

# **UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA SOUTHEAST**

## **PRESENTATION TO ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE HOUSE FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE ON UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA**

**Dr. Richard Caulfield, Provost**

### **UAS Mission**

- Student learning enhanced by faculty scholarship, undergraduate research and creative activities, community engagement, and the cultures and environment of Southeast Alaska.

### **UAS Vision**

- A destination of choice for students seeking excellent academic programs and engaging learning opportunities that integrate the environment and cultures of Southeast Alaska.

### **Core Themes—Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU)**

- 1) Student Success
- 2) Teaching and Learning
- 3) Community Engagement
- 4) Research & Creative Expression

### **Major Focus**

#### **1) Student Success**

- Quality faculty and staff
- Student/faculty engagement
- Mandatory advising & Early Alert Program
- Active learning—Honors Program, Legislative Internship, Field-based Learning

#### **2) Quality eLearning/Online Programs**

- UAS is a leader statewide in eLearning/Online Programs
  - Associate of Arts
  - Bachelor of Business Administration-Accounting
  - Bachelor of Liberal Arts
  - Master of Arts in Teaching
  - Masters of Public Administration

#### **3) Distinctive Programs Serving SE Alaska and the State of Alaska**

- Marine Biology/Biology
- Teacher Education/Special Education
- Geography/Environmental Science
- Health Sciences
- Accounting & Business Administration
- Public Administration
- Alaska Native Languages and Cultures

#### **4) Workforce and Regional Economic Development**

- UAS Center for Mine Training (in partnership with MAPTS)
  - Introduction to Mining Industry and Occupations--AKLN partnership
  - Entry level Mine Training
  - MSHW certification
- Power Technology
  - Mine Mechanic—Hecla Greens Creek Partnership
  - Diesel/Auto
  - Able Seafarer (Marine Oiler)—AMHS partnership
- Construction Technology
  - Building Energy Retrofit Program—CCTHITA partnership
- Fisheries Technology
  - Serving SE Alaska plus PWS/Valdez, Kachemak Bay, Bristol Bay
- Health Information Management—statewide eLearning delivery
- Marine Transportation
- Pre-Engineering
- Law Enforcement—partnership with Alaska Public Safety Training Academy

#### **5) Applied Research Benefiting Students and Community**

- Research on glacier dynamics affecting local communities—Mendenhall River
- Auke Creek salmon population dynamics
- Héen Latinee Experimental Forest—USDA/Forest Service
- Alaska Coastal Rainforest Center (ACRC)
- URECA awards—Undergraduate student research opportunities

#### **6) Partnerships are the Key**

- School districts, Native corporations and governments, mining companies, Alaska Miners Association, Juneau Economic Development Council, Southeast Conference, fisheries industry, Alaska state government, tourism industry, healthcare employers, Sitka Sound Science Center, Alaska Public Safety Academy, small businesses, finance and accounting firms, environmental science consultants, UAA, UAF, MAPTS, and more.