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Demand Job Area (HDJA) program awards set a new record high, up 1.9% to 1,824 awards in 2014. This total represents 70 percent of all certificates and awards at UAA. Major contributors included: Health awards (665), Business, Finance & Management (373), Teacher Education (228), and Engineering (125). The area with the largest single increase was in Transportation (up 42% to 120 awards, and increase of 35 awards over last year).

UAF baccalaureate six-year graduation rates top 42% in 2014, a first in the UA system.

UAS produced a record number of graduates in AY13-14: 717 (up +14.6% from prior year). This continues a trend of over five years

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baccalaureate, and graduate levels.

UAS improved its first-time, full-time retention rate by +2.5% by expanding student success initiatives including: Stay on Track Program, mandatory advising, Early Alert program for struggling students, and a newly-created Writing Center.

UAS graduated more students in high demand job areas: up +12.2% over the previous year and part of a five-year trend. The proportion of UAS graduates in high demand areas was 78.6% compared with 68.8% for the UA system as a whole.

UAS implemented student success interventions that led to 20% reduction in the number of students on academic probation over two years.

UAS is working hard to improve entry-level student success through mandatory advising, an Early Alert program for new students, an Academic Recovery Plan for struggling students, and a newly-created Writing Center.

UAS designed and implemented a new Superintendents' Academy to educate new school superintendents across Alaska; the initial group has 10 participants. The state saw a 50% turnover in superintendents last year. The Academy builds on UAS success in offering its Principals' endorsement program.

UAS Teacher Education data show highest level of teacher preparation productivity-ratio of teacher education graduates to number of faculty.

UAS students obtained employment in fields related to their training at a higher rate than the national average

Research dollars and expertise strong:

UA has received a **total of more than \$650 million in external research funding since FY10**, with more than \$118 million received in FY14 alone. For every \$1 in state funding spent toward research, UA brings in \$4.6 in external research funding.

UAF research and citations on Arctic research top not only the nation, but also the world!

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Alumni support increasing and private giving rebounding from recession:

Alumni giving (dollars raised from alumni) **increased 101 percent** over the last 5 years from \$671K in FY10 to \$1.35 million in FY14.

The UA Foundation reports FY14 system private fundraising results of \$23.1 million in total private gifts raised. This represents an **increase of 32 percent** over FY13 system total of \$17.4 million. Of particular note is total giving from alumni in FY14, which increased 28 percent over FY13 across the system. Congratulations go to the advancement teams at UAA, UAF and UAS.

Workforce development growth significant:

FY10-14 Associate and Certificate majors **increased by 26 percent** from 7,808 to 9,845.

FY10-14 Increased High Demand Job Area Degrees **by 22 percent** from 2,731 to 3,341.

UA has taken leadership roles on industry-supported workforce development plans with strategic outcomes in Career uMaritimeer

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postsecondary education choose UA, equivalent to about half of all college-bound recent Alaska high school graduates. This has been the pattern since 2010. Nationally, about 70 percent of all recent high school grads enter postsecondary within 12 months of graduating.

Since FY10, more than 21,000 degrees and certificates have been awarded by UA.