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Mary Rutherford to leave UA for development position at Boise State

Mary Rutherford, president of the University of Alaska Foundation and UA's chief development officer for the last nine years, announced her resignation effective July 31 to accept a development position at Boise State University.

Printed below is Rutherford's announcement, sent to all Statewide staff May 27:

Dear UA Friends and Colleagues,

I want to share with you that I've recently decided to resign from the position of president of the University of Alaska Foundation and chief development officer for the University of Alaska, effective July 31, 2011. I have decided to return to Idaho, where my family homesteaded, where I was born, and where my personal roots are deep.

It's been my honor to serve the University and the Foundation for the past nine years. I've enjoyed working with so many of you here at Statewide, as well as colleagues at each of our campuses.

I'm proud of the progress we've made toward building an awareness of philanthropy across the University of Alaska. Accomplishments I'm especially proud of include transforming the Foundation beyond serving as a bank while adopting best practices for the Foundation and university development. Centralizing advancement services into the Foundation was a huge leap, as was initiating our now very successful annual staff giving campaign!

It's been my honor and privilege to serve the University of Alaska; I wish you all the best.

Sincerely,

Mary K. Rutherford