
Academic & Multicultural Student Services Division**Accomplishments**

- Educational Opportunity Center enrolled 137 students into postsecondary education for spring 2006 semester, 119 (87%) of these students enrolled at UAA.
- Student Support Services has 85 students enrolled.
- AHAINA Student Programs initiated a meeting between AHAINA, ANSEP, ML&P and TRIO programs exploring the potential to expand the ANSEP program to other underrepresented groups (African-Americans and Hispanics) in the Service District: East, Bartlett and West High School.
- The third annual *Reel Eyes* showcase of films by and about individuals with disabilities continues throughout March with film showings in Anchorage, Mat-Su, Soldotna, and Kachemak Bay. See <http://www.uaa.alaska.edu/dss/information/reeleyes.cfm>
- Native Student Services co-sponsored with ANPsych, the Diversity Action Council, and a number of community organizations the 2nd Annual *Honoring Our Wisdom Keepers* event held at UAA. This year's event honored traditional Yup'ik healer and cultural bearer Rita Blumenstien.
- Willy Templeton, Director of Native Student Services, has joined the local planning committee for the 36th Annual *National Indian Education Association Conference* that will be held in Anchorage from October 19 to 22, 2006. He will be working on the Convention's College Strand.
- New Student Orientation sponsored the First Wisdom Wednesday with 168 students participating. Students were given bottles of water with tips for staying healthy.
- The staff of New Student Orientation has been collaborating with recruiters to visit four area high schools and present mini-orientation sessions "Jump Start" to seniors beginning UAA this fall. Approximately 176 students have participated.
- Faculty Advisor Training was held by Bobbi Weber, Counselor with the Advising and Testing Center. This session provided advisor training to the Mat-Su campus.
- Linda Morgan, Director of Advising and Testing Center, participated in Fall Preview Day by serving on a panel discussion for parents.

Upcoming Events

- Student Support Services will host Learning Skills and Strong Interest Testing March 16 beginning at 12:30 p.m.
- AHAINA is partnering with the Honors program to host the campus-wide Prestigious National Scholarship workshop in AHAINA Multicultural Center the week of April 3-7 from 2:30-3:30 p.m.
- Early Bird Orientation will be held April 7. This is the first summer orientation program for new students entering UAA this summer or fall.
- Northwest Association of Special Programs Spring Conference will be May 21 – 24. Helen Trainor, UAA TRIO Programs Director, and Phil Dirks, TRIO programs at Portland State University will be co-chairing the conference. The University of Washington and the University of Idaho will be offering two federal trainings in conjunction with the conference.

Enrollment Management Division**Accomplishments**

- New admission website was posted. The new web site coincides with the separation of web applications for admission that will assist us in automating processes.
- Student Financial Aid hosted the second annual February FAFSA Frenzy—FAFSA's filed through the end of February up 26% from last year and 101% from February 2004.
- Records filled two Publications positions enabling the production of 2006 summer and fall schedules.
- Ted Malone, Director of Student Financial Aid, was invited to attend a national student loan forum sponsored by the National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators to discuss the future of student loans.

Upcoming Initiatives or Major Activities

- Financial Aid and Records will be implementing new statewide imaging system.
- Financial Aid has begun processing 06-07 financial aid applications.

Student Development Division

Did You Know

- The Student Leadership Transcript program helps students highlight their leadership accomplishments. Students often include their leadership transcript in internship, scholarship, and employment applications. Ten students established new transcript accounts in February.
- North Hall staff display 18 residents' pictures and bios in the 1st floor lobby every 2 weeks to help community members put a name with a face. Feeling welcomed in North hall helps with student success and retention.
- Club Council recognized the Women in Engineering club on February 17.
- Student Health & Counseling Center Mental Health NPs staffed an outreach display on eating disorders in the Residence Halls over dinner. Estimated impact: 40 students.
- UAA Campus Life in conjunction with the Anchorage School District, EAFB, and the Anchorage Chamber of Commerce, mailed over 6,000 mailers to UAA graduating seniors and ASD juniors and seniors informing them about the City-Wide Career and Job Fair on Saturday, March 11 in the Student Union. Over 70 employer representatives are expected and a variety of workshops are scheduled.
- UAA's Career Services Center houses a library named the "*athenaeum*", with over 1,000 books to meet career information needs and six computers for students use. The athenaeum is available to students for study and research, but is also a great place to hangout and take a break.
- The new Arts Potpourri in the Student Union Den is 'the' place to spend your Thursday lunch hour! In the past month, UAA students have performed (UAA Guitar Ensemble and the Jazz Ensembles), as well as Grammy nominees (Linda Tillery), and internationally known concert performers (Perlman and Schmidt).

Accomplishments

- The Last Frontier Student Leadership Conference was a huge success! 143 UAA students and 12 UAF students registered and an additional 15 students volunteered. Conference participants chose from 20 workshop topics and many received in individual leadership coaching sessions with leadership expert Dr. Laura Osteen from Florida State University. Many participants commented that the conference was "awesome" and "the [workshop] information was exactly what they needed."
- Residence Life celebrated National Residence Advisor/Peer Mentor Appreciation Day.
- Residence Hall Association (RHA) sponsored a Fur Rondy parade float celebrating the legend of the Seawolf.
- Residence Life staff conducted fire drills. Approximately 400 residents participated in Fire Safety Night in The Commons. Activities included fire safety trivia contests, bunker gear competitions, fire safety demonstrations, and a memorial for victims of college housing fires. Thirteen Anchorage Fire Department and Alaska Injury Prevention Center staff members facilitated the event.
- Main Apartment Complex staff members completed their five nightlong series of safety programs in the MAC Shack. Topics included moose safety, sexual health, sexual assault, domestic violence, and depression. MAC staff members indicated an average of 35 MAC residents participated each night.
- The East Hall Honor's floor staff sponsored a Valentine's for Vets program, making Valentine's cards for local area veterans that were delivered by staff member. This event supports the awareness of UAA as a public square.
- Resident Coordinator Heather Stalling continues coordinating student staff member recruitment. Residence Life staff completed individual interviews for 65 new candidates and 25 current staff members applying to return.
- Student Health & Counseling Center staff received in-service training for respiratory protection and fitness testing for the N95 respirator; used for potential airborne infections.
- Student Health & Counseling Center staff dispensed 500 new cold care kits to students with cold symptoms.
- Forty-one people attended health education sessions on Wednesdays in February. Topics included: acupuncture, healthy coping in grief and loss; gender communication, and international travel.
- Nicky Thude is a new Family Nurse Practitioner at the Student Health & Counseling Center.
- To better serve students, the Student Health and Counseling Center will remain open until 6:45 p.m., Monday through Thursday, beginning March 6 until the end of the semester.
- Concert Board is working with USUAA to present a "Big and Better Shows" fee referendum for on the April ballot. Concert Board is also planning the Big Cover Up show in late April and is very close to announcing the next BIG show for April 3...stay tuned!
- Student Media Board, *The Northern Light*, and KRUA 88.1FM student leaders are in discussions to revitalize the two entities and better use resources to accomplish their goals. Plans for improved staffing and cross training are expected for FY07.
- Career Services Center hosted the Engineering and Sciences Extravaganza. Over 40 employers met with students from engineering and sciences degree programs to network and recruit for job and internship openings.

- Employers from BP had a successful day interviewing UAA students.
- Assistant Director Lindsay Washek and Employer Relations Coordinator Devon Rust presented to AHAINA staff and students information regarding internships and other services offered by the Center.
- Career Services Center Assistant Director Lindsay Washek and Employer Relations Coordinator Devon Rust met with University of Alaska Southeast Career Services representatives to provided informational training regarding operating a career center.
- Student Health & Counseling Center Associate Director, Carol Montgomery, met with Susan Wiley, the new counselor/Disability Support Services co-coordinator at UAS to collaborate and share information to help her start a program in SE.

Upcoming Initiatives or Activities

- The Economics Clubs and University Advancement co-host a Mayoral Debate on March 29 in the Wendy Williamson Auditorium. John Tracy of KTUU Channel 2 News is the moderator.
- Banff Film Festival is 7:00 p.m. on March 10 and 11 in the Wendy Williamson Auditorium. Tickets are available at the Student Union Information Desk and through CarrsTix.
- At 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 15, Outdoor Adventures Series presents *Alaska Outdoor Safety* with UAA's Associate Vice Chancellor of Budget and Finance, Soren Orley, who is also with the Alaska Mountain Rescue Group and Daryl Miller, Denali National Park ranger.
- March 27 and 28, Career Services Center Assistant Director, Lindsay Washek, will be giving a presentation to UAA Nursing students on resume writing, interview skills, and relevant information.
- Slam Poet champion Maya del Valle will perform at 7:30 p.m., on Friday, March 31 in the Student Union Den.
- Upcoming topics for our health education Wednesday series include: Safe Spring Break Display, March 15; and for National Nutrition Month, Nutrition and Diet on March 29.
- Career Services Center hosts an Employer Expo from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., April 4 in the Student Union.
- UAA faculty selected 60 Student Showcase applicants to be considered for participation in the 2006 Student Showcase conference scheduled for the April 6 and 7. Among the 26 finalists that were chosen to present at the conference were three students from Kodiak College.
- USUAA general elections are April 11 and 12. Students vote for the following positions: President, Vice-president, Senators, Media Board representatives, and Concert Board representatives.
- In collaboration with Women's Studies faculty, Resident Coordinator Kim Miller is planning a women's history movie series in the residence halls. Faculty will lead discussions after each film every Wednesday throughout the month of March. Contact the Department of Residence Life for specific times and locations, 751-7444.
- Upcoming topics for the Student Health & Counseling Center Health Education Wednesday Series include: safe spring break display, March 15; and for National Nutrition Month, Nutrition and Diet on March 29.
- The Student Commencement Speaker and Student Leadership Honors committees screen applications beginning March 6.