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University of Alaska System nears \$200 million fundraising goal

million fundraising goal is within reach, according to the University of Alaska Foundation Board of Directors at its meeting in December 2021, more than \$175 million in private gifts from alumni, friends, companies, and private foundations.

The campaign was officially launched in March last year, and is the first time the University of Alaska Foundation has undertaken a comprehensive fundraising campaign.

"It is critical to this state's future," said Laura Bruce, the Executive Director of the University of Alaska Foundation. "The ongoing success of this campaign is proof that Alaskans care about the future of our state. It is seminal to the success of our businesses and our communities."

To date, more than 100 individuals and 183 new scholarship funds

have been established, playing a key role in the university system's move toward

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the unmanned aircraft industry (commonly known as drones).

Hecla Greens Creek Mine donated \$300,000 to create an endowment to support the UAS Environmental Science program. The fund will provide funds for faculty and undergraduate research, paid summer internships, field courses, and other student experiential learning opportunities.

An anonymous donor made a \$250,000 gift to support UAA's 49th Finishers Scholarship, an initiative to aid Alaska residents returning to college after a break or transfer from another college or university,

ConocoPhillips Alaska donated nearly \$300,000 to the College of Engineering, Alaska Native Science & Engineering Program (ANSEP), Seawolf Athletics and more.

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