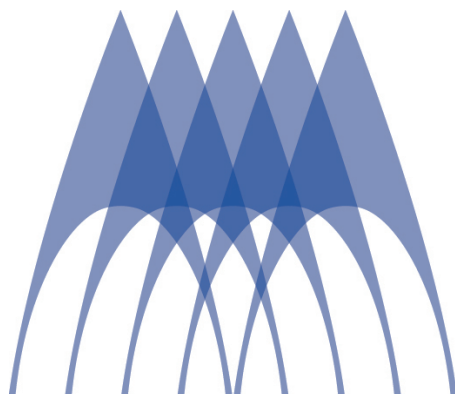


Spring Commencement 2021



ALASKA
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Associate of Arts

Business Administration

Brenda Marie Blankenship

Sadena Nichole Coleman

Vincent J. Tomalonis

Bachelor of Arts

Business Administration and Management

Carly Ann Allen

Senior Project Title - NANA Internship

Alan Conwell Jr.

Senior Project Title - Tiny Home Rentals, LLC

Crystal Fierro

Senior Project Title - Gaia Rentals

Adriatik Lena

Senior Project Title - Airport Ground Support, LLC

Leann Louise Xenia Mack

Senior Project Title - Infinity Medical Coding and Billing Services

Gian Andrick D. Pacis

Senior Project Title - Ramen Soup Food Truck

Janelle McIntyre Pentecostes
Senior Project Title - Bryan Fidel Films, LLC

Counseling Psychology

Kayla Cox
Senior Project Title - Sexual Assault Education on College
Campuses

Emily Jean Dotten
Senior Project Title - Co-Occurring Disorders: When Mental
Illness and Substance Abuse Collide

Cassandra Johnson
Senior Project Title - Depression in College Students

Dionysia Latrice Jones
Senior Project Title - Postpartum Depression within the African
American Community

Kayla Traval McKinney
Senior Project Title - The Effects of America's Racism

Savannah Marie Ulrich
Senior Project Title - Nature Heals: Lessons and Concepts within
Wilderness Therapy

Anika Vojir
Senior Project Title - The Babysitter's Dilemma

Colleen Yaari Walker
Senior Project Title - Integrating Two Worlds into One for the
Health and Well Being for All Who Stand and Breathe

Alexa Williams

Senior Project Title - Designing a Therapy Dog Training Handbook

Creative and Professional Writing

Sara Nicole Hinojosa

Senior Project Title - Alaska Food Security through the Lens of Local Farmers

Orion Waters

Senior Project Title - Exploring the Outer Rim: A Journey into Dystopian Fiction

Outdoor Studies

Caleb Rauch

Concentration: Snow Science

Senior Project Title - Creating a Snow Safety Track for Alaska's Public Schools

Kiana Sage Till

Senior Project Title - Qizhjih Vena, LLC

Robert Thiel Wolf

Senior Project Title - Recycling and APU: Making a More Sustainable Campus

Bachelor of Science

Health Sciences

Lucy Bragg

Concentration: Health Care Management

Senior Project Title - Disparity and Resilience of Alaska Natives,
CHAP Overview and CHA/P Retention

Marine and Environmental Sciences

Julia Anne Ditto

Minor: Outdoor Studies

Concentration: Earth and Climate Science

Senior Project Title - Visualizing Science: Using Science
Illustration for Effective Communication

Corbin Richard Thomas Frazier

Concentration: Marine Biology

Senior Project Title - Verifying the Presence of Micro Plastics in
Local Populations of Pacific Razor Clams (*Siliqua Patula*)

Kaitlyn Leanne Houk

Concentration: Marine Biology

Senior Project Title - Testing Concept of Self and Abstraction
Abilities in Octopuses Using Distorting Mirrors

John Emmanuel Perry

Senior Project Title - Distinguishing Individual *Octopus*
rubescens through Unique Chromatic Patterning in Photo
Recognition

Theresa Ann Phillips

Concentration: Marine Biology

Senior Project Title - Examining the Activity Patterns in
Nudibranchs Utilizing a Neural Network

Emily Jean Reynolds

Concentration: Marine Biology

Senior Project Title - Recruitment of Pacific Blue Mussels (*Mytilus
trossulus*) in Katmai National Park and Preserve: Spatial and
Temporal Patterns

Brett Nicholas Russell

Senior Project Title - A Review of *Erioderma pedicellatum*'s
Conservation Status in Alaska's Boreal Forests: How Newly
Discovered Populations Could Model Modern Lichen
Conservation

Kinkela Vicich

Concentration: Ecology

Senior Project Title - Avian Phenology in a Changing Arctic: A
Look at Four Long Distance Migratory Species

Madeline Gibbs Zietlow

Concentration: Ecology

Senior Project Title - What is Greening in the Central Brooks
Range?

Nursing

Libby Dianna Nickols

Senior Project Title - Building Resilience by Developing
Emotional Intelligence - A Strategy to Prevent Nurse Burnout

Graduate Certificate

K-8 Teaching Certification

Tong Wu Bauer

Teaching Site - Scenic Park Elementary, Chinese Immersion
Program, Anchorage School District

Tammie Kovalenko

Teaching Site - Delta Greely School District

Entrepreneurship and Innovation

Delores J. Gregory

Master of Arts

Master of Arts

Kathleen Frances June O'Brien

Thesis Title - The Power of Charisma

Master of Business Administration

Master of Business Administration

**Alexandro A. Cetina
Veldee Helen Hall
Donald J. Richardson
Eric Robert Van Thiel**

Master of Business Administration *Health Services Administration*

**Jessica E. Kell
Randi Lynn Kindgren**

Executive Master of Business Administration *Strategic Leadership*

DeAnna M. Roering

Master of Science

Counseling Psychology

Annie Garcia-Roberts

Professional Project Title - Contemplating Individual Meaning-Making within a *Día de los Muertos* Ritual Practice

Helen D. Woods

Professional Project Title - Changes in Outlook Arising from the Cancer Experience

Environmental Science

Amy Marie Wockenfuss

Thesis Title - Treeline Advance across the Brooks Range

Outdoor and Environmental Education

Lucas Raymond Hyce

K-8 Teaching Certification

Teaching Site - Machetanz Elementary School, Mat-Su School District

Jimel López Montoya

Thesis Title - Formation of the Citizen Participation Project (CPP): Leadership Education for Active Civic Engagement

Julia Alexandria Pratt

Thesis Title - Effects of Wilderness First Year Orientation on Pro-Environmental Behavior: Western Carolina University Campus Recreation and Wellness

Academic Apparel

The academic apparel worn by faculty and degree candidates has been worn by scholastics since the first universities were established in the Middle Ages. Because only three groups of people in our society wear robes – judges, who are dedicated to justice; clergy, who are dedicated to God and the Holy; and academics, who are dedicated to Truth – there is great pride in this noble tradition.

The color of silk lining in the academic hoods indicates the institution granting the degree. The color of the tassel on the cap and the velvet of the hood, carried forward around the throat, indicates the field of study.

White: Arts, Letters, Humanities ♦ Dark Blue: Philosophy
Pink: Music ♦ Light Blue: Education ♦ Golden Yellow: Science
Purple: Law ♦ Drab: Commerce
Scarlet: Theology ♦ Green: Medicine

Founding of Alaska Methodist University/Alaska Pacific University



Alaska Pacific University was originally founded as Alaska Methodist University (AMU) through the efforts of Peter Gordon Gould. Gould, a Unangax from Unga, Alaska, left home as a child to attend the Jesse Lee Home for Children in Unalaska. He later attended Syracuse University and Auburn Seminary, becoming the first Alaska Native minister in the United Methodist Church. In 1948 he was appointed Superintendent for the Alaska Mission of the Methodist Church.

Gould identified the need “for indigenous leadership . . . educated and trained in Alaska for Alaska” and advocated for “a privately supported, fully accredited liberal arts college or university to educate Alaska’s youth in Alaska.” His commitment to this vision, planning of a 4-year liberal arts curriculum, and extensive fundraising resulted in the creation of Alaska Methodist University.

History of AMU & APU - A Timeline

- 1948 - The Reverend Peter Gordon Gould urged Methodist Church to establish a college in Alaska, beginning planning and fundraising
- 1954 - The Division of National Missions of the Methodist Church authorized purchase of campus land in Anchorage, AK
- 1957 - Alaska Methodist University chartered
- 1958 - Dr. Donald P. Ebright selected as AMU's first President by the Board of Trustees
- 1959 - AMU campus dedicated and cornerstone laid
- 1960 - Grant and Gould Hall completed and dedicated
- 1964 - AMU achieved federal accreditation for the first time
- 1966 - First Master's degree offered
- 1971 - Ceremonial signing of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act on APU campus
- 1973 - UAA/APU Consortium Library opened; Kellogg Campus in Palmer, AK given in trust to AMU
- 1977 - AMU reopened after a brief closure for reorganization
- 1978 - AMU renamed to Alaska Pacific University
- 1983 - Atwood Center and Mlakar House dedicated
- 1984 - Grace Hall completed and dedicated
- 1986 - Moseley Sports Center completed and dedicated
- 1992 - Carr-Gottstein Academic Center completed and dedicated
- 1999 - APU Nordic Ski Center founded, building on longstanding competitive ski club

2001 - Environmental learning center at Spring Creek Farm and Kellogg Campus developed

2007 - Segelhorst Residence Hall opened

2011 - APU launched first doctoral program

2016 - APU formed strategic partnership with the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium

2019 - APU designated as an Alaska Native Serving Institution

2020 - Valerie Nurr'araaluk Davidson, a Yup'ik and enrolled tribal member of the Orutsaramiut Traditional Native Council of Bethel was elected as President of the Alaska Pacific University, its first female president, on April 25, 2020

ALASKA PACIFIC UNIVERSITY

Vision, Mission & Values Statement

Vision

Honoring Alaska's Indigenous heritage, exemplifying excellence, and preparing paths.

Mission

APU provides a world-class, hands on, culturally responsive educational experience in collaboration with our students, communities, and Tribal partners.

Values

Wisdom
Respect
Reciprocity
Relevance
Responsibility