RRANN 20th Anniversary Celebration: Monday, March 25, 2019, 5P.M.-7 P.M.

Please join us as we honor our RN graduates and current students and present stories from the lives of RRANN members from our founding in 1998 to the present day.

Southcentral Foundation Nuka Tribal Drum Room
4085 Tudor Centre Drive
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Nikki Corbett, Fall 2018 AAS Graduate:

Quyana cakneq to RRANN for all the support while I completed my Associates degree and the continued support as I begin my Bachelors degree.

A little advice for you nursing students starting your journey, its never early to start studying for the NCLEX. And for those of you reaching the end of your journey, the earlier you get started on your RN application the better!

Mary Ruud, Fall 2018 AAS Graduate:

I started the UAA nursing program from my hometown of Nome in Spring of 2017. RRANN has supported me through four semesters; for that I am thankful and grateful!

I will begin working at Norton Sound Health Corporation shortly after graduation. I am also enrolled in the RN to BS program and will continue my education!

It was a pleasure attending meetings and meeting other Alaska Native nursing students and meeting Stephanie and Annette in person!

Not pictured: Laurel Eliason, AAS Graduate, Anchorage, Alaska, Steevie Erickson, AAS Graduate, Anchorage, Alaska, and Colette Topkock, AAS Graduate, Nome, Alaska.
Melody Hoffman, Fall 2018 AAS Graduate

My name is Melody Hoffman, and I am from Bethel, AK. I graduated from the Nursing program in December 2018 from the Bethel outreach cohort. I plan to work at the Yukon-Kuskokwim Health Corporation at the Inpatient Women’s Health clinic and grow in the career ladder at YKHC. I hope to inspire the younger native generation to study in the health care field. It brings so much joy for me to take care of people, and it especially feels good to give back to the YK-Delta in some way.

Thank you to RRANN for supporting my journey in the nursing program. Without the RRANN program I wouldn't have met with great tutors, and I would like to thank professor Rearden who had helped my clinical experience in Anchorage go smoothly and took time out of her busy schedule to give me the extra studying and support I needed being away from home.

Winter Arch  
Photo by AneciaTretikoff

Best wishes as you go forward! We honor your accomplishments now and look forward to your future successes! Thank you for sharing your lives and your nursing pathway with RRANN students and staff.
RRANN Kijik Gatherings: A Place to Share and Connect

RRANN Kijik Gatherings occur every other month during Fall and Spring semesters. Each Gathering provides a place for students to learn from guest speakers and connect with each other to be encouraged, informed, and honored, and enriched. Recent topics in our Gatherings have included tips and tricks for getting financial aid and a visit from representatives of the Alaska National Guard who shared opportunities the Guard offers to nursing students and licensed nurses. Our upcoming topic for March 2019 is immunizations and will feature a visit from the State of Alaska Immunization Program.

RRANN Graduate Highlight: Tiffany Scott Participating in Subsistence Fishing

Above: Cleaning, scaling, and cutting white fish in preparation for drying on a fish rack. Dried fish (paniktuaq) will be enjoyed by family and friends throughout the winter months. The family camp, named Ikpitchiaq, is located east of Kotzebue, on the Kobuk River.

Photo by Tiffany Scott
Outreach: **RRANN Nurse Camps**

Recruitment and Retention of Alaska Natives into Nursing welcomes students ages 16-19 to explore the pathway to nursing through day camps. We’ve held recurring camps in Anchorage and Bethel and are holding our first camp in Sitka at the end of March!

At RRANN Nurse Camps, students have opportunities to:

- Learn how to prepare for college and nursing school
- Meet and work with practicing nurses
- Talk with nursing school students and graduates
- Practice real life nursing skills in a laboratory
- Tour local healthcare facilities
- Meet new friends!

Find out more about RRANN’s Nurse Camps by visiting https://www.uaa.alaska.edu/academics/college-of-health/departments/school-of-nursing/rrann/special-events/

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Outreach: **Publishing Partnership**

RRANN recently contributed a chapter to Beyond Access: Indigenizing Programs for Native American Student Success, edited by Stephanie J. Waterman, Shelly C. Lowe, and Heather Shotton. Published in 2018, the book showcases how different programs support indigenous students pursuing college education.

Our chapter highlights how we follow the Alaska Native Knowledge Network’s Ten Universal Native Values and use them to guide all we do at RRANN. We are honored and thankful for the opportunity to share RRANN with a national audience.
About RRANN!

Fast Facts

- RRANN is one of UAA’s most successful initiatives with an 85% graduation rate.
- 94% of RRANN students pass the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX) upon their first attempt.
- 95% of total RRANN graduates are currently practicing as RNs.
- 80% of RRANN graduates remain in Alaska to serve our population with excellent and culturally relevant health care.
- The RRANN Program has awarded over $380,161 in the form of RRANN Scholarships.
- The RRANN Program serves 56 current nursing major students in the AAS, BS, and RN to BS programs.
- The RRANN Program serves 130 nursing pre-major students.
- RRANN students serve our communities:
  - attending the Standing Together Against Rape annual fundraising tea
  - volunteering as Court Appointed Special Advocates for children
  - participating in Native dance groups
  - donating blood
  - volunteering for Big Brothers and Big Sisters
  - volunteering at Alaska Native Medical Center.
- 100% of RRANN scholarship recipients give a non-monetary gift to their tribe, Native corporation, the University, and/or to the RRANN program. Student gifts include serving as guest speakers, donating traditional foods, and/or submitting photos and content for RRANN publications.
The RRANN Facebook page is an online gathering and sharing place. You can find announcement and updates for RRANN events as well as articles, pictures, and news from the healthcare field and from Native communities.

Please visit: [https://www.facebook.com/rrann.nwdp](https://www.facebook.com/rrann.nwdp)
The goal of Recruitment and Retention of Alaska Natives in Nursing (RRANN) is to increase the percentage of Alaska Native and American Indians in nursing to equal their percentage of Alaska’s population.

Through recruiting Alaska Native students into nursing and providing both group and individual support through their studies, the program supports Alaska Native and American Indian students complete UAA’s nursing programs and become licensed RNs.

Contributions to this special program support the mentorship, cultural community, financial support and tutoring provided to RRANN Program students.

“Providing culturally relevant health care is not a matter of political correctness; it is often a matter of life and death. When cultural competency is missing from health care, important information is not communicated, symptoms of illness are overlooked or misinterpreted and patient outcome suffers.”

—RRANN Founder, Tina DeLapp, EdD, R.N.

RRANN helped me a lot when I was going through the nursing program. Now I have the income to give back, and I feel that’s important because I believe in RRANN with all my heart.

—RRANN Graduate and Donor, Flora Sapp,

For more information about making a gift, contact the Craig Miller, Development Officer, College of Health, at (907)-786-1166 or cmiller29@alaska.edu.
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http://tinyurl.com/6z8w7co

or, use this QR code to visit on your smart phone!
Annette Rearden, MS, RN  
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Annette originally came to Alaska as a Jesuit volunteer working in Bethel. There, she met her husband, Don Rearden.

Interested in how Alaska Native and American Indian students achieve success in nursing school, Annette completed her Master of Science project, *RRANN: Program Elements Enabling Educational Success* in 2010. Annette is an associate professor in the School of Nursing and teaches in both the bachelors and associate programs. Her work reaches urban and rural students across the state. Passionate about outreach, Annette has implemented Nurse Camps for pre-college students as part of the menu of RRANN services.

Wang Choe  
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RRANN welcomes Wang Choe! Wang was born in South Korea and later moved to Anchorage, Alaska as a child with his family. He has been working at UAA School of Nursing since Fall 2005. Prior to joining RRANN, he started out as the Front Desk Assistant providing administrative support to the Pre-Major Advisors, and assisting students with appointments and other inquiries. Later on, he worked as the BS/MS Program Assistant providing faculty course support, and then transitioning over as the AAS Program Assistant performing the similar duties, and coordinating all the SON audio and video conferences. While being employed with the School of Nursing and working another part-time job, he continued to attend school at UAA on a part-time basis to earn his Associate of Arts in General Program and Associate of Applied Science in Human Services with an emphasis in Diversity. He is currently in the process of earning his Bachelor of Human Services with an emphasis in Substance Abuse. Besides his experience working closely with faculty, his professional experience includes working with at-risk homeless adolescents who face various psychosocial barriers such as severe mental illness, substance abuse, trauma, etc. In addition, he has worked with young and older adults with developmental and intellectual disabilities, and traumatic brain injuries. Lastly, he is experienced in psychotherapy and case management.

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Jessica Glore is the University of Alaska Fairbanks Kuskokwim Campus Academic and Career Advisor/RRANN Student Success Coordinator. She works with nursing cohort students, including pre-nursing students.

Jessica is originally from Kwigillingok and is a Yup’ik and English speaker. She was a Sackett Hall dorm student and has worked for a number of UAF programs including RAHI and KuC’s Talent Search TRIO Program. Jessica graduated from UAF with a BA in Interdisciplinary Students with a minor in Elementary Education.
Meet the RRANN Staff!

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Stephanie Sanderlin is of Yup’ik, Aleut, Russian, and German heritage and is originally from Dillingham, Alaska. Her parents, Jim and Jeanie Timmerman, raised Stephanie along with her three younger siblings in a subsistence and commercial fishing family.

After graduating from Dillingham High School, Stephanie attended Northwestern College in Orange City, Iowa and received her B.A. in English Teaching. She spent 15 years in secondary education before moving to the UAA School of Nursing to work for the Anchorage RRANN program.

Since Stephanie’s mother served as an Alaska public health nurse for over 30 years and currently works for the Head Start program as Wellness Content Manager, Stephanie has been pretty well-acquainted with nursing and nurses throughout her lifetime. Consequently, she realizes the incredible role nurses play in healthcare and is eager to help Alaska Native and American Indian students as they pursue their nursing degrees.

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Joel Manalo was born and raised in the Philippines. He moved to Ketchikan, Alaska in September 2000 at the age of 11. He attended elementary school through high school in Ketchikan.

During high school, Joel took a Child Psychology class as he was interested in pursuing a teaching degree. His interest in health care as well led him to a medical terminology class. Part of the medical terminology course allowed students to shadow somebody in a hospital. Joel was partnered with a nurse in a long-term care facility and noticed that the nurse did patient teaching in regards to their medications. This taught Joel that nursing involves more than caring for the sick as nurses are also educators. Nursing is a profession that will allow Joel to combine both of his career interests! In 2008, Joel moved to Anchorage to pursue his Bachelor’s Degree in Nursing.

In August 14, 2014, Joel graduated from the UAA with his BS in Nursing. As the RRANN tutor coordinator, he tutors nursing students from different trimesters. He also connects pre-nursing students who seek tutoring for nursing pre-requisite classes. He says, “This job allows me to give back to students by tutoring them. It also helps me develop effective teaching styles while maintaining the knowledge I have acquired in nursing school.”

Joel is very interested in becoming a nursing educator in either the university or clinical setting. Currently, he is managing a part time job for RRANN, serving as a nursing clinicals instructor. As an RN, and recently earned his Master of Science in Nursing, focusing on Leadership in Education.