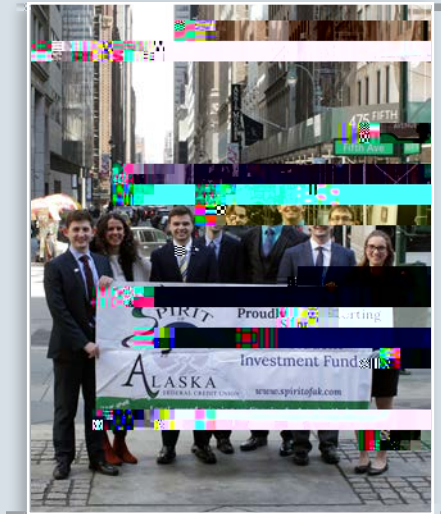






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Student Investment Fund students in New York City



*Two of our SOM instructors have returned to the classroom, but they are not teaching. Accounting instructor Amy Cooper and business administration instructor Kim McGinnis are both enrolled in doctorate programs, while continuing to teach at SOM. Amy is enrolled in the University of Missouri-St. Louis Doctor of Business Administration program and Kim is in the Executive Doctor of Business*

On Saturday, May 23, the University of Alaska Fairbanks celebrated its 98th commencement with its first ever virtual ceremony.

Every year, our School of Management graduates achieve their goals through countless hours of hard work attending classes, studying, and completing homework and group projects to earn their diploma. This year's graduates faced unprecedented challenges as the spring semester was upended and all classes were moved to online delivery. As always, we are continually impressed by our students' strength, resilience, and adaptability as they weathered these storms and continued to succeed in their efforts.

We can't wait to see what's next for our SOM graduates and how they will positively impact their communities!

[Read more in the SOM blog](#)

On Friday, May 1, SOM honored our Beta Gamma Sigma inductees for 2020 with our first ever all-virtual BGS ceremony!

Beta Gamma Sigma is a national honor society recognizing the highest scholastic honor a student can achieve in business administration at an AACSB accredited institution. To be eligible for membership in this distinguished organization, a student must rank in the top of their class.

- Top 10 percent of the Junior class
- Top 10 percent of the Senior class
- Top 20 percent of MBA students

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Over the week of spring break in March 2020, nine UAF students traveled to the small community of Middletown, California to aid in wildfire disaster relief. This trip was organized through the Student Leadership and Involvement office's Alternative Spring Break program and led this year by SOM's SOLD student organization. As a team, we were tasked to help rebuild the home of Bernie and Darcy, which had been lost in the 2015 Valley Fire. We learned that the entirety of Lake County, where Middletown is located, was totally evacuated in the past five years. Because of the ASB program, we were able to help a wonderful community and have an incredible, life-changing experience over the course of our spring break.

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Gerald Montuya (left) takes a break from drywall work with ASB team members



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