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## Professional Memberships

American College of Sports Medicine  
American Physiological Society  
The Obesity Society  
Wilderness Medical Society

## Professional Education

1998-1999 Visiting Fellow in Physiology, Bispebjerg Hospital, Copenhagen, Denmark  
1995-1998 Postdoctoral Fellow in Physiology, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN  
1991-1995 Ph.D. in Exercise Science, University of Mississippi, University, MS  
1988-1989 M.Ed. in Physical Education, University of North Georgia, Dahlonega, GA  
1982-1986 B.S. in Physical Education, University of North Georgia, Dahlonega, GA

## Professional Experience

2018-present **Co-Owner**, Industria Imperium, Fairbanks, AK  
2018-present **Strategic Partner**, Direct Action Networks International, New York, NY  
2017-present **Ambassador**, Office of Intellectual Property and Commercialization, UAF  
2014-present **Consultant**, United States Air Force, Department of Defense, USA  
2014-present **Owner**, Last Frontier Physiology, LLC, Fairbanks, AK  
2013-present **Associate Professor (Tenured)**, Departments of Biology, Chemistry and Biochemistry, and Institute of Arctic Biology, University of Alaska Fairbanks, Fairbanks, AK  
2013-present **Co-Owner and Managing Partner**, Essential Blends, LLC, Fairbanks, AK  
2013-present **Adjunct Associate Professor**, Department of Geriatrics, College of Medicine, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, Little Rock, AR  
2013-2015 **Director**, Experimental Design, Biostatistics, and Data Services Core, Center for Alaska Native Health Research, UAF, Fairbanks, AK  
2007-2013 **Associate Professor (Tenured)**, Department of Geriatrics, College of Medicine, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, Little Rock, AR.  
2008-2009 **Consultant**, Healthspan Solutions, LLC, Little Rock, AR.  
2008-2010 **Research Health Scientist**, Veterans Healthcare System, Little Rock, AR.  
2004-2013 **Consultant**, Pfizer Global Research and Development, New London, CT.  
2001-2007 **Assistant Professor**, Department of Geriatrics, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, Little Rock, AR.  
1999-2001 **Assistant Professor**, Department of Exercise Science, University of Mississippi, University, MS.  
1999 **Visiting Fellow**, Sports Medicine Research Unit and Department of Clinical Physiology, Bispebjerg Hospital, Copenhagen, Denmark.

- 1995-1999 **Postdoctoral Fellow**, Department of Molecular Physiology and Biophysics, Vanderbilt University School of Medicine, Nashville, TN.
- 1995-1999 **Exercise Physiologist**, Methodist Hospitals of Memphis, Memphis, TN

### **Certifications and Awards**

- 2018 Fellow status, The Obesity Society, Silver Spring, MD
- 2018 Certificate – Hacking for Defense, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN
- 2018 Certificate – Lean LaunchPad, BMNT and UAF, Fairbanks, AK
- 2018 Distinguished Visiting Scholar Award, University of Montana, Missoula, MT
- 2016 Invent Alaska Award for Innovation in Research, UAF, Fairbanks, AK
- 2005 Clinical Research Success Award, UAMS, Little Rock, AR
- 2000 Faculty Research Award, University of Mississippi, University, MS
- 1999 Fellow status, American College of Sports Medicine, Indianapolis, IN
- 1998 Travel Award, American Diabetes Association, Arlington, VA
- 1999 Visiting Fellow Award, Bispebjerg Hospital, Copenhagen, Denmark
- 1997 Juvenile Diabetes Foundation Fellowship Award, New York, NY
- 1995 Graduate Honors Fellowship, University of Mississippi, University, MS
- 1994 Graduate Honors Award, University of Mississippi, University, MS

### **Service**

- 2019-present Regular Member (nominated and pending official approval), National Institutes of Health, National Institute of Diabetes, Digestive and Kidney Diseases - B
- 2019-present Reviewer, Ad Hoc, National Institutes of Health, Endocrinology, Metabolism, Nutrition and Reproductive Sciences, CSR Anonymization Study.
- 2019-present Search Committee, Faculty position, Department of Veterinary Medicine, UAF
- 2018-present Site Director, Accelerating Solutions for Commercialization and Entrepreneurial Development in the Mountain West IDeA states, UAF
- 2018-present Chair, Steering Committee, University of Washington Northwest Participant and Clinical Interactions Network, Seattle, WA
- 2018-present Reviewer, Ad Hoc, National Institutes of Health, Aging Systems and Geriatric Study Section
- 2018-present Reviewer, Invent Alaska, Office of Intellectual Property and Commercialization, UAF
- 2017-present Representative Assembly, United Academics
- 2017 Internal Advisory Committee, Ad Hoc, University of Nevada Las Vegas Clinical Translational Research Infrastructure Network
- 2017-present Reviewer, Institute of Translational Health Sciences-Research Scholars Program, University of Washington School of Medicine
- 2017-present Reviewer, Ad Hoc, National Institutes of Health, Diabetes, Endocrinology and Metabolic Diseases
- 2017-present Executive Committee Member, American College of Sports Medicine
- 2017-present Reviewer, Journal of Cachexia, Sarcopenia and Muscle
- 2016-2018 Representative, Program Review Faculty Committee, UAF
- 2016-present Reviewer, University of Utah-Washington University at Saint Louis Diabetes Research and Training Center; Collaborative Pilot and Feasibility Program
- 2016-present Reviewer, Ad Hoc, National Institutes of Health, Integrative Nutrition and Metabolic Processes Study Section
- 2016-present Member, United Academics AAUP/AFT Joint Health Care Committee
- 2016-2017 Chair, Graduate Admission Committee in Biomedical/Physiology, UAF
- 2016-present Reviewer, NIH: Clinical and Translational Science Awards
- 2016 Reviewer, Center for the Advancement of Science in Space, “Organs on Chips”

2016 Chair of Organizing Committee, Northwest and Alaska ACSM annual meeting  
 2016-present Reviewer, PLoS One, Diabetologia  
 2016 Moderator and Chair, Alaska High School Science Symposium  
 2015-2016 President, American College of Sports Medicine, Alaska Chapter  
 2015-present Reviewer, Limited Submissions Committee, UAF  
 2015 Organizer, SBIR/STTR Inventors Forum and Workshop, TREND, UAF  
 2014-present Member, Steering Committee, Institute of Translational Health Sciences, University of Washington School of Medicine, Seattle, WA  
 2014 Search Committee, Faculty position, Department of Veterinary Medicine, UAF  
 2014-2015 Session Judge, Alaska High School Science Symposium  
 2013-2014 President Elect, American College of Sports Medicine, Alaska Chapter  
 2013-2015 Director, Life Science Seminar Series, Institute of Arctic Biology, UAF  
 2013-present Reviewer, Clinical Nutrition; Nutrition, Metabolism and Cardiovascular Diseases; Diabetes Research and Clinical Practice; Experimental Gerontology; Neuroscience Letters  
 2012-present Reviewer, Veterans Administration Merit Review Program  
 2011-present Reviewer, American Journal of Physiology- Regulatory, Integrative and Comparative Physiology; Journal of Gerontology: Medical and Biological Sciences; Journal of Nutrition, Health and Aging  
 2009-2012 Scientific Advisory Committee, TRI, UAMS, Little Rock, AR  
 2009-present Reviewer, NIH-NIDDK, Bethesda, MD  
 2009-present Reviewer, Diabetes Care; Journal of Physical Activity and Health  
 2009-present Reviewer, American Heart Association, National and Affiliate  
 2009-present Reviewer, Physician and Sportsmedicine, Am J Physiology  
 2007-2009 Voting Member, Veterans Administration Institutional Review Board  
 2007-2016 Editorial Board, Journal of Applied Physiology  
 2003-2005 Voting Member, Institutional Review Board, UAMS, Little Rock, AR  
 2002-2007 Voting Member, VA Research and Development Committee, Little Rock, AR  
 2004-present Reviewer, Can J Physiology. Medicine and Science in Sports and Exercise  
 1999-present Reviewer, Metabolism; American J Physiology; Journal of Applied Physiology

### **Provisional Patents**

1. Nutritional formulation to ameliorate the metabolic consequences of excessive alcohol consumption, Inventors: Robert Harold Coker III, PhD, Robert Reese Wolfe, PhD, October, 2018.
2. Weight management for ideal body composition and functional capacity, Inventors: Robert Harold Coker III, PhD, Robert Reese Wolfe, PhD, September, 2018.

### **Book Chapters**

1. **Coker RH**, Miller S, Schutzler SE, Deutz NEP, Wolfe RR, Clinical Nutrition and Aging: Part II: Protein and Exercise, CRC Press: Boca Raton, FL, USA, Apple Academic Press: Oakville, ON, Canada, 2016.

### **Manuscripts**

#### ***In preparation***

1. Leonard K, Campbell, C, Flora L, Keshel T, **Coker RH**, SkiKu program: impact on physical activity and sleep quality in Alaska Native children. Med Sci Sports Exerc 2019.

2. Campbell C, Bogren L, Drew K, **Coker RH**, Determination of metabolic pathways in response to cycling versus vinyasa yoga, *Int J Circumpolar Health* 2019.
3. Coker MS, Ladd KR, Williams RH, Wolfe RR, Deutz NE, **Coker RH**. Feeding induced changes in protein turnover: free range reindeer and commercial beef, *Clinical Nutrition* 2019.
4. Coker MS, Bartlett L Corbett J, Shriver TC, Schoeller DA, Ruby BC, **Coker RH**. Sex-specific alterations in metabolic biomarkers during backcountry hunting in Alaska, *J Appl Physiol* 2019.
5. Ladd KR, Coker MS, Clark F, Murphy CJ, Wolfe RR, **Coker RH**. Essential amino acid enriched nutritional supplement promotes reductions in intrahepatic lipid in individuals with alcohol use disorder, *Clinical Nutrition* 2019.

### ***Published***

1. Gnaiger E, (Corresponding Author), **Coker RH** (Supporting Co-Author), Mitochondrial respiratory states and rates, *Mitofit Archives* 2019 February 02. doi.10.26124/mitofit:19001
2. **Coker RH**, Johannsen MM, Galvin G, Murphy CJ, Ruby BC. Wildland firefighting: adverse influence on indices of metabolic and cardiovascular health, *J Occup Environ Med*, 2019 Jan 7 61(3). doi.org/10.1097.JOM.0000000000001535.
3. **Coker RH**, Shin K, Scholten K, Johannsen MM, Kim I-Y, Schutzler SE, Tsigonis J, Wolfe RR. Essential amino acid-enriched meal replacement promotes superior net protein balance in older, overweight adults, *Clinical Nutrition* 2018 Dec 19. doi.org/10.1016/j.clnu.2018.12.013.
4. Schalt A, Johannsen, MM, Kim J, Chen R, Coker MS, Gunga H-C, **Coker RH**, Steinach M. Negative energy balance does not alter fat free mass during the Yukon Arctic Ultra – the longest and the coldest ultramarathon. *Front Physiol* 2018 Dec 21 9:1761. doi 10.3389/fphys.2018.01761.
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6. Johannsen MM, Shin K, Priebe K, **Coker RH**, Alaska Mountain Wilderness Ski Classic: alterations in energy expenditure and body composition, *Wilderness Environ Med* 29(2): 221-225 2018 Jun. doi: 10.1016/j.wem.2018 02 005.
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8. Rundfeldt LC, Maggioni MA, **Coker RH**, Gunga H-C, Riveros-Rivera A, Schalt A, Steinach M. Cardiac autonomic modulations and psychological correlates in the Yukon Arctic Ultra: the longest and coldest ultramarathon. *Front Physiol* 2018 Feb 12. doi: 10.3389/fphys.2018.00035
9. **Coker RH**, Wolfe RR, Weight loss strategies in the elderly: a clinical conundrum, *Obesity* (Silver Spring), Editor's Choice, 2018 Jan; 26(1): 22-28. doi: 10.1002/oby.21961

10. **Coker RH**, Robinette L, Kern PA, Minimal alteration in muscle lipid genes following stabilized weight loss, *Appl Physiol Nutr Metab* 2017 Aug 4: 1-6. doi: 10.1139/apnm-2017-0098.
11. Kim I-Y, Wolfe RR, Azhar G, Ferrando, AA, **Coker RH**, Short term elevation in dietary protein intake does not worsen insulin resistance in older adults with metabolic syndrome, *BMC Nutrition* 2017; 3. pii 33. doi. 0.1186/s40795-017-0152-4.
12. Baldwin L-M, Laukes C, Doyle MM, Reedy A, Mollis BL, Albritton SA, **Coker RH**, Ramsey B, The Regional Clinical Research Centers Network: Increasing patient access to clinical and health services research across the northwestern US, *J Clin Trans Sci* 2017 Apr; 1(2): 94-100. doi: 10.1017/cs2016.18.
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14. **Coker RH**, Weaver A, Coker MS, Murphy C, Gunga HC, Steinach M, Metabolic responses to the Yukon Arctic Ultra: longest and coldest ultramarathon in the world, *Med Sci Sports Exerc* 2017 Feb; 49(2):357-362, doi 10.1249/MSS.1095.
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#### **First or Senior Author Abstracts**

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2. **Coker RH**, et al., The Caloric Costs and Metabolic Benefits of Wilderness Hunting in Alaska, American College of Sports Medicine, Minneapolis, MN, 2018.
3. Johannsen MM, et al., Seasonal Changes in Body Composition and Blood Lipids in Wildland Firefighters, American College of Sports Medicine, Minneapolis, MN, 2018.
4. Johannsen MM, et al., The Potential Influence of Follistatin and Myostatin on Body Composition during the Yukon Arctic Ultra, Experimental Biology, San Diego, CA, 2018.
5. Kim J, et al., Ultra-endurance Exercise in the Cold: Influence on Serum Myostatin and Body Composition, Society for the Advancement of Chicanos/Hispanics and Native Americans in Science, The National Diversity in STEM Conference, Salt Lake City, UT, 2017.
6. Shin, K, et al., Nutrient Formulation and Liver Health, University of Alaska Biomedical Research Conference, Fairbanks, AK, 2017.
7. Crawford et al., Fasting Status of Stellar Sea Lion Pups as an Index of Potential Nutritional Stress in Decreasing and Increasing Populations, Halifax, Nova Scotia, CA, 2017.
8. Johannsen M, et al., Differences in Energy Expenditure Between Genders in Ultra-Endurance Nordic Skiing, American College of Sports Medicine Meeting, Denver, CO, Med Sci Sports Exerc. 49(5S), 580, 2017.
9. Campbell C, et al., Determination of Metabolic Pathways in Response to Cycling Versus Vinyasa Yoga, American College of Sports Medicine Meeting, Denver, CO, Med Sci Sports Exerc. 49(5S), 580 2017.

10. Shin K, et al., Alaska Mountain Wilderness Ski Classic: Alterations in Body Composition, Northwest Regional Chapter of the American College of Sports Medicine, Bend, OR, International Journal of Exercise Science, Conference Proceedings, 8(5), 10, 2017.
11. Crawford SG et al., Using Fasting Status to Evaluate the Nutritional Stress Hypothesis in Steller Sea Lion Pups, The Wildlife Society Annual Conference, Raleigh, NC, 2016.
12. Baker L et al., Clinical Research Nursing: Embodying Team Science for Participant-Focus Care, International Association of Clinical Research Nurses, Lake Buena Vista, FL, 2016.
13. Weaver AN, et al., Serum Myokine Levels during the 430 Mile Yukon Arctic Ultra, American College of Sports Medicine Meeting, Boston, MA, Med Sci Sports Exerc. 48(5 Suppl 1):565. 2016.
14. Flora L, et al., The Importance of SkiKu on Physical Activity and Sleep Efficiency in Alaska Native Youth, American College of Sports Medicine Meeting, Boston, MA, Med Sci Sports Exerc. 48(5 Suppl 1):959-60, 2016.
15. Leonard K, et al., SkiKu and Physical Activity in Alaska Native Youth, Northwest/Alaska Regional American College of Sports Medicine Meeting, Tacoma, WA, International Journal of Exercise Science, Conference Proceedings, 8(4), 2016.
16. Wing H, et al., SkiKu and Sleep Quality in Alaska Native Youth, Northwest/Alaska Regional American College of Sports Medicine Meeting, Tacoma, WA, International Journal of Exercise Science, Conference Proceedings, 8(4), 2016.
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18. Weaver A, et al., Serum Irisin and Meteorin during the Yukon Arctic Ultra, NIH IDeA Conference, Couer d'Alene, ID, 2015.
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20. Keshel T, et al., The NANANordic ski program and sleep quality in Alaska Native children, Arctic Science Conference, Fairbanks, AK, 2014.
21. **Coker RH, et al.**, Molecular markers of mitochondrial metabolism are not affected by the chronic influence of caloric restriction- or exercise-induced weight loss, Integrative Physiology of Exercise, Miami, FL, 2014.
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23. **Coker RH, et al.**, Essential amino acids and phytosterols promote improvements in metabolic risk factors in individuals with mild hyperlipidemia, Agricultural Circumpolar Conference, University of the Arctic, Girdwood, AK, 2013.

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26. **Coker RH, et al.**, Exercise training with and without weight loss: effects on hepatic and peripheral insulin sensitivity, *American Diabetes Association*, Chicago, IL *Diabetes*, 56(1) Suppl., 2007.
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36. **Coker RH, et al.**, Direct hepatic adrenergic stimulation does not mediate the exercise-induced increment in endogenous glucose production during moderate exercise in poorly-controlled diabetes, *American Diabetes Association*, San Diego, CA, *Diabetes* 48(1) Suppl., 0061, 1999.

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### **Grants in Review**

National Institutes of Health; National Institute of General Medical Sciences P20 *Mammalian Hibernation Research- A Path Towards a Center for Transformative Research in Metabolism* (PI: Drew); Scored as a 34 on the first submission; resubmitted 01/24/19 *Nutrient Strategies for Muscle Preservation in the Elderly* (Project Leader: Coker)  
The purpose of the proposed study is to determine the importance of essential amino acids in improvement of muscle and metabolic health during weight loss in older, obese adults.

Department of Defense, Strategic Environmental Research and Development Program *Population Consequences of Multiple Stressors, or PCoMS, framework for investigating responses of an endangered marine mammal* (PI: Rea; Co-I: Coker)  
The objective of this study is to utilize integrative marine mammal health-based modeling system within a Population Consequences of Multiple Stressors or PCoMS framework to advance knowledge of adverse effects of multiple environmental stressors.

OIPC Office of Naval Research Seed Fund *Advanced Protocepting of MyoEon using Microencapsulation* (PI: Coker)  
The primary objective of this proposal is to utilize new advances in food science to improve palatability and stability that can be used with our proprietary meal replacement.

Department of Defense - United States Army Medical Research and Materiel Command *Sex Differences in Occupational Resilience: Measurement of Integrated Protein Turnover and Alterations in Skeletal Muscle during Arduous Field Operations* (PI: Coker)  
The objective of this study is to investigate potential differences in protein metabolism and muscle health during conditions of operational stress in the female and male warfighter.

## **Active Grants**

National Science Foundation

*Innovation Corps Site* (PI: Holdman and Billingsley)(Co-I: Coker)

The initiative at UAF will now become an important part of a national innovation ecosystem that translates basic and applied research to the development of technologies, products and processes that will benefit society.

Pristine Ventures, LLC

*Nutrient Management and Physiological Stress* (PI: Coker)

The objective of this five-year, unrestricted private grant is to explore innovative opportunities related to nutrient delivery during physical and environmental stress in humans.

OIPC Office of Naval Research Seed Fund (PI: Holdman; Project Director: Coker)

*Entrepreneurship for National Security/Hacking for Defense* course to support Teaching Assistantships for Graduate students.

National Institutes of Health - National Institute of General Medical Sciences

*Accelerating Solutions for Commercialization and Entrepreneurial Development in Mountain West IDeA states* (PI: Holdman, Coker: Site Director)

National Institutes of Health; National Institute of General Medical Sciences

I-Trep Internship at Direct Action Networks, International in New York City, NY

*Biometrics and Nutrient Management in the Arctic Warfighter* (PI: Coker)

This project is focused on the utilization of a multidisciplinary approach that will ultimately improve warfighter resilience in the extreme cold.

National Institutes of Health; National Institute of Aging Small Business Technology Transfer Phase II Grant (R42AG050375)

(PI: Wolfe; Managing Partner: Coker)

*Nutritional Therapy in Elderly Individuals with Heart Failure*

This project will evaluate the influence of an amino acid formulation called UpBeat that is designed promote physical function and quality of life in older individuals with heart failure.

United States Forest Service; National Technology and Development Center

*Metabolic Resilience in Wildland Firefighters* (PI Coker)

The objective of this study is to evaluate pre- and post-fire season changes in body composition (lean mass, fat mass, and bone mineral density), tissue lipid and metabolic health in Alaskan local and hot-shot wildland firefighters.

## **Equipment Grants**

Office of the Provost- University of Alaska Fairbanks

*Instructional Equipment Award* (PI Coker)

This equipment award provided our faculty with a Parvomedics Indirect Calorimetry System that is specifically designed to measure respiratory gas exchange and energy expenditures in real time. It will be used in conjunction with BIOL 412/612 and BIOL 393 as well as incorporated into the aims of current research initiatives.

National Institutes of Health: Diversity Program Consortium  
*BLaST Equipment Grant* (PI Coker)

The current grant provides an electronically braked cycle ergometer than be used in conjunction with the Parvomeds Indirect Calorimetry System indirect calorimetry system. These devices and/or pieces of instrumentation will be used in the BIOL 412/612 and BIOL 393.

### **Conference Grants**

TREND and Alaska EPSCoR

*Enhancing Economic Development and SBIR/STTR Performance* (PI Coker)

The purpose of this grant is to establish an Economic and Biotechnology Development Board in Alaska and to offer a workshop on preparing competitive SBIR and STTR proposals. Six SBIR proposals were submitted to various agencies from UAF, and USDA SBIR was funded. Held in the International Arctic Research Center at the University of Alaska Fairbanks.

Alaska Chapter of American College of Sports Medicine

*Enhancing Physical Activity and Nutrition in the Teenage and Adult* (PI Coker)

The purpose of this regional conference was focused on leveraging and planning partnerships to improve physical activity in youth that translate into adulthood. Held at the University of Alaska Anchorage

### **Grants Reviewed but not Funded**

American Kennel Club Canine Health Foundation Acorn Application

*Validation of body condition scoring systems in elite canine athletes using dual-energy x-ray absorptiometry and total body water analysis* (PI: Hansen; Co-I: Coker)

This study proposes a comprehensive assessment of body condition and composition and will compare body condition scoring system with imaging and isotopic derived data in sled dogs.

Federal Emergency Management Association

*Optimizing pre-season preparedness of wildland firefighters: mitigation strategies to reduce musculoskeletal and heat related injury risk.* (PI: Ruby, Subaward PI: Coker)

The purpose of this project series is to identify individuals who are at greater risk for injuries, determine job specific fitness, and characterize musculoskeletal changes in wildland firefighters

University of Alaska, Faculty Initiative Fund

*Lean-Launchpad for Alaska* (Co-PIs: Coker and Webley)

The objective of this proposal is to develop courses on entrepreneurship and commercialization. One course will be implemented into the MBA program and focused on "Hacking for Defense" directives. A summer sessions course will also be focused on five sectors identified by the Alaska Department of Commerce: Marine, Energy, Aviation, Outdoor and Food Manufacturing.

University of Alaska, Enrollment, Retention and Graduation Rate Initiative

*Increasing Student Success through the Lean LaunchPad Program* (Co-PIs: Coker and Webley)

This proposal was focused on addressing the need for diversification of the Alaskan economy.

National Institutes of Health R21; National Institute of Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism

*Nutritional Therapy for Alcohol Use Disorder.* (PI Coker)

The focus of this proposal is directed towards the evaluation of a nutritional therapy specifically designed to decrease hepatic steatosis, maintain lean body mass, and improve physical function in individuals with alcohol use disorder.

National Aeronautics and Space Administration  
IOS Physiological Mechanisms and Biomechanics

*Metabolic Suppression in a Large Hibernator* (Toien, O: PI) (Co-I Coker)

This proposal is focused on broadening our understanding of the long-term metabolic flexibility in hibernating bears. We proposed to study the influence of hibernation on mitochondrial respiration and energy demand, and the link between risk factors related to metabolic disease.

National Institutes of Health; Alaska INBRE

*Nutritional Formulation for Alcohol Rehabilitation* (PI Coker)

The objective of this proposal was to evaluate the effectiveness of proprietary nutritional therapy on hepatic steatosis individuals with mild to moderate alcohol use disorder. This proposal received a 1.8/10 merit score from the expert external reviewers but was ultimately not funded.

National Science Foundation

*RII Track 2 FEC: Advancing Neurotechnology and Research Infrastructure in Alaska and Kansas through Research, Education and Commercialization of Devices for Real-Time Monitoring* (PI Drew; Co-I Coker).

The long-term goal of this proposal is focused on the development of a new generation of separation-based sensors for monitoring intercellular signaling.

National Institutes of Health; National Institute on Aging Multi-Site R01 (PI Coker)

*Functional Benefits of Weight Loss in the Elderly*

This study is designed to evaluate the influence of weight loss on functional outcomes and quality of life in the elderly when skeletal muscle is preserved. Headquartered in Alaska, we received special permission to exceed the NIH cap on this proposal, and it involved 7 academic institutions across the United States.

National Institutes of Health; National Institute of Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA)  
R21 (PI Coker)

*Therapeutic Nutrition for Alcohol Rehabilitation*

This proposal was written to support a NIH R21 application directed at the preservation of muscle mass, reduction of hepatic steatosis and normalization of plasma concentrations of the precursors of important neurotransmitters in individuals recovering from alcohol use disorder.

National Institutes of Health (NIA) R15 (PI Coker)

*Muscle Preservation during Weight Loss in Older, Overweight Individuals*

This proposal was focused on providing clinical research opportunities to undergraduate and graduate students in the field of sarcopenic obesity.

National Institutes of Health

National Institutes of Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA) R43 (LCI Coker)

*Nutritional Formulation for Alcohol Rehabilitation*

This objective of this study was focused on the influence of a patent protected nutritional formulation on muscle protein synthesis in individuals recovering from alcohol use disorder. This proposal received an "intent to fund" but was ultimately not awarded this round.

National Institutes of Health FAST TRACK (LCI Coker) First and Second Submission

*Muscle Preservation during Weight Loss in Older, Overweight Individuals* (PI Coker RH)

Based on previous successful experience in the field, these submissions were focused on an aggressive combination of clinical research and commercialization. These proposals were well-received but suggested more preliminary data to support our assertions.

National Institutes of Health NIAAA Phase I First submission  
*A Nutritional Formulation for Alcohol Rehabilitation* (PI Coker)

This proposal was focused on a unique subset of the population that are largely underserved with respect to nutritional therapy. While it received a favorable score and an official “intent to fund” by NIH, it was ultimately not funded as an NIH SBIR.

National Science Foundation RII Track – 2 FEC: Advancing Neurotechnology and Research  
*Infrastructure in Alaska and Kansas through Research, Education and Commercialization of Devices for Real-Time Monitoring* (PI Drew) (Co-I Coker)

The focus of this proposal was directed at the generation of separation-based sensors for monitoring intercellular signaling. It was our assertion that the generation of these unique sensors would overcome the limitations associated with current microdialysis technology.

National Science Foundation *Alaska Science, Technology, and Economic Development Center; Healthy Botanicals and Nutrition* (Kuhn, T: PI) (Co-I: Coker)

The primary purpose of this proposal was to promote rigorous academic training and ignite economic development through enhancements in translational capacity. While this singular proposal was not funded, it did help promote many entrepreneurial initiatives at UAF, including the recent TREND supported seminars which led to multiple NIH SBIR submissions.

### **Grants Awarded but Returned or Transferred**

National Institutes of Health  
Small Business Innovations in Research (Phase II)  
*Anabolic Countermeasures against Sarcopenic Obesity* (PI Coker)

The aim of this award was to further investigate the long-term therapeutic efficacy of a meal replacement rich in essential amino acids in the treatment of sarcopenic obesity. Moreover, this included a methods-based commercialization of the product into the private sector.

National Institutes of Health  
Small Business Innovations in Research (Phase I)  
*Nutritional Countermeasures against Sarcopenic Obesity* (PI Coker)

The specific aim of this award was to determine the efficacy of a unique formulation of essential amino acids in protecting against the loss of lean mass during caloric restriction-induced weight loss in the obese elderly population.

American Heart Association; Heartland Affiliate  
BGA 03653552  
*Influence of Caloric Restriction and Exercise Training on Metabolic Syndrome* (PI Coker)  
This proposal was funded on the first submission but was returned upon receipt of the SDA award from the American Heart Association

### **Previous Grants**

BUILD-funded Biomedical Learning and Student Training (BLaST) Curriculum Development Grant; *Exercise Physiology Laboratory Topics* (PI Coker)  
The objective of this award is focused on providing students with “hands-on” experience in the use of indirect calorimetry systems and dual x-ray absorptiometry scanners as part of BIOL 412.

IDeA Network of Biomedical Research Excellence: Alaska (INBRE) Curriculum Development Project *Exercise Physiology Laboratory Course* (339943-60212 - FIN016) (PI Coker)  
The goal of the project is to develop laboratory experiences linked to the measurement of mitochondrial function and tissue lipid in humans.

BLaST 2016 Faculty Pilot Project

*Influence of SkiKu on Resilience in Alaska Native Youth* (PI Coker)

This proposal utilizes the measurement of physical activity (using state-of-the-art Actigraph technology) and the assessment of behavioral health (in Alaska Native youth).

National Institutes of Health

National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases Small Business Innovations in Research (R43 AG051298-01) (PI: Wolfe; LCI and Managing Partner: Coker); This was the first NIH R43 with a subcontract to UAF, and now eligible for a R44 grant.

*Muscle Preservation during Weight Loss in Older, Overweight Individuals*

This study will evaluate the impact of a meal replacement on the loss of adipose tissue and the preservation of muscle during caloric restriction-induced weight loss in older, obese individuals.

National Institutes of Health

National Institute of Aging Small Business Technology Transfer Phase I Grant (R41AG050375) (PI: Wolfe; Managing Partner: Coker)

*Nutritional Therapy in Elderly with Heart Failure*

This project will develop a nutritional beverage to improve physical function in elderly individuals with heart failure. The Phase I project will formulate the beverage and perform the necessary studies to prepare for a Phase II randomized clinical trial related to this initiative.

Alaska TREND: Enhancing Economic Development and SBIR/STTR Performance (Co-PIs: Drew K and Coker RH)

The purpose of this request is to support a 2-stage workshop to inform and guide PI's through strategic planning for and preparation of SBIR phase I proposals.

Alaska Phase 0 TREND: The Technology Research and Development Center of Alaska (PI: Coker)

This grant was awarded to support the submission of a Phase II SBIR application focused on the clinical development and commercialization of an experimental meal replacement (EMR). Two grant proposals were submitted in the fall of 2016, received comments from the review committees and will be resubmitted in the fall of 2017 in conjunction with patent revisions.

NIH 1P30AG028718-01A2

*Arkansas Claude Pepper Older Americans Independence Center*

(Program Director: Wei, JY); Resource Core 2 (RC2) (Co-Leader: Coker)

Goals: This RC2 (*Nutrition, Metabolism and Physiology Core*) provided many key resources including body composition analysis, standardized testing for metabolic function, a dietician and a metabolic kitchen.

National Institutes of Health

National Institute of General Medical Sciences; Clinical Translational Research Infrastructure Network Grant G10288

*Nutritional Formulation for Alcohol Rehabilitation* (PI Coker)

This objective of this study will be focused on the influence of a patent protected nutritional formulation on muscle protein synthesis in individuals recovering from alcohol use disorder.

National Dairy Association

*Macronutrients and Metabolic Syndrome* (Co-PI's Ferrando and Coker)

The purpose of this project was to determine the influence of dairy products in the prevention of metabolic syndrome.

National Institutes of Health, R01 DK034817

*Substrate Cycling in Energy Metabolism* (PI Wolfe) (Co-I Coker)

The goal of this study was to investigate the relationship between free fatty acid delivery to the liver and very low-density lipoprotein triglyceride production and secretion.

NIH 1RC2GM092277 National Institutes of Health

*Stable Isotope Analytical Core for Studies in Human Metabolism* (PI Wolfe) (Co-I Coker)

The primary purpose of this grant was to provide core laboratory offering routine and specialized sample analysis and assistance in methods development and training in use of stable isotopes in human metabolic studies.

Clinical Merit Review; (PI Coker)

Veterans Administration

*Weight Loss and Insulin Action*

The specific aim of this award was to elucidate the degree of weight loss necessary to reduce adipocyte inflammation and normalize insulin resistance in obese adults.

National Institutes of Health; National Institute on Aging P01 AG023591-01

*Bedrest and Aging, Evans* (Program Director)

*Insulin Resistance and Carbohydrate Metabolism*; Coker RH (Project Leader)

The major goal of this project was to examine the influence of bedrest on insulin action in the elderly and provide clinically useful strategies to prevent its deleterious influence.

National Institutes of Health; National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases  
K01 DK 64716-01 (PI Coker)

*Therapeutic Adaptation of Insulin Action*

The goal of this grant was to determine the separate influence of weight loss from exercise training on hepatic and peripheral insulin action in obese persons.

American Heart Association

*Influence of Caloric Restriction and Exercise Training on the Pathogenesis of Metabolic Syndrome* (PI: Coker)

The primary goal of this grant was to determine the influence of caloric restriction vs. exercise training on insulin action in persons with impaired glucose tolerance.

National Institutes of Health; National Institute on Aging

R01 AG 19346-01; (PI: Evans) (Co-I Coker)

*Influence of Physical Activity on Insulin Resistance in the Elderly*

This grant was to determine the impact of exercise intensity on glucose metabolism.

Juvenile Diabetes Foundation, International

JDFI 397014; (PI: Coker)

*Role of Adrenergic Drive in Regulation of Carbohydrate Metabolism during Exercise in Health and Diabetes*

The goal of this grant in combination with R01 DK50277 was to determine the role of adrenergic stimulation in carbohydrate metabolism during exercise in health and disease.

## **Television Interviews**

1. Health Report: UAF dietary study, interviewed by Katie Luper, aired on April 03, 2018.

## **Podcast Interviews**

1. On The Line with Drs. Charlie Palmer and Brent Ruby, Seasonal alterations in metabolic risk factors in Alaska Wildland Firefighters, <http://ontheline.libsyn.com/seasonal-alterations>, May 03, 2018.

## **Radio Interviews**

1. Nutrition and Aging, interviewed by Charlie O'Toole for iHeart Radio, 2016.
2. Physical Activity for Elderly Individuals, interviewed by Charlie O'Toole for iHeart Radio, 2015.

## **Web-based or Media Articles on Published Research**

1. Adaptations and Energy Requirements of Backcountry Hunting, Safari Club International, Anchorage, Alaska, Feb 25, 2019, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0aE0799LY8o&t=577s>
2. Health Benefits of Backcountry Hunting in Alaska: The Scientific Evidence, Hunt Alaska, pgs 34-39, Spring 2019.
3. Eastman's E-Newsletter, Alaska Wilderness Hunt and Health Study, January 2019.
4. The Northern Herds: Beyond the Grid, Eastman's Hunting Journals, [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=74LO9g8\\_VH4&t=428s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=74LO9g8_VH4&t=428s), December 25, 2018.
5. Calorie Counts, Hunt Alaska magazine, <https://www.huntalaskamagazine.com/calorie-counts-backcountry-health-study-pinpoints-caloric-demands-on-arduous-river-hunts/>. Spring 2019.
6. Why humans are optimized for endurance running, not speed, The Guardian, <https://www.theguardian.com/science/blog/2018/mar/14/why-humans-are-optimised-for-endurance-running-not-speed>, March 14, 2018.
7. Why people are swimming in freezing water, TIME magazine, <http://time.com/5159851/why-people-are-swimming-in-freezing-water/?iid=sr-link1>, February 15, 2018.
8. UAF Office of Intellectual Property and Commercialization, Nanook Innovations, Innovation Spotlight September 2017, Dr. Robert Coker. <http://www.uaf.edu/oipc/publications/Nanook-Innovation-News-September-2017.png>
9. A continued study: The Yukon Arctic Ultra 2017, August 2017. <http://charite-in-space.de/8399-2/>
10. Skiku: Program introduces village children to Nordic skiing, Alaska Magazine, October, 2016.

11. The Science of Play, The Montana Institute, <http://www.montanainstitute.com/blog/2016/3/16/u7x5o7frsyfb5uovbtp94d3ruksk1b>, 2016.

12. Science of play at heart of healthier, happier humans, written by Marie Thoms. <http://www.publicnow.com/view/C67F9737C77635C426F80C9DAA644DDF58DD929D?7559xx1455573733>, 2016.

13. Accelerating Innovation in Alaska, Protecting and developing new opportunities, written by Adam Krynicki, <http://www.akbizmag.com/Alaska-Business-Monthly/November-2014/Accelerating-Innovation-in-Alaska/>, Alaska Business Monthly, October 30, 2014.

14. Whey protein, amino acids may boost fat loss, Written by Kathleen Doheny and reviewed by Laura J. Martin, MD. <http://www.webmd.com/diet/news/20121212/whey-amino-acids-fat-loss>.

### **Invited Presentations**

1. "Cracking the Code of Physiological Resilience", One Health Seminar Series, University of Alaska Fairbanks, Fairbanks, AK, February 4, 2019. [https://media.uaf.edu/media/t/0\\_8tf3tqIO](https://media.uaf.edu/media/t/0_8tf3tqIO)

2. "Hunt for Health", Safari Club International, Anchorage, AK, 2019.

3. "Innovation and Technology Transfer in Alaska", University of Alaska Fairbanks, Fairbanks, AK, November 2018.

4. "Epigenetics of Physical Activity", Society of Health and Physical Educators Alaska, Anchorage, AK, October 2018.

5. "Paleo Nutrition", Society of Health and Physical Educators Alaska, Anchorage, AK, October 2018.

6. "The Influence of Wildland Fire Operations on Metabolic Health", Alaska Interagency Fire Coordinating Group, October 2018.

7. "Clinical Trials in the Mountain West", University of Montana, Missoula, MT, October 2018.

8. "Appalachia to Alaska: Permutations in Metabolic Stress", Distinguished Visiting Scholar Award and Seminar Series, Department of Health and Human Performance, University of Montana, Missoula, MT, May 2018.

9. "Challenges of Physical Activity Programs in Alaska", Positive Leadership for Active Alaskan Youth, Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium, Anchorage, AK, April 2018.

10. "Activity and Resilience in Alaska Native Youth", Positive Leadership for Active Alaskan Youth, Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium, Anchorage, AK, April 2018.

11. "How are Northwest Participant Clinical Interaction Sites integrating Research and Healthcare?", Institute of Translational Health Sciences. University of Washington, Seattle, WA, April 2018.

12. "Cold Exposure and Physiological Resilience", Arctic Survival School, Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska, 2017.

13. "Therapeutic Nutrition for Alcohol Rehabilitation", University of Nevada Las Vegas Annual Clinical Translational – Infrastructure Network meeting, Las Vegas, NV, 2016.
14. "Human Survival and Performance in the Extreme Environments of North America", Northwest/Alaska Regional Chapter Meeting of the American College of Sports Medicine, Tacoma, WA, 2016.
15. "The Efficacy of Physical Activity Programs for Alaska Native Children Living in the Remote Arctic", Positive Leadership for Active Alaskan Youth, Anchorage, AK, 2016.
16. "The Challenge of Human Movement: How and Why?", BLaST One Health Seminar Series, University of Alaska Fairbanks, Fairbanks, AK, 2015.
17. "Health and Longevity in the Last Frontier", Healthy Living Series, Fairbanks Memorial Hospital and the University of Alaska Fairbanks, 2014.
18. "Nutraceuticals in Alaska", Fairbanks Economic Development Corporation, Carlson Center, 2014.
19. "Muscle Preservation in the Elderly", Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute, Multi-Care Health System, Tacoma, WA, 2014.
20. "Anabolic Efficiency, Why does it matter?", Life Science Seminar Series, Institute of Arctic Biology, University of Alaska Fairbanks. 2014.
21. "Clinical Research and Technology Transfer in the Mountain West", Institute of Translational Health Sciences, University of Washington, Seattle, WA, 2014.
22. "Nutraceuticals and Metabolic Health", Inventors Forum sponsored by the Office of Intellectual Property and Commercialization, University of Alaska Fairbanks, 2014.
23. "Aging, Exercise and Disease Prevention", Public Lecture Series, Undergraduate Research and Scholarly Activity, University of Alaska Fairbanks, 2013.
24. "Interaction between Diet and Disease in Alaska Natives", Banner Health: Tanana Valley Clinic, Fairbanks, AK, 2013.
25. "Anabolic Efficiency and Muscle Preservation in Older Individuals", Alaska Interior Medical Education Summit, Murie Building, University of Alaska – Fairbanks, Fairbanks, AK, 2013.
26. "Therapeutic Efficacy of Exercise-Induced Weight on Systemic Insulin Resistance in Obesity", University of Alaska Fairbanks, 2012.
27. "Nutritional Countermeasures against Metabolic Disease" Claude Pepper Older Americans Independence Center-Sponsored Seminar, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, 2012.
28. "Influence of Activity and Nutrient Availability on Fat, Muscle and Insulin Resistance: A Multi-Faceted Approach", Georgia Southern University, 2011.
29. "Modulation of Hepatic and Peripheral Insulin Sensitivity through Diet and Activity", Department of Kinesiology, Auburn University, 2010.

30. The Impact of Lifestyle Interventions of the Etiology of Insulin Resistance in Obesity, Grand Rounds, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, Little Rock, AR, 2008.
31. "Lifestyle Interventions and Insulin Resistance", Department of Nutritional Sciences, Invited Seminar, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY, 2009.
32. "Exercise and Weight Loss", Dean's Research Forum, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, Little Rock, AR, 2008.
33. "Exercise, Obesity, and Diabetes", Best Practices in the Continuum of Care: Management of Diabetes in Older Adults, Department of Veterans Affairs, Central Arkansas Veterans Healthcare System, Little Rock, AR 2007.
34. "Caloric Restriction versus Exercise Training: Effects on Hepatic and Peripheral Insulin Resistance", REAP Seminar on lipotoxicity and metabolic syndrome (Research Enhancement Award Program), UAMS, Little Rock, AR, 2007.
35. "Influence of Caloric Restriction versus Exercise Training on Metabolic Syndrome", Scientist Development Award Research Symposium, American Heart Association, Chicago, IL, 2006.
36. "Mini Medical School: Obesity and Public Health", School of Medicine, University of Arkansas School of Medical Sciences, Little Rock, AR, 2005.
37. "Managing type 2 diabetes through diet and exercise", Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, Baptist Hospital, Little Rock, AR, 2005.
38. "Exercise and diabetes", Arkansas Rural Health Program, Little Rock, AR, 2004.
39. "Overcoming insulin resistance", Arkansas Nurses Association, Little Rock, AR, 2004.
40. "Diabetes and exercise", Southern Gerontological Nursing Association Convention, Little Rock, AR, 2003.
41. "Nutrition: facts about supplementation for high school athletes", Annual University Sports Medicine Coaching Conference, University of Mississippi Medical Center, Jackson, MS, 2000.
42. "Regulation of metabolic fluxes under conditions of additional metabolic stress" Department of Biology, University of Mississippi, University, MS, 1999.
43. "Sympathoadrenal influence of metabolism during exercise in health and disease" Chair, Symposium, American College of Sports Medicine, Seattle, WA, 1999.
44. "Additional metabolic stressors during exercise: influence of adrenergic mechanisms" Howard Hughes Medical Institute, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN, 1999.
45. "Regulation of fuel metabolism during exercise, Coastal Systems Command, Naval Experimental Diving Unit, Scientific Seminar Series, Panama City, FL, 1999.

46. "Glucoregulation during exercise imposed on additional metabolic stressors, Department of Health and Human Performance, Auburn University, Auburn, AL, 1999.

47. "Glucoregulation during exercise", Symposium Speaker, Annual Meeting of the American College of Sports Medicine, Seattle, WA, 1999.

### **Courses Taught**

Human Anatomy and Physiology	- 1 semester	Univ. of Alaska Fairbanks (UAF)
Clinical Physiology	- 6 sessions;	Univ. of Arkansas for Med. Sci.
Medical Physiology	- 7 semesters;	Univ. of Arkansas for Med. Sci., UAF
Exercise Physiology	- 11 semesters;	Univ. of MS and Univ. of Arkansas, UAF
Health Aspects	- 7 semesters;	Univ. of Mississippi
Metabolism	- 2 semesters;	Univ. of Mississippi
Clinical Research Methods	- 2 semesters;	UAF
Internship in Physical Therapy	- 2 semesters;	UAF
Hacking for Defense	-	will be taught during summer of 2019

### **Graduate students**

Stephanie Crawford, MS candidate in Biological Sciences Sciences (*will graduate in Spring of 2019*), Nutrient Status in Alaskan Stellar Sea Lion Pups, Alaska Fish and Game and University of Alaska Fairbanks.

Kenneth Shin, Former MS student in Biological Sciences, Condition-Specific Nutrition in Alcohol Rehabilitation, University of Alaska Fairbanks; enrolled in PharmD program in Idaho.

Michelle Johannsen, PhD candidate in Biological Sciences, Physiological Resilience during Metabolic Stress, Department of Biology, University of Alaska Fairbanks.

Aline Colin, PhD Candidate in Biochemistry, Influence of Alaska Blueberry Extracts on Insulin Resistance in Mature Adipocytes, University of Alaska Fairbanks.

Sarah Rice, PhD candidate in Biochemistry, Cross-Talk between the Central Nervous System and Metabolism in NMDAR Mediated Arousal from Hibernation in Arctic Ground Squirrels, University of Alaska Fairbanks.

Karen Jeans, PhD in Nursing, A Descriptive Comparison of Human Research Protection Program Characteristics and Accreditation Outcomes in VA facilities", College of Nursing, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, 2010.

La'Tasha M. Smith, PhD in Molecular Physiology, "Comparative Profiling of Adipokines and Gene Expression of Adipocyte Differentiation Factors in Obese African-American and Caucasian Women", Department of Molecular Physiology and Biophysics, College of Medicine, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, 2008.

Chad Carroll, PhD in Molecular Physiology, "Human Muscle Specific Protein Synthesis with Amino Acids", Department of Molecular Physiology and Biophysics College of Medicine, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, 2004.

Rick H. Williams, MS in Molecular Physiology, "Application of Microdialysis for the Measurement of Skeletal Muscle Protein Degradation", Department of Molecular Physiology and Biophysics College of Medicine, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, 2003.

Kendal P. Honea, PhD, "The Effects of a 3-Hydroxy-3-Methylglutaryl Coenzyme-A reductase Inhibitor and Moderate Cardiorespiratory Exercise on Cholesterol Metabolism in Obese, Hypercholesterolemic Males", Department of Health and Exercise Science, 2001.

### **Undergraduate Students – Completed Capstone Projects and Internships at UAF**

Grant Galvin, BS in Biological Sciences, "Physiological Effects of the Alaska Wildland Firefighting Season on Firefighters, University of Alaska Fairbanks, Fairbanks, AK, 2018.

Connor Ito, BS in Biological Sciences, Internship at Bristol Bay Health Corporation, Kodiak, Alaska. Recently accepted to the DPT program at the University of Southern California.

Richard Chen, BS in Biological Sciences, "Influence of MyoEon on Physical Activity in Older, Overweight Individuals, co-authored one manuscript and one abstract. Mr. Chen is a first year student in the MS program in Bioengineering at Duke University.

Josh Kim, BS student in Biological Sciences, Working on "Nutritional Formulation for Liver Health" study, Co-authored two manuscripts and three abstracts, BLaST scholar at UAF.

Farimang Touray, BS in Biological Sciences, Internship at United Physical Therapy In conjunction with Providence Health Systems, Anchorage. He has pending applications with several graduate Physical Therapy programs in the Pacific Northwest.

Kira Leonard, BS in Biological Sciences, "Influence of SkiKu on Physical Activity in Alaska Native youth". Presented several abstracts and drafted manuscript for publication and supported by URSA. Currently working as a healthcare provider in Alaska.

Hannah Wing, BS student in Biological Sciences, "Influence of SkiKu on Sleep Quality in Alaska Native youth", Currently enrolled as a BLaST scholar at UAF.

Alyssa Wells-Weaver, BS in Biological Sciences and former BLaST scholar, "Metabolic Regulation during Exercise under Extreme Cold Stress, Mrs. Wells-Weaver is a third year medical student at the University of Washington. Co-authored several abstracts and was a co-author on the 2017 manuscript published in Medicine and Science in Sports and Exercise.

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Kristin Scholten, BS in Biological Sciences from UAF, Worked as a Clinical Coordinator on NIH SBIR Phase I study, now in UA nursing school program, will hire upon completion.

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