

# University of Alaska Land Team

Land Grant Initiative Update



UNIVERSITY  
*of* ALASKA

*Many Traditions One Alaska*



# Mission

Our mission is to prudently manage and monetize the University's real property to support education, research, and public service, including funding for the **UA Scholars Program**.

We manage 150,000 acres of land holdings

- 138,000 acres of investment property
- 12,000 acres for our campuses and research



# What We Do

From Ketchikan to Kotzebue, the UA Land team manages a **blended portfolio**.

- natural resource development
- land sales and leases
- alternative revenue streams including conservation easements and a potential carbon sequestration program.

We also support campuses with their real estate needs.



# Our Impact

- Since 1987, the UA Land team has generated more than **\$242.9 million** through land sales, leases, permits, easements, and resource development of timber, oil, gas, mining, and material sales.
- The largest beneficiary of the proceeds from UA land holdings is the UA Scholars program, which awards **\$12,000 scholarships** to the top ten percent of high school graduates in Alaska each year. To date, nearly **10,000 Alaska students** have benefitted from this scholarship.



UA Scholar  
Katie Scoggin

# UA Scholar Stories

## Luke Rogers, UA Scholar & UAF Graduate

The UA Scholars Award greatly offset the cost of Luke's higher education in Alaska. With the same determination he had growing up, and with scholarship money in hand, Luke got to work learning all he could about science, math, and just for fun, wildlife management. It was a unique combination of courses he could only find at UAF.

Luke later joined the team that reintroduced the first wild, wood bison population in the United States.

Read more scholar stories at [Alaska.edu](https://alaska.edu)



UA Scholar  
Luke Rogers

# Land Grant Overview

For years, the University of Alaska has sought a remedy to our significant land grant deficit.

The spending package passed by Congress at the end of 2022 included the University of Alaska Fiscal Foundation Act, which finally created a process for us to receive those **360,000 acres of outstanding lands**.

Revenue from our land holdings funds important programs like **UA Scholars**, helping educate Alaskans statewide.



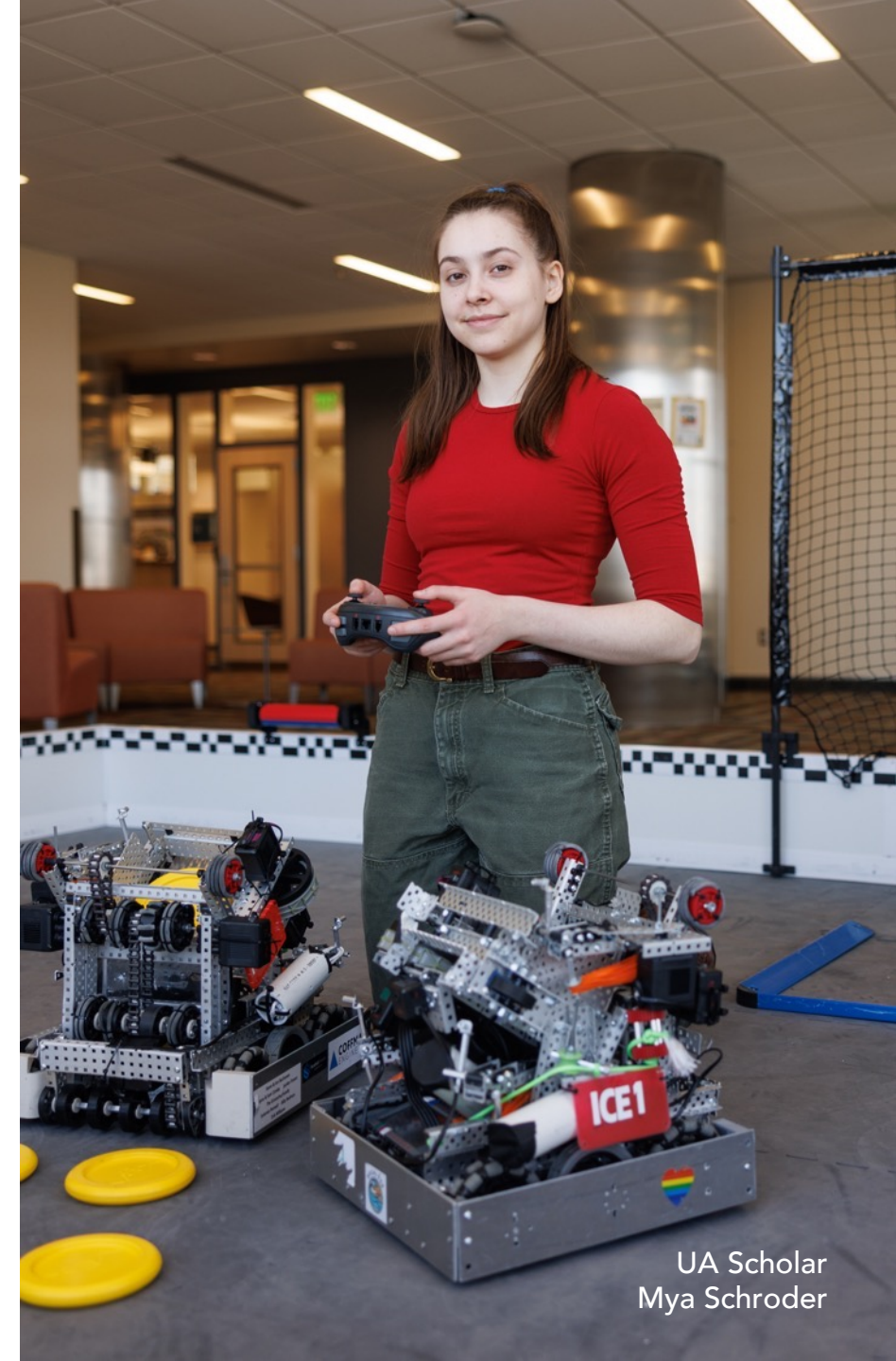
# Our History: Land Grant University

- Starting in the late 1880's the land grant system was created throughout the country so that working class people could obtain an education.
- In 1915, federal legislation granted land to the Territory of Alaska. However, through the process of statehood, only a small percentage of the federal grant lands were conveyed to the University of Alaska.
- Thanks to legislation at the end of 2022, we now have a path forward to receiving our outstanding 360,000 acres.



# Who benefits?

The largest beneficiary of the proceeds from UA land holdings is the UA Scholars program, which awards \$12,000 scholarships to the top ten percent of high school graduates in Alaska each year. The conveyance of outstanding lands will secure this important investment in Alaska's future.



UA Scholar  
Mya Schroder



# UA Scholar Stories

Mariah Vantrease, UA Scholar & UAS Graduate

*"I was looking at a lot of different schools and I felt like UAS had a lot to offer. Getting to be in a small class size was helpful. My writing got more attention, and unlike my friends who went to larger universities, professors cared if I showed up."*

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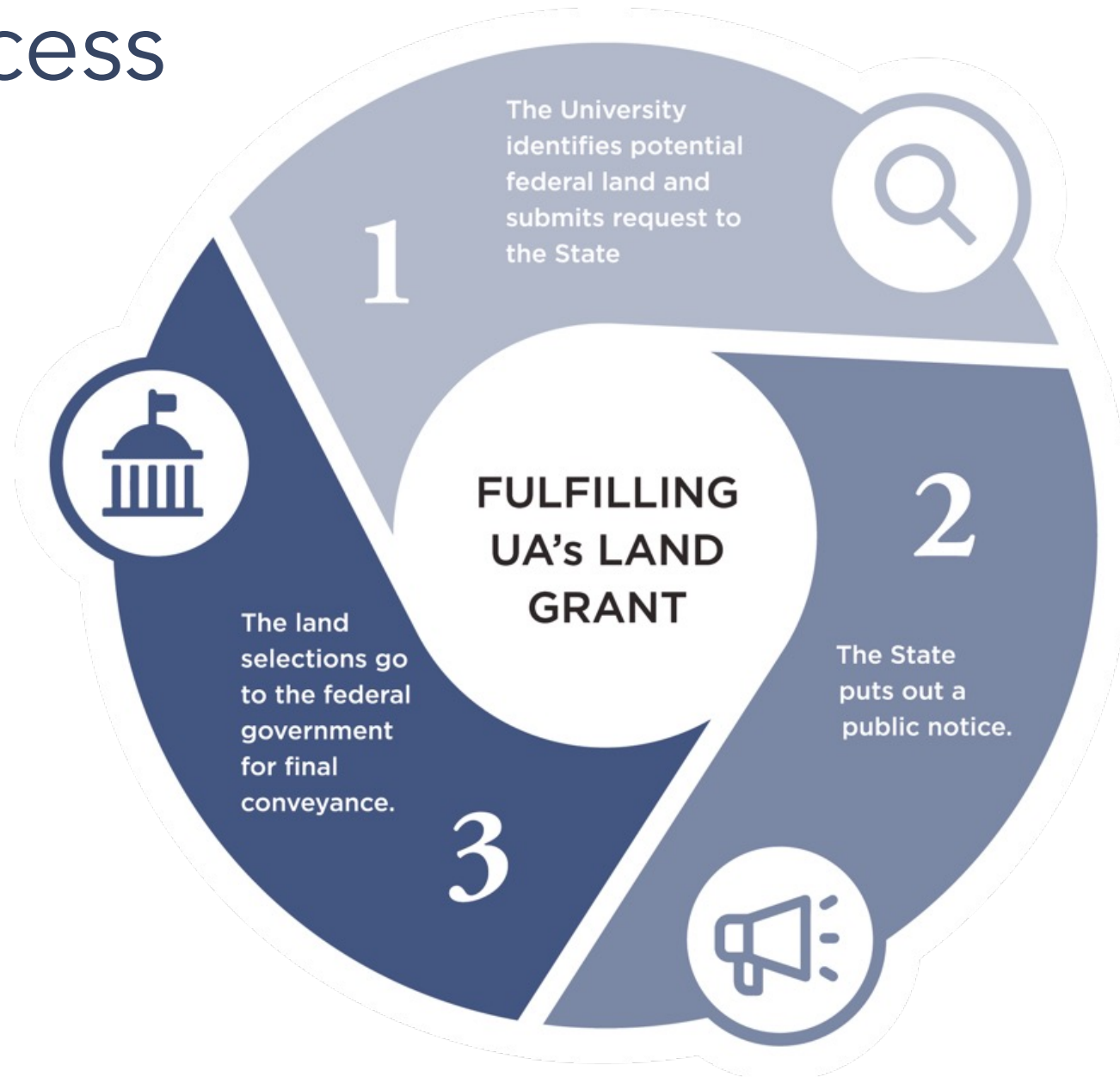
UA Scholar  
Mariah Vantrease

# Did you know?

- The university received a smaller land grant for higher education than any other state except for Delaware.
- Today, the UA Land team manages a blended portfolio of natural resource development, land sales and leases, and alternative revenue streams including conservation easements and a potential carbon sequestration program. Our plan for our final Land Grant parcels will be no different.



# Process



# Current status



## AWAITING REVIEW BY THE STATE

- 15+ parcels across the state,  
~103,000 acres



## PUBLIC NOTICE ISSUED

- Ray Mountains, ~100,000 acres
- Mentasta, ~25,000 acres



# Please reach out

- We are committed to listening to all who have an interest in our final Land Grant initiative and potential selections.
- We know that all lands in Alaska have significant value to many community members, and for Indigenous communities, that includes sacred connections. We respect and honor all of these perspectives, and are committed to open dialog and proactive outreach throughout the process.

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