

## Tips for University of Alaska Advocates

### T Y P S

While it's good to be aware of the University of Alaska budget, it's preferable to talk to legislators about what you know best.

If you're a student and you've had a professor who really made a difference in your educational path—share that story. Perhaps you're an alumnus whose time at UA led to a successful venture—talk about that. Maybe you're a business owner who regularly hires UA graduates—that's a great story to share.

If you live in a particular legislative district—speak to your representatives as a voter and constituent; tell them specific ways you'd like to see them support UA.

### Y L

Serving in public office is a tough and sometimes thankless job. No matter where on the political spectrum you find yourself, thank the legislators and staff with whom you meet—they are sacrificing time away from their families, businesses and jobs to serve Alaskans. If there is a bill, law or initiative you support, and you know the legislator has supported it, thank them specifically.

### UA' B R

Encourage policymakers to support UA's budget request, but if you don't know the answer to a particular question, be honest. Commit to finding an answer and follow-up with our Government Relations team ([weiler@ua.edu](mailto:weiler@ua.edu))