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UA Foundation President to take position at Boise State; replacement and restructuring announced

The University of Alaska System's vice president for university relations is retiring after four decades of service. Her replacement is a longtime public relations professional who will serve as president of the non-profit University of Alaska Foundation in addition to assuming university relations duties.

University Relations Vice President Wendy Redman started at the university over 40 years ago as an administrative assistant in the Biology Department at the Fairbanks campus. She worked her way up through the organization and was named vice president in 1988.

"Being part of the university community has been a privilege. The work of the university is so important to Alaska and to the lives of our graduates," Redman said. "I feel very grateful to have been a part of this wonderful institution as it has matured and developed over the past four decades."

UA President Pat Gamble was highly complimentary of Redman's service. He singled out her exceptional leadership and her premier role in coordinating career and technical education between the university and state, as well as building private philanthropic support for the UA System.

"Students, faculty, staff and the State of Alaska have all benefited greatly from Wendy's leadership, her intelligence, her common sense and her direct style," he said. "I speak for the many hundreds who enjoyed working with her in wishing her a happy retirement."

Carla Beam

Carla Beam will serve as Redman's successor effective Aug. 1, Gamble announced. In addition to that, Beam also will serve as president of the UA Foundation, a position previously held by Associate Vice President Mary Rutherford, who is leaving to take a position at Boise State University. The restructuring elevates the foundation's chief executive officer to a higher level within the university framework—a formal recognition of the important role philanthropic support plays within the University of Alaska.

The UA Foundation is governed by its own Board of Trustees and is entrusted with the management of all private donations to all UA campuses, with \$320 million of assets under management. Beam's duties for the foundation will be to serve as day-to-day manager of the organization. As vice president for university relations at the system office, she'll oversee public affairs, government relations and the overall advancement of the university.

