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### Academic & Multicultural Student Services Division

- TRIO programs serve disadvantaged populations with a focus on academic success and postsecondary enrollment as a goal. Effective January 2009, the leadership for UAA's TRIO programs changed. Three Academic and Multicultural Student Services directors took on additional leadership positions as a result of a realignment of functions. In addition to their current positions, the following is new reporting structure for UAA's TRIO programs: Theresa Lyons is the new director of Educational Talent Search which serves 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade students in the Anchorage School District, Dr. Kim Patterson is the new director for the Educational Opportunity Center which serves adults in the Anchorage bowl as well as the Mat-Su area, and Dr. Stephen Washington is the director for Upward Bound which serves 9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade students at East, West and Bartlett high schools.
- In December 2008 the number of students seeking academic advising services from the Advising and Testing Center was slightly more than double the number of students served in December 2007. The number of Accuplacer tests administered in December increased by 66% when compared to the number tested in December 2007.
- Disability Support Services worked to coordinate hundreds of academic adjustments as the spring semester got underway. In addition, staff attended ADA trainings, provided trainings in assistive technology and web accessibility, and increased awareness on campus by showcasing a disability history exhibit in the Student Union.
- Since fall 2008, Supplemental Instruction has increased the offerings to cover 9 of the top 10 high attrition courses at UAA. The spring offerings of Student Instruction includes, Biology 111, Biology 112, Math 055, Math 107, Math 200, Math 201, Math 272, Chemistry 106, and Accounting 101.

#### *Upcoming events:*

- UAA FUSION is planned for February 23 through 27.

### Enrollment Management

- Spring Preview Day was held with over 250 students along with many of their parents and high school counselors coming and exploring what UAA has to offer.
- February FAFSA Frenzy is happening throughout the month of February. Financial A trying to help students remember to do their 09-10 applications early.
- 2009-10 scholarship deadline is February 16.
- Study Abroad Fair was held with five Study Abroad Affiliated Program coordinators participating. Students were able to have their questions answered and receive materials.
- Degree Works has been rolled out to the advising community. The overall response has been favorable.
- Because of an improvement in the imaging software that was implemented two years ago, Admissions has significantly reduced their processing time. At the beginning of spring semester, completed applications were processed in two business days.
- Over 27 million dollars in financial aid has been disbursed for the spring semester. The first disbursement on January 2 had almost 22 million which is UAA's record single day disbursement.
- **Student** Information Advisors served 2,424 students in person and answered 3,987 calls. Additionally, they responded to 889 emails from students.
- The implementation of an electronic graduation application has been completed.
- All degrees for fall 2008 were posted within one week of grades being made available for review.

#### *Upcoming events:*

- 2009-10 scholarship deadline is February 16.

## Student Development Division

- The USUAA Elections Board will be holding special elections in the month of February to select the UAA nominees for Student Regent and Student Commissioner – those names, along with the nominees from UAF and UAS; will go forward to the Governor who will make the direct appointments.
- Student Activities worked with the Anchorage School District to present a lecture at East High School by peace activist Arun Gandhi, the grandson of Mohandas Gandhi. The event drew a standing room only audience of more than 700 people. Several dozen others were turned away. Mr. Gandhi also did an interview on KRUA and made a class presentation for more than 100 students at West High School.
- Career Services has placed students in the following companies this year for internships: ConocoPhillips, Merrill Lynch, Alyeska Pipeline, CH2M Hill, 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.
- USUAA passed a bylaw amendment that allows the body to name 'Honorary Lifetime Members'. A second piece of legislation was passed unanimously, naming Vice Chancellor Linda Lazzell the first honoree.
- A group of 10 UAA students will travel to Juneau to meet with state legislators and advocate for increased funding for need-based financial aid, a new UAA sports center, and many other important issues.
- Michael Votava, Assistant Director of Student Judicial Services, will be meeting with a representative from Akeela to discuss ways that Akeela and UAA have collaborated in the past and can form new future partnerships.
- A Mediat task group has been established within the Student Health and Counseling Center to improve functionality of the clinic electronic medical record, and is attended weekly by participating staff and Mediat support personnel.
- Residence Life has started recruiting student staff members for the 2009-2010 academic year. During the month of February, prospective staff members will complete a group process, individual interview, and essay application. Students will receive notification of job status for fall 2009 prior to Spring Break.
- The Student Health and Counseling Center's daily visit comparison is: FY08 – 755 to FY09 – 743.
- During January, the Student Union held over 115 events. Included were major events such as the MLK Student Appreciation Luncheon and the UA's President's Advisory Board Breakfast.
- West Hall Residence Coordinator, Maria Bonifacio, was awarded two Initiative Fund grants: Lanyards for all incoming students for fall semester and revitalization of the furniture in West Hall!
- The UAA Concert Board is working to let students know about the Concert Board fee billing error. Information about the situation was submitted to all campus media outlets. Concert Board members are setting up tables at select spots around campus to speak with students one-on-one and discuss its mission and programs.

### *Upcoming events:*

- USUAA Masquerade Ball is planned for February 13 from 8:00 p.m. - 11:30 p.m. in the Dena'ina Center.
- UAA elections for nominees for Student Regent and Student Commissioner will be held February 17 and 18 9:30 a.m. -7:30 p.m. in the Student Union and Gorsuch Commons lobby.
- Concert Board's Special Projects Fund proposals are due February 20 by 5:00 p.m. Applications are available at <http://www.uaa.alaska.edu/concertboard/> or at the Student Life & Leadership office, SU 218.
- Leadership Honors application deadline is February 27.
- Seawolf Leader and Seawolf Community Service Awards are due March 23.
- The Annual City-wide Career and Job Fair is planned for March 27. The fair is a collaborative effort between UAA, Anchorage Chamber of Commerce, and the Anchorage School District. The fair will be held in the Wells Fargo Sports Complex with over 100 businesses attending and will be open to the community. This event will occur from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.