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

- Kaela Parks, Director of Disability Support Services, presented at the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA) Western Regional Conference where she also received the Knowledge Community Achievement Award.
- Christine Mojica, UA Scholars Manager, hosted UA Scholars' Chat & Chew series with approximately 50 scholars in attendance. The *Chat-n-Chew* allowed freshman scholars to connect with university administrators, academic advisors, and other freshman scholars on campus.
- Since the beginning of the fall 2008 semester, Student Support Services has provided 171 supportive mentoring visits to program participants.
- The Upward Bound and Educational Talent Search programs have planned a scholarship portfolio workshop for high school juniors and seniors on Saturday, November 15 at the University Center.
- The Educational Opportunity Center hosted the "College is Knowledge Fair" for high school seniors.
- The Anchorage College and Career Fair, co-sponsored by UAA, the Anchorage School District and Alaska Pacific University, attracted 137 school and colleges and was visited by over 3,000 students. Thirty students came from as far away as the Bering Straits School District in addition to students from Anchorage, Mat-Su and Kenai Borough School Districts.
- Odila Rueda has been appointed to the College Preparatory Advisory Committee for the 2008-2009 year.
- Vonda Roark-Martinez and Helen Trainor, Director of TRIO Programs, have been invited to participate in the statewide education summit, "Building Alaska's Future One Student at a Time" being held November 13 – 14 at the Dena'ina Convention Center in Anchorage.

### **Enrollment Management**

- Doni Williams, International Student Advisor, will present a session on setting up short-term study abroad at a bi-regional NAFSA: Association of International Educators conference along Dr. Christine Hanson of the Anthropology Department.
- Student Financial Aid is planning College Bowl 2009.
- The Student Information team will implement a live chat feature on the One Stop website during the weeks of priority and open registration. Hours will be limited at first but may expand as the student demand is evaluated.
- Cecile Mitchell, Director of Admissions, visited the EducationUSA Advising Center in Rome, met with advisors and provided UAA materials for recruitment. The Center previously had no information available about higher education institutions in Alaska.
- The annual Fall Preview Day was held with over 200 prospective students visited the campus as well as 130 parents and chaperones. Students came from as far as Fairbanks and several schools brought student by bus. Spring Preview Day will be held on February 6, 2009.
- Student Financial Aid has begun the process of updating their processes and forms for the 2009-10 academic year.

### **Student Development Division**

- Beginning November 15, the Student Union will be an issuing office for ITIC Teacher Travel cards. These cards are available to any full-time professor, or full-time staff chaperone traveling with a group on an international trip. The benefits include travel insurance, reduced rate calling plans, and discounts for local attractions.
- Michael Votava, Assistant Director of Student Judicial Services, is collaborating with Annie Route, Director of Student Life and Leadership, to prepare a presentation advocating for Student Affairs to renew its subscription to the Student Voice assessment service. In the last year, the Division of Student Development sponsored over ten different assessment projects in the Career Services Center, Residence Life, Student Health and Counseling Center, and Student Life and Leadership.
- The Dean of Students Office celebrated National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week by collaborating with Department of Residence Life, Student Union and Commuter Student Services, Student Health and Counseling Center, and University Police Department to sponsor ten alcohol education programs for students.
- Mike McCormick, Assistant Director for Student Activities, received the Folk Alliance Far West Region's Award for contributions to the industry. Mike was honored at the regional conference along with the Kingston Trio

- Residence Life sponsored “Thoughtful Theatre” nights. During the program, residents watch a movie with a controversial spin and then discuss their views and the views which the movie industry, state and federal laws and various activist groups present. Both nights have been extremely successful and have gathered attention from local television network news stations and the *Anchorage Daily News*.
- USUAA Travel Board awarded \$3,350 in Student Travel Grants for fall semester.
- A Cappella Festivella was created by one of the first Concert Board members 15 years ago and is one of UAA's longest running traditions. This year's event drew a crowd of over 500 (24% UAA students) to the Williamson Auditorium. The high school singing workshop given by the a cappella performers was attended by over 300 students from three different high schools.
- The *2008 Student Showcase Journal* was sent out to the UAA community, State legislators, south central high school libraries and local libraries throughout the state
- Student Activities helped raise nearly \$400 for aid to Africans needing clean water when they presented AGSilver in concert
- Karla Booth, Alaska Native and Rural Outreach Coordinator, hosted two presentations at the Elders and Youth Conference hosted by the First Alaskans Institute. “Paper, Pens, and Smoked Fish: All you need for college” was a panel discussion between UAA college students and high school students. Seven college students volunteered their time to share their college experience with high school seniors. The second presentation was titled, “N8V Pride” and was co-hosted by Cathy Rexford from Native Movement. The presentation discussed the importance of knowing ones heritage and ancestors. It also discussed the development of identity and the importance of showing positive pride in ones culture. MC River Flowz and UAA student, Brandon Afcan, rapped for the audience as examples of showing pride in their culture in a positive way.
- The Student Union Gallery attracted over 1,000 visitors in October with two shows: “Through Our Eyes” and “The Human Landscape.”
- Student Life and Leadership was featured in the *Anchorage Daily News* Sunday edition with a two-page article titled “College Try: UAA Student Groups Offering More Cutting-Edge Events.”  
<http://www.adn.com/life/story/575650.html>.
- Career Services Center sponsored the Human Services Expo for students majoring in Human Services, Psychology, Social Work, Philosophy, Sociology, Liberal Studies, Justice, Languages, or History.
- The Student Union hosted election debate coverage: Attendance was 250 at the vice presidential debate, 200 at each of the presidential debates.
- Student Health and Counseling Center held a resource fair in the Gorsuch Commons with over 100 participants.
- The Student Health and Counseling Center has improved patient access to cost prohibitive contraception through facilitating access to online patient assistance programs.
- Students majoring in Business or Public Policy were invited the Business Expo. Companies such as Target, ConocoPhillips, the FBI, First National Bank of Alaska, U.S. Census Bureau, Anchorage Community Mental Health Services, Social Security Administration, Halliburton, Sealaska Corporation, Victaulic, The Arc of Anchorage, Wells Fargo Bank N.A., Enterprise, Nordstrom, Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium.
- The Student Health and Counseling Center hosted a health fair with 11 exhibitors and over 500 attendees.

#### *Upcoming events:*

- November 18 is the UA Scholars Night at the UAA Williamson for the UA Scholars Class of 2009.
- Share the Spirit 2008 - UAA Alaska Native/Native American Heritage Month events on campus daily in November check the web at <http://www.uaa.alaska.edu/diversity/>
- November 19 is the UAA premiere of the UAA student film "Villagers in the City" held Native Student Services, RH 108 from 6-8 p.m. Villagers in the City" is an insightful and some times humorous look at four UAA students from Unalakleet as they transition to life at UAA and navigate in an urban environment. NSS will also be having their Thanksgiving Day potluck.
- Smoke Out exhibit will be presented in the Student Union November 18 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and the Gorsuch Commons from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and again on November 19 in the Rasmussen Hall lobby from 10:00 to 2:00 p.m.
- The 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual No Big Heads Self-Portrait Juried Exhibition runs through November 20 in the Student Union Art Gallery.
- Student Travel Grant application deadline is November 21.
- Student Activities presents Family Movie Night with “Toy Story” on November 21 at 6 p.m. in the Student Union.

- Thanksgiving Feast - Free Thanksgiving Dinner sponsored by USUAA and Seawolf Dining is scheduled for November 26 from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. in the Gorsuch Commons.
- Free Soup Lunch hosted Student Health and Counseling Center on December 2 and 3 in the Rasmussen Hall.
- UAA Crafts Fair will be held December 6 from 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. in the Student Union.