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### **Academic & Multicultural Student Services Division**

- Advising and Testing provided advising support to new Resident Life freshmen during check-in days at the residential complex. Seventy-nine students took advantage of this opportunity to make last minute schedule changes and obtain information and answers to their remaining questions.
- Brotherhood, Inc. of Anchorage, Alaska donated \$1000.00 to AHAINA Student Programs. These funds will be used to directly support AHAINA students through various scholarships.
- Disability Support Services assisted with organizing the annual Americans with Disabilities Act celebration. The guest speaker was the Honorable Olegario "Ollie" D. Cantos VII, Esq., Special Counsel to the Acting Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights, U.S. Department of Justice. In addition to serving as guest speaker for the ADA celebration, Cantos also met with students, staff, and faculty from multiple UA campuses during his time in Alaska.
- Native Student Services held the Native Early Transition program. Twenty-three incoming first-time freshmen from rural Alaska participated in this four-day program, which focused on the transition from rural village high schools to UAA.
- New Student Orientation hosted Howls Days with a total of 888 participants (698 students and 190 family members).
- Student Support Services hosted the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Bridge Program. The program provided an overview of the UAA campus, introduced students to the Blackboard system and provided a general idea of UAA academic policies and procedures. The highlight of the program was the student panel working lunch session. At this session, current Student Support Services participants shared college success tips with the incoming participants.
- Upward Bound hosted a successful six-week summer academic enrichment program for 50 Anchorage School District 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade students as well as recent high school graduates of the program.
- Supplemental Instruction has increased the offerings to cover seven of the top ten high attrition courses at UAA. The fall offering include: Biology 111, Math 055, Math 105, Math 107, Math 200, Chemistry 103, Physics 123, French 101, German 101, and Philosophy 201.

### **Enrollment Management**

- The University Center One Stop Center implemented a new customer service model during the summer and put it through the first big test during peak registration this fall. Instead of waiting in line, students use new customer service software to check in at the front desk then wait comfortably in the lobby while they watch CNN on the big screen TV or access the Internet at one of the 12 computer stations provided. Students are called forward by name and assisted at one of four full-service stations in a more personal and private setting. Since the fall semester began, 1,698 students have used this new model with an average wait time of 19 minutes. Since its implementation in February, 13,942 students have been served with an average wait time of 7 minutes. Students can also use the new express line at the University Center kiosk to simply drop off forms or pick up documents.
- The 2008 fall freshman class is the largest in the history of the institution.
- There are 92 new international students attending UAA this fall semester. A mandatory international student orientation was held September 5.
- Student Financial Aid is working on the Fiscal Operations Report, which is due to the Federal government by September 30. This report is compiled from last year's campus based aid and UAA's application for 09-10 school year request.
- Over 22 million dollars in financial aid was disbursed prior to the add/drop period with a total 7,423 students being award aid. This is an increase of 10.38% over the same time last academic year.
- National Student Exchange has 46 students on exchange this semester.
- Thirty UAA students are attending school abroad through the Study Abroad program.
- Summer degrees have been posted.

#### *Upcoming events:*

- ACT and SAT counselor workshops will be held on September 11 and 17.

### **Student Development Division**

- For the 2008 fall semester, Residence Life has enhanced their Guidance 150 program to include peer mentor weekly study sessions. Each week there will be 12, three hour study sessions, each with a different emphasis of study (i.e. ANSEP, Business, Economics, Dental Hygiene, etc.) available to the University's residential students. The availability of these sessions highlights Residence Life's commitment to student's educational success.

- Career Services Center has placed students in the following companies for internships this summer; ConocoPhillips, Merrill Lynch, Alyeska Pipeline, CH2MHill, DOWL, McKinley Capital, ANTHC, Air Force Audit Agency, Thomas, Head, and Greisen, US Army Corps of Engineers, Alaska Air National Guard, Veterans Health Administration, and Kachemak Bay Natural Estuarine Research Reserve.
- Union of Students at UAA (USUAA) partnered with the Campus Bookstore to purchase 1,500 reusable bags made of recyclable materials. Students will receive a 'green' bag with their Bookstore purchase during the month of September or until they run out!
- The Student Union Gallery, funded and managed by Student Activities, hosted internationally known comic artist Jim Mahfood during the first week of classes. Mahfood aka Food One, created a four-part mural over the course of one day as students and others looked on enjoying live DJ music provided by DJ Encyclopedia.
- Campus Kick-Off engaged over 1,000 new and returning students, faculty, staff, alumni, friends, and family with a welcoming array of booths, music by the Elevators, free meals, the Butt Sketcher, a comedy show with Joel McHale, the SeaWolf volleyball game, and college night at Fred Meyer's. Student club participation was up 50% from 2007, over 600 meals were served, and the Alaska Blood Mobile was booked with donors. Student surveys are going out this week to evaluate the program. Watch for results in next month's report.
- *The Northern Light* will celebrate its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary as UAA's student-run newspaper on September 19. Over 20 different student leaders have directed the paper and will be acknowledged at the anniversary. Some editors continued in journalism such as Kim Perry, Associate Content Publisher of San Diego's Union-Tribune, John Woodbury of the Alaska Coast magazine, and Rodika Tollefson of the Kitsap Sun, Bremerton, Washington. Others went into education like Soren Weurth, English teacher at Service High School and Rosie Robards, director of the Alaska Teen Media Institute. The paper has grown remarkably over the years, winning awards from the Alaska Press Club, the Associated Collegiate Press, and the Hearst Foundation and staying connected with UAA and the community.
- KRUA inaugurated the first-ever remote broadcast studio in the Student Union. The first live broadcast was a public affairs interview with Chancellor Fran Ulmer.
- The Campus Programming Board, a representative body of student programming groups will convene their first official meeting in September, planning a special event as part of the UAA Homecoming festivities in October.
- Student Health and Counseling Center's patient daily visit comparison:
 

July 2007: 546	August 2007: 354
July 2008: 390	August 2008: 433
- In June, Bette Fenn was hired as the director of the UAA Student Health and Counseling Center. Bette received her bachelor's and master's degrees in Nursing from the University of Alaska Anchorage.
- Michael Votava has accepted the position of Assistant Director for Student Judicial Services.
- Glenna Schoening, Assistant Operations Manager for the Student Union, was nominated for "2008 Staff Makes Students Count" award.

*Upcoming events:*

- U-Med Fest is planned for September 14 at Goose Lake with involvement from Student Development areas.
- The 3rd annual UAA Voter Registration Station is planned for September 22 – 25 in the Student Union.
- "Fontography," an art exhibit focused on lettering or fonts will run September 4 – 18 in the Student Union Gallery.
- Student Union Poster Sale will be held September 15-18 in the Student Union.
- Junkyard Ghost Revival will be held on September 18 in the Arts Building.
- *The Northern Light* (TNL) and Student Activities celebrate TNL's 20th anniversary with an evening with Assif Mandvi, correspondent for the Daily Show presenting "Behind the Scenes of the Real Fake News" on September 19 in the Williamson Auditorium. Tickets available through UAATix.com.
- BP will conduct student interviews September 22-25 in the Career Services Center interview rooms.
- The 2008 Annual Law School Fair will be held September 23 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Student Union.
- The Student Health and Counseling Center hosts Dr. Michael Kaufman's presentation "The Biggest Organ in the World and The Three Secrets of a Great Relationship" on September 23 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in The Commons.
- Student Activities will host the Banff Radical Reels Film Festival on September 26 in the Williamson Auditorium.
- USUAA kicks off Homecoming week with the annual dance. It will be held at the Alaska Native Heritage Center on Friday, October 3. The theme is SeaWolf Oscar. Tickets are free for UAA students and only \$5 for all others.
- Accounting Week is planned for October 13 through 17.
- The Business Expo will be held October 23 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Student Union.
- The Human Services Expo is planned for November 13.