38TH ANNUAL Awards Banquet

April 7th, 2017

Celebrating 100 years of Alaskan Engineering
Opening music by the Nanook String Quartet
*Rose Crelli violin 1, Charlie McNeal violin 2, Trevor Adams viola and Sean Braendel cello*

Master of Ceremonies: Teal Rogers
Recruiting Coordinator, College of Engineering and Mines

6:30pm Opening Remarks
Dr. Doug Goering, PhD, PE
Dean, College of Engineering and Mines

6:35pm Dinner is served

7:00pm Keynote Speaker
Dermot Cole, Alaskan Historian
*Presented by:* Ann Ringstad MPA, CFRE

2017 Outstanding Alumnus Award
Cameron Wohlford, PE, BS Civil, UAF '97
*Presented by:* Dr. Bill Schnabel, PE
Director, Institute of Northern Engineering

2017 Distinguished Service Award
Bryan Clemenz, PE, BS EECE
University of South Carolina '85
*Presented by:* CEM Dean Doug Goering

Student Awards

Closing Comments
CEM Dean Doug Goering
Dermot is one of the premier authorities in this state on Alaska history. Originally from Pennsylvania, Dermot traveled to Fairbanks in 1974 at age 21 to follow in his oldest brother’s footsteps. Deciding to stay, he enrolled at the University of Alaska, earned a degree in journalism, and developed a fascination for Alaska politics, history, and journalism.

Over the past 40 years and counting, he has written extensively about Alaska politics, history, and of course, the current news which becomes part of our history. Amazon sells at least eight of his books, all written to capture the true Alaska history over the past 100+ years, and even one about the 1908 auto race from New York to Paris. As a columnist for the Alaska Dispatch News, Dermot is known to ‘tell it like it is’, as well as capturing historic stories important in our state’s history.
**OUTSTANDING ALUMNI RECIPIENTS**

2000        Don Grybeck  
2001        Ernest Wolf  
2002        Matt McGuire and Doug Nicholson  
2003        Eric Toskey  
2004        Jeffrey Spencer and John Kells  
2006        Helen Atkinson  
2007        Steve Haagenson  
2008        David Dziubinsky  
2009        Clark Milne  
2010        Max Easley  
2011        Joe Usibelli, Jr.  
2012        Richard Reich  
2013        Peter Stokes  
2014        Bill Watterson  
2015        Eric Hill  
2016        Greg Mungas  

**DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENTS**

2000        Milton Wiltse  
2001        Tony Knowles  
2002        Gordon Pospisil and Charles Green  
2003        Bob Hunter  
2004        Tom Irwin  
2006        Frank Murkowski  
2007        Rich Van Nieuwenhuyse  
2008        David Hoffman  
2009        Jim Dodson  
2010        Lorena Hegdal  
2011        Jack Wilbur  
2012        Mark Hamilton and Lauren Roberts  
2013        Jonny Ellis  
2014        Chris Kennedy  
2015        Janet Weiss  
2016        John Zarling
Cameron Wohlford has risen through the ranks, starting as a UAF engineering student in the mid-1990’s, to his first job as an engineering assistant with UAF Design & Construction in 1998; now he is a Senior Project Manager in the same division. Throughout his years at UAF, Cameron has managed projects of all varieties and sizes, recently completing the Murie Building and leading the construction of the UAF CEM Engineering Learning and Innovation Facility. He has taken a very vested interest in his alma mater, using his education to oversee this special facility to make sure it is the state-of-the-art building it was intended to be -- despite the multiple mobilizations and de-mobilizations it has taken to get the project completed.

In 2007, Cameron was selected by the Alaska Society of Professional Engineers as the ‘Young Engineer of the Year’. In 2012, Cameron was nominated by the Chancellor to attend Foraker Group’s leadership program, Catalyst for Nonprofit Excellence. He has become a coach and mentor for subsequent cohorts of the program. Cameron has also been a firefighter and medic for the Ester Volunteer Fire Department. He began volunteering during his sophomore year at UAF and (again) rose through the ranks over 21 years, serving as Fire Chief before retiring from firefighting in 2016.

His education at UAF has paid off for Cameron and for UAF. His guidance and expertise have been instrumental in the construction of the magnificent ELIF structure. Cameron has dedicated many years of his career to UAF, and we are so proud of our alumnus! His wife Angie is also contributing to the College of Engineering and Mines in her role as office manager of the Electrical and Computer Engineering Department, and their three children are getting an education at a very young age by watching Cameron (and Mom!) focus their efforts on the future of CEM. They could very well be creating the ‘engineers of the future’.

For all his dedication to UAF over the years, we are proud to award the 2017 CEM Distinguished Alumnus Award to Cameron Wohlford, our own ‘home grown’ engineer!
Born in Texas, and raised in South Carolina, Bryan has served in various roles over the past three decades in the petroleum and petrochemical industry. He holds a BS degree in Electrical, Electronics and Computer Engineering from the University of South Carolina – Columbia, Mr. Clemenz focused his studies on Wave-Guides and Antenna Theory as well as High-Voltage Power Distribution Systems. He has worked as a professional engineer with a number of firms, such as Johnson Controls, Bechtel Corporation, GE Capital IT Solutions, Day &amp; Zimmerman, NANA/Colt Engineering, CH2M Hill, and Bristol Bay Industrial.

Bryan has called Alaska ‘home’ for a decade now. He currently serves as the president of the Alaska Industry Support Alliance, a non-profit trade association that strives to promote responsible exploration, development and production of oil, gas and mineral resources for the benefit of all Alaskans. He is regularly engaged in finding the right partners to engineer, procure, construct, operate, and maintain resource development with an eye towards minimizing total cost of ownership and maximizing value for all stakeholders.

Over the past six years, Bryan has been a tireless supporter of CEM, advocating for public and private funds for the college, and supporting our students through his bold solicitation for funding to support the CEM Student Enhancement Fund, as well as advocacy efforts in Juneau for support of engineering programs at UA. He has led the CEM Advisory and Development Council over the past several years as chair, and worked with the UAA College of Engineering Advisory Board to collaborate on support for both engineering colleges.

Most recently, he stepped up and actively participated in the UA Strategic Pathways review of UA engineering, and he was a vocal supporter of collaboration between the colleges. Although he has “termed out” of the CEMADC, he is still very active in doing what he can to support the engineering programs at UAF and UAA. He now serves as an honorary member of the CEMADC. His volunteer efforts to shape the UA Strategic Plan for the Engineering Colleges at both UAF and UAA have helped produce meaningful outcomes, enhancing the value of engineering education for Alaska and promoting responsible resource development for generations to come. We celebrate Bryan’s devotion to the College of Engineering and Mines and our future engineers by awarding him the CEM Distinguished Service Award for 2017.
Thank you to our sponsors for their continued support in educating the engineers of the future!