
Academic & Multicultural Student Services Division

- Disability Support Services has recently offered several training opportunities including a web accessibility workshop in Juneau, a hands-on workshop for adjunct faculty in Homer, classroom and lab presentations in Anchorage, and the distribution of materials to K-12 transition coordinators in south-central Alaska.
- Native Student Services hosted the premier of the student movie *Villagers in the City* in conjunction with a Thanksgiving potluck.
- Theresa Lyons, New Student Orientation Director, and a member of the UAA/NCBI Leadership Team attended the 16th Annual National Coalition Building Institute Campus Conference held at Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia.
- Since November 4, Student Support Services provided 97 supportive mentoring visits to program participants; 44 unduplicated.
- Helen Trainor, Director of UAA TRIO Programs, will be retiring December 31.

Upcoming events:

- AHAINA Student Programs will host the annual fall graduation ceremony on Saturday, December 13 in the Student Union cafeteria from 12:00 p.m.-1:30 p.m.
- Spring Howl Days 2009 is scheduled for Thursday, January 8.
- College Knowledge Fair will be held on January 10.

Enrollment Management

- Student Financial Aid is prepping for February FAFSA Frenzy.
- Although only 29% of guidance class students surveyed reported that they had seriously considered study abroad as an option prior to participating in a Study Abroad Workshop delivered by Doni Williams, International Student Advisor, 81.3% reported that the workshop helped them to better understand the advantages of short-term study abroad. 10+ workshops were delivered in guidance classes during the fall, semester.
- Lora Volden, Assistant Registrar, and Charese Gearhart-Dekreon, Student Banner Trainer, have developed an online graduation application that will automatically feed into OnBase.
- A faculty-led short-term study abroad program to Mérida, México will commence on December 30 with 11 students participating. Anthropology professor Christine Hanson will lead the academics of the trip along with International Student Advisor Doni Williams, who will handle the travel details.
- DegreeWorks is scheduled to point at PROD in Banner and be usable internally.
- The annual UA Scholar Reception was a great success exceeding all previous years' attendance with 166 UA Scholar nominees and 382 guests.
- The *Career Cluster* brochure notebook binders have been sent to all the high schools, middle schools, district offices and school district superintendents in the Alaska.
- UAA has been continuing efforts to recruit international students with the assistance of EducationUSA overseas advising centers, a mail out was conducted to 90+ centers around the world who have agreed to make UAA's international student recruitment materials available to interested students.

Upcoming events:

- Spring financial aid disbursements are scheduled to begin January 2.
- College Goal Sunday is planned for February 8.

Student Development Division

- The Student Health and Counseling Center has established a protocol to receive free Gardasil vaccine for qualifying students. This is a cost savings to students of \$429 (3 separate injections at \$143 each).

- Ashley Hice, Tyler Morris, Seth Holtshouser, and Cristina Gaina were named as the fall 2008 recipients of the USUAA Leadership Scholarship. The \$1,000 scholarship is awarded to students who have made outstanding leadership contributions to the UAA campus community and enhanced the collegiate experience for all students.
- Career Services Center hosted the Human Services Expo with employers such as Alaska Children's Services, Alaska Psychiatric Institute, Alaska State Trooper, Camp Fire USA, Catholic Social Services, Central Intelligence Agency, Cook Inlet Tribal Council, Denali Family Services, Hope Community Resources, Inc., McLaughlin Youth Center, Social Security Administration, State of Alaska, United States Navy, and Volunteers of America Alaska participating.
- The Residence Hall Association sent five student leaders to the Pacific Affiliate of College and University Residence Halls (PACURH) Conference. There were only nine representatives from Alaska at a conference which had over 400 student leaders, representing over 45 schools. The UAA delegation won top awards at the conference; they brought home "Best Small School Display" and "Runner-Up Small School Banner." Teagan Collins, the National Communications Coordinator also won a first time delegate scholarship. She was also spotlighted and recognized by the President of the Region for her work representing the University of Alaska Anchorage in the boardroom.
- *The Northern Light* launched the first *Shootout Guide* as a special section of the Thanksgiving edition. Student volunteers distributed the guide during the Shootout games.
- The Student Health and Counseling Center patient daily visit comparison November 09 – 947 to November 08 – 808.
- Karla Booth, Alaska Native Rural Outreach Programs Coordinator, and Maria Bonifacio, West Hall Residence Coordinator, collaborated to bring the Clothesline Project to UAA. There were two programs held for students to write on t-shirts and other pieces of fabric about an experience they have had with violence toward women. They could write their own experience or tell the story of someone else. Over 40 shirts were made and hung for a week in the Gorsuch Commons.
- The Roots concert drew 2,128 attendees of which 28% were UAA students. This is the largest show the Concert Board has presented in the last five years.
- Student Activities presented the 23-Annual "No Big Heads" Self-Portrait Exhibition that was juried by noted painter Steve Aassel. Mr. Aassel also presented lectures in several UAA art classes during his visit. UAA student, Anton Kadistan's piece, *The Cell of My Home Place*, was chosen as the "Best of Show." As part of his prize for the selection, Kadistan will have the opportunity to mount a solo show in the Student Union Gallery during the summer semester.
- The Student Health and Counseling Center has administered more than 500 flu shots during the fall semester.
- The Dean of Students Office completed revisions and production of the *Sanction Completion Guide* and Student Code of Conduct brochures. Both pamphlets are sent to students to help them be more informed and better participants in the student judicial process.
- Student Union's "Election Central" delivered live coverage of Election Day results delivered simultaneously from four television network stations. Starting at 9am until 9pm noshes and beverages were offered encouraging students to watch this history making election results. Over 1,300 UAA community members attended the event.