about my heritage and culture! There
isn't a place

I'd rather
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The University was the ultimate drawing factor for my decision
to move to to work in Alaska. The creation of employees is a
service that the state should not have to live without. Thanks to
the UAS teaching program, many students can get their four
year degree while staying in and supporting their Alaskan
community in the interior or SE villages. I also understand
that the University

system draws on state
funds to function, and
that the money needs
to come from somewhere.
So I am willing to put
my money where my mouth
is.

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is with an income tax to support important programs that ultimately stimulate the economy

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UAS is beneficial
to Juneau residents
because it gives them the choice
to try out School without traveling.
The staff is great and offers the
best marine biology Program in Alaska.

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UAS has helped me to improve
my position, and get a better Job.
I want to continue improving.
By allowing people easy access to
education it makes Alaska better
because skilled professionals
provide far more than uneducated
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Please don't cut our
Budget.

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UAS is important for Alaska's future. I started at UAS at the age of 50 in 1995 went on to receive an MFA at UAA and now I am a professor at UAS where I support student success which is the focus and most important part of our mission. When we change one life, we change the generations. When we

change
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generations we change Alaska's future. Your decisions have significant effect on our future. Do your best to make it a positive change! THANK YOU -
E. Haines

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UAS is important for preserving cultural traditions in SE Alaska. As well as providing a postsecondary education for SE Alaskans. To not have UAS would rob Alaska of homegrown intellect and damage the state irreparably.

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Dear AK Legislators,
The university and the school districts
provide a vital service that
requires INVESTMENT! People (me!)
want a bright future and education and

training are
the best way
to accomplish
this.

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Hello,

My name is James Horner and I am from Nome, an
Area that I think you are familiar with. Please support
the UA system. Without schools like UAS I wouldn't
even be in Alaska. Again, please be supportive of this
generation and future
generations of Alaska
students. If you
want a bright future
for Alaska, you need
bright students.

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-UA Student

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THIS IS WHY I SUPPORT THE UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA

UAS provides easily accessible
education for locals. It's
provided a lot of great
opportunities that would
otherwise
be
out of
reach.

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-Tristen
-Truax



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I feel that funding for UA education is vital because we are the new generation and we have the right to have career & educational opportunities. As a first generation college student, I ask you to please understand our place, and why this is important!

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Yo, I came here from California to come here. It cost a lot, but if the I hadn't gotten this opportunity, I never would've come.

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As an UA Alumni, I promote the
UA campuses to all my high school
students. The campus provides a
home away from home which
contributes to our success.

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Gumalchash for your time
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AS an alumni of UAS, I am
thankful for the opportunity to
study at a campus close to
home. I am Tlingit, Haida,
and Tsimshian, my people are
from Southeast. My education
allows me to give back to
my community by helping
other fellow Alaskans
succeed at college. Thank you
for supporting education.

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*UAS Alumni Kolene James

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I Support the University of Alaska. I am
Currently a student at UAS here in Juneau.
The UA system deserves to be fully funded. It
encompasses ~~the~~ 3 of the 4 large schools in
the state. Without adequate funding, it is
likely for entire programs or campuses to be
eliminated - pushing more students to go
out of state & furthering
the 'brain drain'

You have children,
it is appalling that
you care more
for oil companies
than Alaska's
future.

-Hayden Kelly
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Greetings from one of your future
constituents. I support the University
of Alaska Southeast as a dual
enrollment student (I'm earning high school
and college credit at the same time),
which will allow me to graduate early,
from high school or college. This access will
give me the head start I need to give
back to my community sooner than later.
Thanks for investing in my future.

respectfully,

TMS / UAS student Corinne James

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*Funding the University of Alaska
is investing in our state and its
future. A strong state needs
a strong university!*

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*UAS Faculty
Rosemarie Isett*

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*The University of Alaska is an ~~extra~~ extremely
important feature in Alaska. It provides higher education
to young people who want to reach a higher
career level. Without the University of Alaska
system, thousands ~~are~~ of students would have
to go to out-of-state institutions, costing them
thousands more. The University system
attracts people to Alaska, and it keeps Alaskans
in their favorite ~~states~~.*

- Ashlee

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by Maive Gillen

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I am a JDHS graduate. I am the 1st in my family to attend college (1st gen). I am fortunate to have had the chance to stay in Juneau to continue my post-secondary education. I choose UAS because it was small, personal, and affordable. I have grown a huge amount, thanks to so many faculty and staff. Cindy Boester, Kolene James, Amanda Triplet, Jonas Lamb, Will Elliott, August Stehr, Eric Scott, Erik Ingle, Chancellor Caulfield, Mae DelCastillo, Aimée Ernestine Hayes, WOOD ch. een Richards

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Education is a key part of Alaska and our future!
Don't let us down!!

- Annika Pearson

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THIS IS WHY I SUPPORT THE UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA

I come to UAS to follow my dreams as a Marine Biologist. I am from New Mexico and being here in Alaska, UAS has provided many opportunities for me to travel for school events & research travel. These places were Puerto Rico, Texas, Sitka, & Anchorage. I wasn't able to come until I heard about WUE.

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I came here on the NSF Program.

Exchange w/ I am thankful UAS has provided me w/ my education. Please consider that my investment thus far will be wasted w/ the proposed budget cuts. UAS has provided many rewards & has helped me gain knowledge & experience. Thank you. Ana Christine

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Dear Gov. Dunleavy,
Funding = Funding Alaska's Future
Education
Please Support our University!
- UAS Student

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Dear Gov. Dunleavy,
I support UAS, because of the
great community, activities and
exchange program available
here.

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Gov. Dunleavy, 3/18/19
I am an employee at UAS, an
alumni from UAA and a current
student at UAS.

I urge you to reconsider your cut
of budget allotment to the UA system.

The UA system is vital to a healthy
community. Please fund our
campuses. Our health depends on
it. We need \$ support. Please
tax me or keep my PFD.
Marjorie Thomson
11909 Glacier Hwy
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Gov. Dunleavy,

I support the UA system because it gave me the experience of a lifetime. As an exchanger from Massachusetts, UAS has enhanced my knowledge and given me skills that are unique to the Alaskan environment.

This school is a hidden gem.
from,
MA exchanger

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Gov. Dunleavy

UAS has been an amazing & invaluable exchange opportunity for me.

Please continue to support UAS
so more exchange students can
experience this amazing place!
- exchange student from New Zealand

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The University of Alaska provides opportunity and hope for Alaskan youths. It also provides a place to further education for students from the lower 48. I transferred here from Washington state to further my education in Marine Science which the UAS Southeast ranked within the top 10 in the country.

The research done within this school has global economical implications when dealing with fishery forecasts. I'm proud to have moved to Juneau and consider it my home. Thank you for taking the time

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- Trevor McLean



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The Benefits of Higher Education for Alaskans: make more money, Stability for ones family, Better career opportunities, makes Alaska a safer + Peaceful place to live, Being a useful member of society.

Education is vital for the economic Prosperity of Alaska.

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