

UAA Admitted Non-Enrolled Student Questionnaire and Outreach Initiative

Methodology

Findings are based on the 408 responses to the UAA Admitted Non-Enrolled Student Questionnaire (response rate = 22%) and a data analysis of the survey population.

The survey was administered between October 6 and November 17, 2015 to the 1,871 individuals who applied and were admitted into UAA in Fall 2015 and had not enrolled in UAA courses as of October 2, 2015.

The survey invitation also led to many students replying directly to UAA Admissions via email regarding their applications. Including these email contacts, the initiative reached a total of 497 individuals (response rate = 27%).

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Purpose

The UAA Admitted Non-Enrolled Student Questionnaire and Outreach Initiative aimed to gather information about the factors that influence students' decision not to enroll and how the University of Alaska Anchorage (UAA) can best support them and future students in their academic pursuits.

Why haven't they come to UAA? Did they enroll elsewhere? Do they still plan to enroll at UAA? What can UAA do to support their student success? This effort explored those questions and came following the successful completion of an August 2015 pilot initiative.

This initiative allowed students to get started in reactivating their application or letting us know that they've made other plans. Questionnaire respondents received personalized follow up contact based on their respective responses by dedicated Admissions and Office of Student Information staff.

Summary

Analysis revealed that **20% of the admitted non-enrolled population ended up enrolling within the University of Alaska (UA) system** (9% at UAA) during Fall 2015 or more recently. Additionally, **33% were found to have enrolled at an institution outside the UA system** and **47% never enrolled at all**.

Survey results show, that half of the admitted non-enrolled respondents still plan to attend UAA. When asked to describe their decision regarding their admittance to UAA, respondents indicated:

- **44%** I would like to take classes at UAA at a future date
- **6%** I am waiting to be admitted to a specific UAA academic program or course
- **33%** I decided to enroll or stay at a different college or university
- **5%** I am currently not planning to attend college or university
- **12%** Other

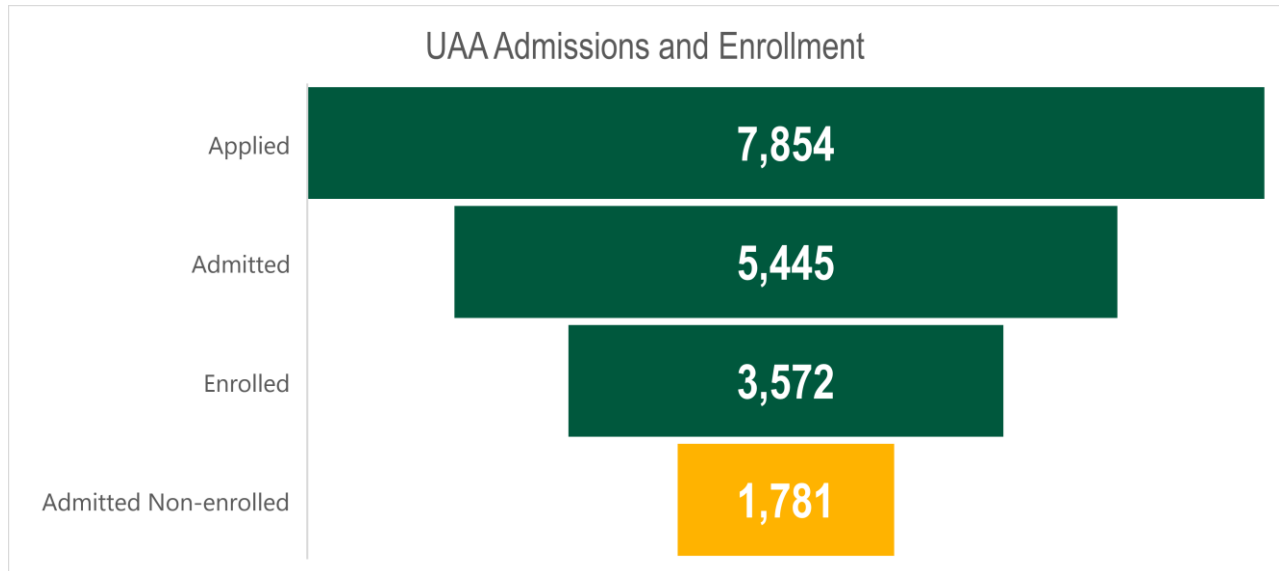
Including UAA, 47% of respondents applied to one institution. Among respondents who applied to more than one institution, **over half (56%), said that UAA was their first-choice school or among their top choices**. Only half (51%) of respondents who selected a different institution visited UAA before reaching their decision to enroll elsewhere.

Among respondents who plan to attend UAA at a later date, primary reasons for not attending at this time were reported as personal challenges including financial barriers and conflicting work or family obligations.

Whereas reasons for not attending among those who selected a different institution include location, being admitted to their preferred choice, low perceptions of quality and rigor at UAA, and receiving quicker response or better financial support from another institution.

Overview of Admitted Non-Enrolled Population

UAA received a total of 7,854 applicants for Summer 2015 and Fall 2015; admitting 5,445 of those applicants. Two-thirds of those admitted to UAA for Summer 2015 or Fall 2015 enrolled in classes at UAA by October 2, 2015, leaving a remaining **1,871 admitted non-enrolled students**.



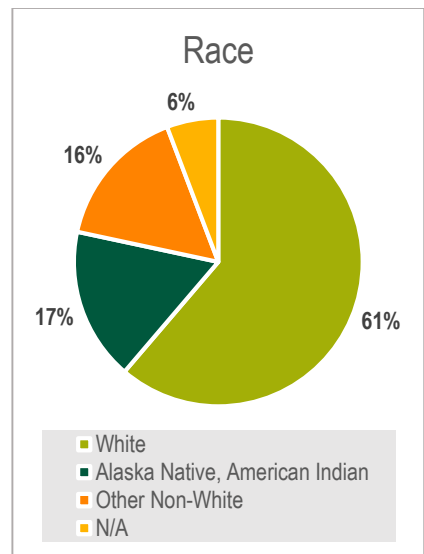
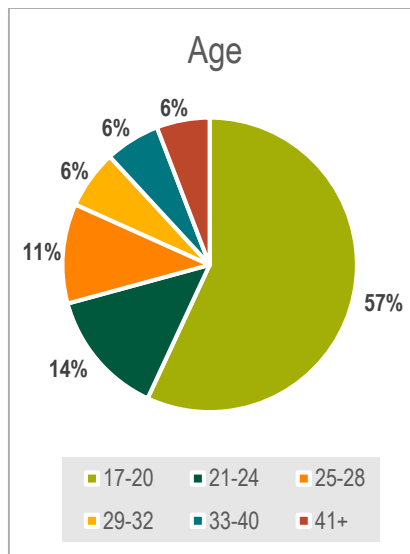
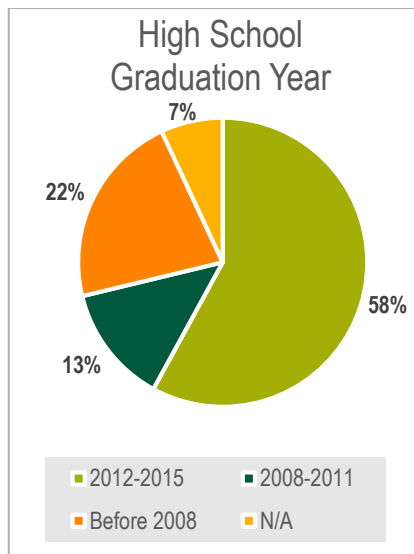
Of the 1,871 admitted non-enrolled student population, 216 were admitted for Summer 2015 and 1,655 were admitted for Fall 2015. When looking at program type, 1,820 were admitted to an undergraduate program and 51 were admitted to a graduate program. Additionally, **17% (n=324) were eligible UA Scholars**.

Over half of those admitted non-enrolled were admitted as first-time students; **59% as first-time freshmen** and 3% as first-time graduate students. A **quarter were admitted as transfer students**; 18% transferring from outside the UA system and 6% transferring from within the UA system. The remaining 14% were readmitted students.

The table below outlines the degrees and majors with the most admitted non-enrolled students. There are opportunities to focus efforts on enrollment barriers and degree pathways for the programs with high numbers of admitted non-enrolled students. For example, of the 1,871 admitted non-enrolled population, 15% (n=273) applied for nursing-related majors (i.e., Nursing Science, Pre-Major Nursing Science, Pre-Major Nursing).

Degrees with the Most Admitted Non-Enrolled Students	Number of Admitted Non-Enrolled	Majors with the Most Admitted Non-Enrolled Students	Number of Admitted Non-Enrolled
Bachelor of Science	636	Pre-Major Nursing Science	155
Bachelor of Arts	443	Biological Sciences	135
Associate of Applied Science	424	Pre-Major Nursing	118
Bachelor of Business Administration	128	Exploratory Major/Undeclared	104
Associate of Arts	91	General Program	91
Occupational Endorsement Certificate	25	Pre-major Engineering	73

Further opportunity also exists to promote a college-going culture to prospective students in the 18-20 age group. Over two-thirds of admitted non-enrolled students (**71%) were of traditional 18-24 college age**. The three tables below provide a demographic analysis of the population.

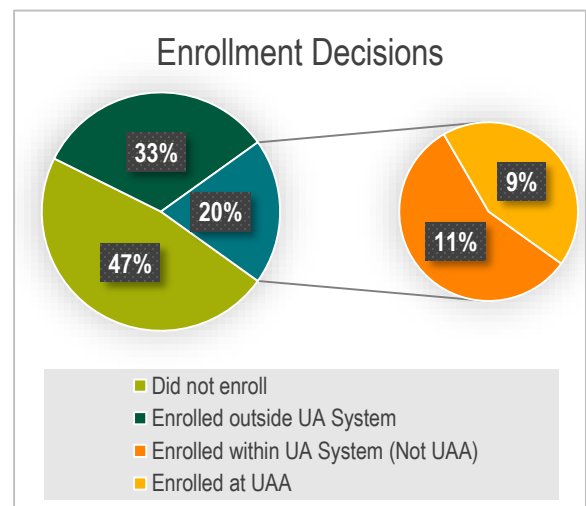


Enrollment Decisions

What happens to the admitted non-enrolled students? Do they end up coming to UAA? Do they enroll elsewhere? This section details subsequent enrollments of this population as provided by data from the National Student Clearing House Student Tracker, dated September 9, 2016.

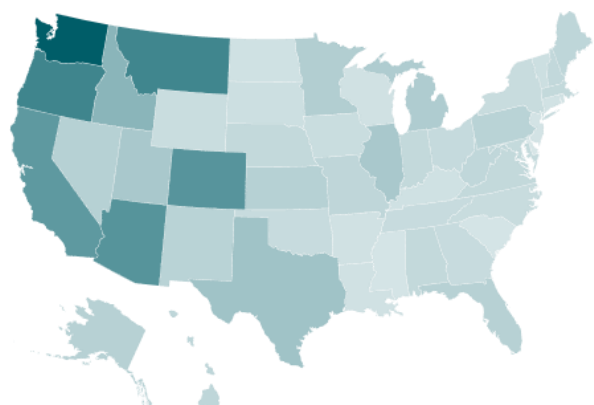
Of the 1,871 admitted non-enrolled, **20% (n=370) ended up enrolling within the University of Alaska (UA) System** during Fall 2015 or more recently. Of those students, 43% came to UAA; 160 enrolled in classes during Fall 2015 or more recently and 127 students from the survey population were enrolled in Spring 2016.

A significant challenge for Alaska continues to be the development of a college-going culture. The question is less about where students go to college or university, but if they go. **Nearly half (n=888) of the admitted non-enrolled students have not enrolled at any college or university** since being admitted to UAA.



Approximately **one third (n=613) enrolled at an institution outside the UA system** during Fall 2015 or more recently. The table below highlights the top ten states where UAA admitted non-enrolled students chose to attend college or university instead. The appendix includes a full listing of non-UA System enrollment by state.

Top 10 Enrollment by State	Students
Washington	243
Oregon	153
Montana	147
California	136
Arizona	117
Colorado	116
Idaho	74
Texas	53
Illinois	42
Utah	42



While Washington has the highest enrollment of UAA admitted non-enrolled students, Montana State University – Bozeman is the most popular institution for subsequent enrollment among this population.

The table to the right highlights the top ten institutions where UAA admitted non-enrolled students attended during subsequent enrollment. The appendix includes a full listing of enrollment by institution.

Top 10 Enrollment by School	Students
Montana State University - Bozeman	36
Washington State University	18
University of Montana	12
Western Washington University	12
Alaska Pacific University	10
Colorado State University	10
Northern Arizona University	10
University of Washington - Seattle	10
Oregon State University	9
American Public University System	8

Postponing Enrollment at UAA

A priority of this outreach effort was to offer support to students who are still interested in enrolling at UAA. Through the online questionnaire, admitted non-enrolled individuals were able to select to postpone their application for admission at UAA to Spring 2016, Summer 2016 or Fall 2016. The Admissions team updated students' applications accordingly. This questionnaire provided students the convenience to make the same changes to their application as the Request to Change Application for Admission form. Respondents indicated that they would like to change their admission semester to:

- Spring 2016 (n=92)
- Summer 2016 (n=23)
- Fall 2016 (n=75)

Over half of questionnaire respondents indicated (either directly or indirectly) that they would like to postpone their application. At least 44% (n=178) expressed that they would like to take classes at UAA at a future date and 6% (n=25) said are waiting to be admitted to a specific UAA academic program or course. An additional 34 students responded directly via email in lieu of completing the survey and requested their application to be postponed.

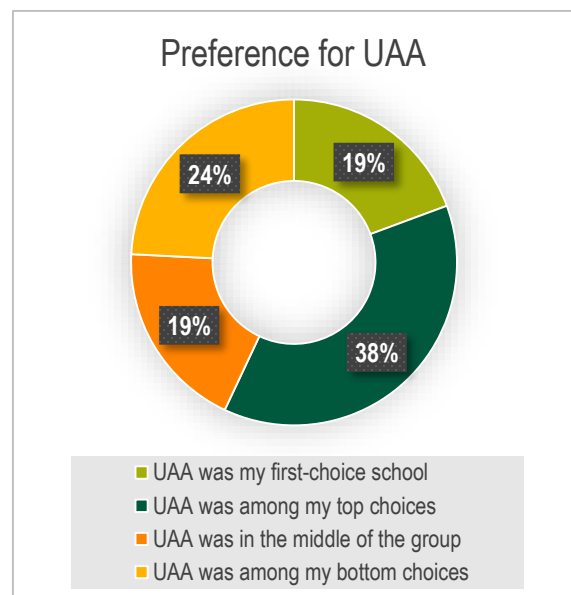
Questionnaire and email respondents received prompt and personalized follow up contact based on their respective responses by dedicated Admissions and Office of Student Information staff.

Admittance Decision Factors

What factors influence students' decision to attend college? Respondents were asked to describe in their own words, why they chose not to enroll at UAA in Fall 2015. A full listing of these responses can be found in the appendix of this report (Q7). Responses vary among those who still plan to attend UAA, enrolled at a different institution, and don't plan to attend college or university.

Including UAA, **47% of respondents applied to one institution**, 18% applied to two, 13% to three, and 22% to four or more. Similar results were reported for admittance rates; including UAA, 50% of respondents were admitted to one institution, 18% admitted to two, 14% to three, and 18% to four or more.

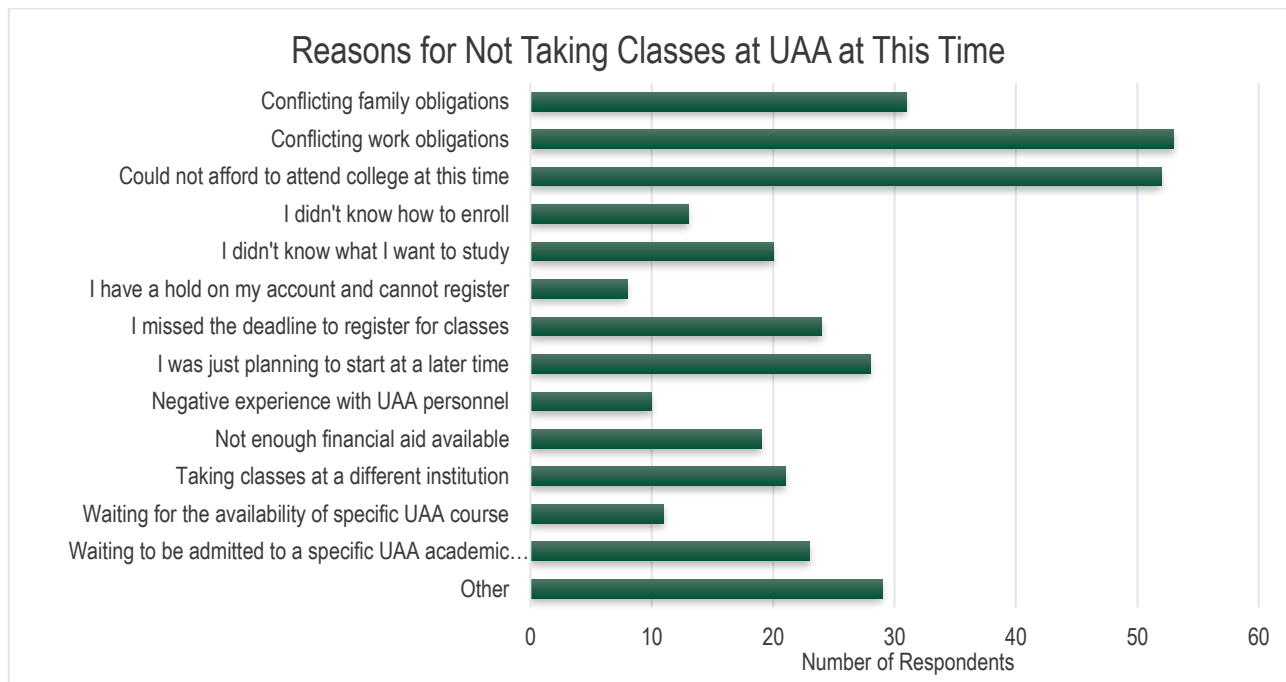
Respondents who applied to more than one institution (including UAA), were asked how UAA compared to the other colleges or universities to which they applied. **Over half (56%), said that UAA was their first-choice school or among their top choices.**



Approximately 43% of respondents applied for financial aid at UAA. Of those respondents who applied for financial aid from UAA, 47% reported that yes, they received a financial aid award or scholarship from UAA and 38% received a financial aid award or scholarship from another school. Of the respondents who applied to schools other than UAA, 54% received a financial aid award or scholarship from an institution other than UAA.

Respondents who indicated that they **would like to take classes at UAA at a future date** or are waiting to be admitted to a specific UAA academic program or course (n=203) were asked to identify their primary reasons (up to three) for not taking classes at UAA at this time. The table below outlines all response categories. The most common reasons include:

1. Conflicting work obligations (26%)
2. Could not afford college at this time (26%)
3. Conflicting family obligations (15%)



Respondents who indicated that they **decided to enroll at a different university** (n=135) were asked to share with us why they chose their school instead of UAA. A full listing of these responses can be found in the appendix of this report (Q14). Responses include:

"Because UAA was community college."

"They were welcoming and well prepared to admit students. Did not even receive my official acceptance letter until a few weeks ago after applying in March. I met with staff that were 'on their way' out and had a negative attitude. I also was not able to really get any of my questions answered regarding graduate student admittance and financial aid..."

"I've always wanted to go out of state, and WWU puts a stronger emphasis on community and academics."

"More financial aid and better academic reputation."

"It sounded better and I've never liked anchorage. Also my sister did not have the best time at UAA."

"I got a scholarship for a free year and it is close to home."

"Faster acceptance."

"Closer to home."

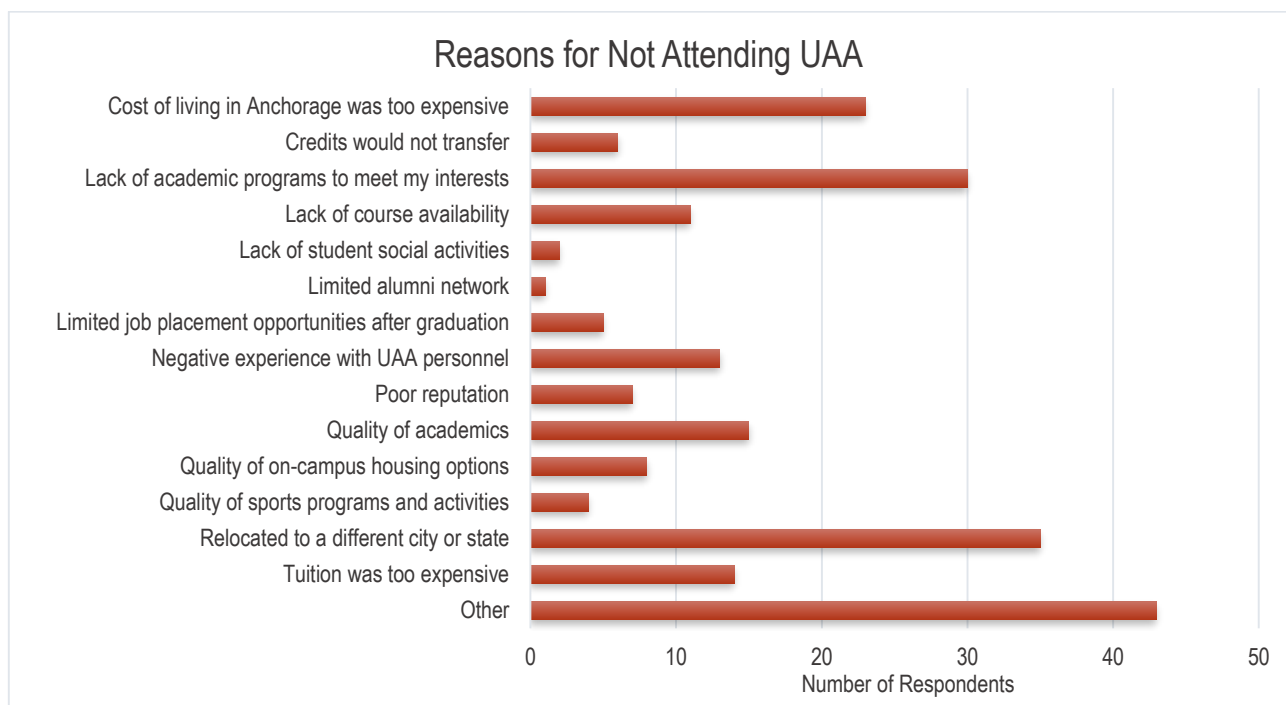
"It's cheaper and it's in a new and exciting place."

"Firstly, UAA did not offer my major of interest, exercise physiology. Secondly, I was given the opportunity to play collegiate football, and UAA did not have that option. Thirdly, UAA seems overpopulated, as the parking lots are always full, and from what I have gathered from friends who attend or have siblings that attend."

"CCA is a fine arts institution with a wonderful reputation, and alumni that are very impressive. UAA's fine arts program did not offer the same sorts of facilities, faculty, or opportunities. Also, being located in the Bay Area brought along even more opportunities that Anchorage did not."

Respondents who **selected another institution** were also asked to identify their **primary reasons** (up to three) for not attending UAA. The table below outlines all response categories. The most common reasons include:

1. Relocated to a different city or state (27%)
2. Lack of academic programs to meet my interests (23%)
3. Cost of Living in Anchorage was too expensive (18%)



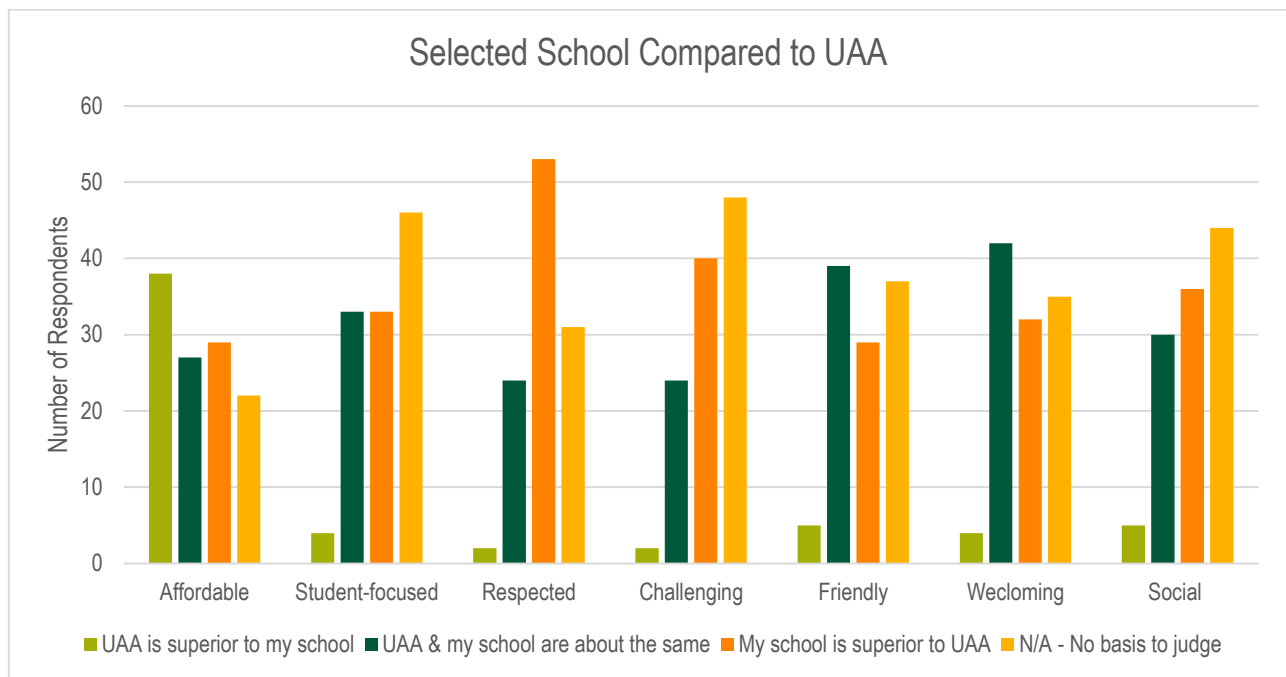
Among the 33% of respondents who indicated a reason other than the response categories available, many responses related to **location (i.e. not wanting to live in Anchorage, wanting to explore, Alaska being too far from the rest of the country)**, being admitted to their preferred choice, and **receiving quicker response or better financial support** from another institution. It was also evident through the open response answers that the **experiences of friends or family with UAA is highly influential** in the decision making process and shaping perceptions.

How do students **feel about UAA as compared to their selected option**? Respondents who enrolled at a different college or university were asked to compare their school to UAA on a variety of characteristics. Understanding students' perceptions in this way is critical to shaping UAA's reputation and how it is seen by potential students. **Only half (51%) of these respondents visited UAA** before reaching their decision to enroll at a different institution.

UAA earned **high ratings on affordability**, with one-third of respondents saying that UAA is more affordable than their selected school; an additional 23% reported UAA and their school to be about the same in affordability. **UAA was ranked poorly in comparison on all other factors**, including

being student-focused, respected, challenging, friendly, welcoming, and social. The table below outlines the full results for all response categories.

It is also important to note that the highest response category for many of these characteristics is **“N/A – No basis to judge.”** This suggests that **UAA is not providing prospective students with a clear picture of UAA**, the campus culture, and opportunities available.



Respondents who indicated that they are currently **not planning to attend college or university** (n=20) were asked to identify their primary reasons (up to three) for not attending. The most common reasons include:

1. Conflicting family obligations
2. Conflicting work obligations
3. Decided college was not for me

Experience with UAA

Regardless of a student’s decision to enroll, UAA strives to ensure all prospective students have a positive interaction with the campus, admissions process, and university personnel. Admitted non-enrolled students were asked about their experience.

- 72% of respondents said UAA staff and faculty were **friendly and courteous**.
- 71% said UAA staff and faculty were **knowledgeable** about the questions they had.
- 65% said their experience with UAA has been positive.

Respondents were also asked to share if there was anything that UAA could have done differently to better support them in the admissions process or influence their decision to attend UAA. A full listing of these responses can be found in the appendix of this report (Q30). While respondents reported a positive experience overall, many **suggestions were made regarding the timeliness of admissions decisions and financial aid, response time and quality of answers to questions, and better access to and improved quality of academic advising**. Responses to how UAA could improve include:

“Contact me over the summer.”

“Prepared an acceptance letter with financial options prior to the start of school. Created a more streamline process for advising.”

"I had very specific questions about financial aid and scholarships. I was hard pressed to find answers with UAA personnel."

"There needs to be more support and classes available for fulltime + working students. I work two jobs and finding the time to attend class and do homework and have a life after work is very hard."

"I received an email stating that I was admitted but didn't enroll. I didn't enroll because I didn't receive any notification that I was enrolled."

"I don't believe they could have done anything to get me to go here it was a matter of stepping out of my comfort zone."

"Nothing really. Good experience. Wish I could have continued."

"UAA could have probably reached out to students more on a personal basis. UAF sent a representative to my school. I only received mail from UAA."

"Make enrolling into classes easier to figure out."

Conclusion

The results of this outreach initiative and questionnaire affirm the importance of clear and personalized communication to prospective UAA students. Admitted non-enrolled individuals demonstrated a responsiveness to UAA outreach that reflected a desire for quality individualized contact. A closer look at UAA's communication and marketing plans would highlight opportunities for customization. Distinct and focused efforts could then better relay enrollment and postponement options to students wishing to attend UAA at a later date and positively shape perceptions of UAA to prospective students deciding between enrollment at a number of different institutions.

Similarly, prospective students expect clear avenues to communicate to UAA and have their questions answered. Students also expressed a need for a mechanism that would allow them to better communicate their enrollment decision back to UAA. With such a diverse pool of prospective students, there is a critical need to conduct further market research and identify strategies to address the unique needs and goals of the various sub-populations applying to UAA.

APPENDIX

This appendix includes additional data and all responses to select open-ended survey questions.

Subsequent Enrollment at Other Institutions

Approximately one third (n=613) on UAA admitted non-enrolled students enrolled at an institution outside the UA system during Fall 2015 or more recently. The tables below list the states and where UAA admitted non-enrolled students attend college or university. Source: National Student Clearing House Student Tracker (September 9, 2016).

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Alaska	29
Florida	29
New Mexico	27
Pennsylvania	27

Hawaii	25
Maine	25
Missouri	24
West Virginia	23
New Hampshire	22
Indiana	21
Virginia	21
Alabama	18
Massachusetts	18
Nebraska	18
Maryland	17
Ohio	16
Georgia	15
Oklahoma	15
Tennessee	15
North Carolina	14
New York	14

Iowa	13
Wyoming	13
South Dakota	11
Vermont	11
Arkansas	9
Louisiana	9
Wisconsin	9
Rhode Island	8
Kentucky	7
North Dakota	7
Connecticut	6
New Jersey	4
Puerto Rico	4
Mississippi	3
South Carolina	3
Delaware	1
Guam	1

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Oregon State University	9
American Public University System	8
Boise State University	8
Fort Lewis College	8
Portland State University	8
Coconino Community College	7
University of Oregon	7
Liberty University	6
Southern New Hampshire- 09week	6
University of Hawaii at Manoa	6
University of Idaho	6
Arizona State University	5
Central Texas College-Traditional	5
Grand Canyon University	5
Idaho State University	5
Pacific Lutheran University	5
Portland Community College	5
University of Arizona	5
University of Maryland - University College	5

University of Nevada-Reno	5
University of New Mexico	5
University of Wyoming	5
Wayland Baptist University-External Campus	5
Weber State University	5
Clark College	4
Colorado Mesa University	4
Front Range Community College	4
Southern Oregon University	4
University of Maine Orono	4
University of Minnesota-Twin Cities	4
University of Northern Colorado	4
Western Oregon University	4
Ashford University	3
Brigham Young University - Idaho Spring/Fall	3
Brigham Young University -Idaho Winter/Spring	3
Eastern Washington University	3
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University - Arizona	3
Gonzaga University	3
Grand Canyon University-Traditional	3
Green River Community College	3
Grossmont College	3
North Idaho College	3
Northern Michigan University	3
South Puget Sound Community College	3

Southwestern Oregon Community College	3
University of Colorado Denver	3
University of Hawaii at Hilo	3
University of Missouri-Columbia	3
University of Portland	3
Westminster College of Salt Lake City	3
Whatcom Community College	3
Barton Community College	2
Bemidji State University	2
Brigham Young University	2
Brigham Young University - Idaho Fall/Winter	2
California College	2
Cascadia Community College	2
Chamberlain College of Nursing	2
Colorado School of Mines	2
Concordia University-Portland	2
Corban University	2
Creighton University	2
Cuesta College	2
East Carolina University	2
Grand Valley State University	2
Highline College	2
Ilisagvik College	2
Ivy Tech Community College	2
Johnson & Wales University	2
Kaplan University	2
Leeward Community College	2
Linn-Benton Community College	2
Louisiana State University - Ag	2
Metropolitan Community College	2
Missouri Valley College	2
Montana Tech of the University of Montana	2
Mt. Hood Community College	2
New Mexico State University-Main	2
Northern Kentucky University	2
Palomar College	2
Peninsula College	2
Pierce College	2
Sacramento City College-Los Rios Cc District	2
Salt Lake Community College	2
San Diego City College	2
San Diego State University	2
San Francisco State University	2
Savannah College of Art and Design	2
Seattle University	2
Shoreline Community College	2
St Cloud State University	2
Texas State University - San Marcos	2
University of Arkansas at Fayetteville	2
University of Colorado Boulder	2
University of Colorado Colorado Springs	2
University of Denver - Colorado	2
University of Maine Augusta	2
University of Massachusetts at Amherst	2
University of Montana - Western	2
University of Nevada Las Vegas	2
University of New England	2
University of Southern California	2
University of Texas at El Paso	2

Virginia Commonwealth University	2
West Virginia University	2
Western Governors University	2
Willamette University	2
Adrian College	1
Alderson Broaddus University	1
American River College Los Rios Cc District	1
Aquinas College-Traditional	1
Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College	1
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Austin Community College	1
Ball State University	1
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Baylor University	1
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California Baptist University -Undergrads	1
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California Maritime Academy	1
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Camden County College	1
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Carrington College-Las Vegas	1
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Central Michigan University	1
Central New Mexico Community College	1
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Clark State Community College	1
Clovis Community College	1
College of Coastal Georgia	1
College of Dupage	1
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College of Southern Idaho	1
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Colorado Mountain College	1
Colorado State University - Global Campus	1
Colorado State University - Pueblo	1
Columbia College Chicago	1

Columbia Southern University	1
Community College of Allegheny County @ Main	1
Culver Stockton College	1
Cuny Borough of Manhattan Community College	1
Cuny Grad School & Univ Center-School Prof Studies	1
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Foothill College	1
Fort Hays State University	1
Georgia State University	1
Grand Rapids Community College	1
Great Basin College	1
Great Falls College - Montana State University	1
Greenfield Community College	1
Gulf Coast State College	1
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Harvard University - Continuing Ed	1
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Oklahoma Baptist University	1
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Oklahoma State University Institute of Technology	1
Olivet Nazarene University Ug	1
Olympic College	1
Oregon Institute of Technology	1
Ottawa University-Ottawa	1

Pace University	1
Pacific University	1
Phoenix College	1
Pikes Peak Community College	1
Pomona College	1
Post University - Accelerated Degree	1
Prairie View A&M University	1
Presentation College	1
Purdue University - West Lafayette	1
Red Rocks Community College	1
Regis University-Semesters	1
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Rochester Institute of Technology	1
Rocky Mountain College	1
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Sinclair Community College	1
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South Dakota School of Mines	1
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Suny Hudson Valley Community College	1
Tacoma Community College	1
Taylor University	1
Texas A&M International University	1
Texas A&M University - Galveston	1
The Evergreen State College	1
The University of Memphis	1
Thiel College	1
Trident University International	1

Tusculum College	1
Union University	1
United States Sports Academy	1
University of Alabama Birmingham-Traditional	1
University of California - Riverside	1
University of California-Davis	1
University of California-Santa Barbara	1
University of California-Santa Cruz	1
University of Central Arkansas	1
University of Central Missouri	1
University of Central Oklahoma	1
University of Cincinnati	1
University of Connecticut	1
University of Guam	1
University of Illinois at Chicago	1
University of Iowa	1
University of Kansas	1
University of Maine Ft Kent	1
University of Mary	1
University of Massachusetts Boston	1
University of Massachusetts Lowell	1
University of Miami	1
University of Michigan Dearborn	1
University of Nebraska at Omaha	1
University of New England Non-Matric	1
University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill	1
University of North Dakota	1
University of Northern Iowa	1
University of Oklahoma	1
University of Pennsylvania	1
University of Phoenix	1
University of Puerto Rico-Mayaguez	1
University of Puget Sound	1
University of Rhode Island	1
University of South Alabama	1
University of South Carolina @ Sumter	1
University of South Dakota	1
University of South Florida	1
University of St Augustine for Hlth Scs	1
University of The Cumberland	1
University of Toledo	1
University of Utah	1
University of Wisconsin - La Crosse	1
University of Wisconsin - Madison	1
University of Wisconsin Colleges - Fond Du Lac	1
Utah State University	1
Utah Valley University	1
Vanderbilt University	1
Vermont College of Fine Arts - Writing	1
Vermont Technical College	1
Walden University	1
Waldorf University Track 1	1
Walla Walla Community College	1
Wayland Baptist University - Main Campus	1
Wenatchee Valley College	1
Wesleyan University	1
West Texas A&M University	1

Western Michigan University	1
Western State Colorado University	1
Wichita Area Technical College	1
Wichita State University	1
Wilkes University	1

Windward Community College	1
Wisconsin Lutheran College	1
Yakima Valley Community College	1
Yavapai College	1
York College of Pennsylvania	1

Reasons for not enrolling at UAA

Q7. In your own words, please tell us why you chose not to enroll at UAA in Fall 2015.

1. I had no internet access over the summer. I needed help but lost all of the papers and contact information of advisors in order to enroll for classes.
2. Decided to wait a bit longer before continuing with school.
3. I received a scholarship at the college I am at now. My family was going to move to Alaska, but then decided to go to Indiana instead. So I was stuck with no place to stay for breaks and stuff. I was born in Alaska so UAA was very high on my list. I just could not afford everything since my parents were not moving out there
4. UAA is braindead
5. I was dissuaded from enrolling at UAA due to the lack of funding available for graduate students within my department of application.
6. My parents and I felt that it would be healthier for me to go to an out of state school instead of UAA... I would've loved to stay home, but it just wasn't healthy for me.
7. I got accepted to the nursing program at my current college.
8. I have all my prerequisites done just waiting to start the nursing program fall of 2016
9. I enrolled at Washington State University but I am planning on enrolling for next fall.
10. I wanted to go to a small private Christian college.
11. Due to work obligations I was not able to take my Accuplacer test.
12. Would love to go to UAA but didn't have enough for a dorm, living in another state and all, in Texas
13. I found out I am pregnant with my third child and it would be hard for my family to relocate.
14. See above.
15. I am already licensed as surveyor in Alaska. I have a M.S. in Surveying and a B.A. in History. I wanted to go ahead and get my B.S. in surveying, but at this point it is a luxury. I may re-attempt at a later time.
16. I'm taking classes at the local UAF campus in Bethel.
17. I was accepted to a performing arts college in California.
18. Financial aid. I was told it wasn't enough and i have medical issue that have come up that need to be addressed. Can't afford school loan and medical bills.
19. I am taking an online course through UAS. UAA did not offer the same class.
20. I ran into a personal issue so I had to withdraw from my fall classes but I plan on registering for classes in the spring semester
21. I am divorced and raise our young son on my own. I work full-time as a Realtor, which allows me to do the majority of my work from home. My intentions were to put my son in day care. We tried it for two weeks in the Spring and it was hell, for the both of us. Time with my son is precious. I decided that school can wait until he is a little older/more independent and we were in a better place so that I would be comfortable working less-- working full-time and being a full-time student is not an option because that will leave me with very little time with my son. As a family, we are in a much better place now and I am comfortable working only part-time, from home, so I can continue to be present or my son.
22. I had conflicting times with my full time job and I am also recovering from 2 knee surgeries that have slowed me down. I am waiting for the interview with the Rad Tech program which I missed this past spring.
23. Broke up with the Airman I was going to move to Anchorage with, therefore leaving me no reason to relocate.
24. Too expensive.
25. I moved to NM. I don't have the time to take classes, but would be interested in going back to UAA next fall for my Bach in Nursing.
26. Because I am trying to find funding for the program that I will start. Other schools have offered me funding, but UAA has not. I am an exceptional candidate, so I will find a solution to this problem.
27. I was enrolled but got hit with an IRS Audit that required my focus for 6 weeks and I didn't have time to complete school work and work my two jobs.
28. I signed up late and signed up for the spring semester 2016. I didn't receive a notification that I was enrolled.
29. I chose at the last moment to step out of my comfort zone and attend a school not in my home town.
30. I enrolled and took classes for two weeks. I had been previously approved for funding for my entire MBA program through the State of Alaska. Shortly after starting classes, I was informed that my funding was suspended due to the State's financial situation. Thus, I dropped my courses until funding returns.

31. I heard poor reviews of students who previously attended UAA. I was told that it didn't have the ideal campus 'feel'.
32. There was just a lot going on at the time. I didn't know how to enroll either, let alone what to study.
33. I learned I was pregnant with my third child and the cost of attendance was too much with saving for a new baby
34. I was not able to receive any kind of assistance paying for classes due to an administrative misunderstanding. Had to drop classes to avoid creating a larger issue.
35. The cost of living and tuition is expensive
36. Decided to go to UAF instead
37. I was very busy figuring out my living situation, and I just missed the deadline.
38. I was so focused on work and my personal life that the registration date escaped me and I couldn't come up with the money to enroll. I was also planning on taking at least one semester off before I jumped into it.
39. Distance
40. Chose a business entrepreneur program at another university.
41. Applying for PA program
42. I was not offered any funding, either as a T.A. or R.A., or a scholarship to attend. Other colleges did offer me funding so I went there instead
43. I was unable to afford tuition because I was roped into a legal battle for which I had to put any money I had for school towards an attorney.
44. I was planning on going and then my work schedule changed. I was planning to take other classes but they were full
45. I chose not to enroll in UAA because I found a school that I like better and that has what I want to study.
46. The level of bureaucracy required to take a simple class disgusted me. I have enough degrees as it is that I don't need to jump through hoops to complete another one.
47. I have decided i want to wait to go to college and don't know when i will choose to enroll.
48. I didn't want to be in Alaska, other schools offered me better programs
49. I just chose a different college. Tried to gain a new experience outside of Alaska.
50. After working hard to get off academic probation, I was rewarded with navigating the incredibly mysterious process of becoming 'degree seeking' once again (which is really stupid because who pays for years of college not seeking a degree?), as well as the 're-admittance' process. The staff at UAA admissions was altogether unhelpful or clueless, and wouldn't process anything without me calling them every couple of days to make sure they were doing their job. I am currently at senior status and have always paid out of pocket for college. Now that I'm finally old enough to not be associated with my parent's income, I qualified for the FAFSA and was ready to complete my last few courses (I was enrolled in 18 credits for Fall 2015), however UAA has again proven to me its ability to be completely unhelpful and denied my status to receive student aid. I have never been more disgusted by a business masquerading as a college in the 27 years I've been on this planet and I wish you guys would stop sending me bullshit e-mails about how you 'miss me' and to fill out a pointless survey that nobody is going to read anyways. This college was just a huge waste of time and money and I wish I had the insight to tell my younger self to pick a university that had a graduation rate higher than 25%.
51. UAA would not accept me for the two-year advanced standing program, instead, UAA offered me the 4-year part time program, this is not what I wanted and I believe the guidelines need revision if you want Alaska's money to be invested in Alaska's future. I found several other, out of state programs who met my wants and needs.
52. I choose to play basketball at a university in Washington.
53. I decided to enroll at a university closer to home for my first year in college. I am planning on transferring to UAA in the fall of 2016.
54. It was not the best choice for me, I decided to enroll in another university
55. Wayland offers 12 upper level life experience and I can take a lot of the degree classes on line (BAS in Healthcare Admin)
56. I got accepted to the University of Washington. If that isn't enough reason, UAA was not even a safety school for me. I only applied because my mother asked me to. It was a waste of an application fee. Your website is buggy and outdated, the faculty are not interested in research (I heard from a current UAA student), the facilities are second-rate at best, and after I committed to the UW, all other colleges really stopped attempting to contact me. With UAA, I was treated like I was going to the school until now. I have sent several emails asking to be taken off of your mailing list, but contact persisted. This just seemed desperate. I do not want to go to UAA now or in the future because it is not a prestigious institution, not competitive, and not challenging. My best comparison to UAA is a community college elsewhere. Stop contacting me.
57. Horrible communication with staff and myself. Kept getting put on hold. Not a great first start to college here.
58. Credit from previous college are not applicable here
59. Better reviews for my field of study at another university.
60. Waited on credits to be put in system was confused on what degree to pursue, not sure who to contact
61. I was not accepted to UAA Dental Hygiene Program
62. I received a full tuition scholarship to attend the University of Southern California. I believed that the opportunities for career development in finance were better at USC than UAA, and due to the fact my scholarship brought the cost of USC down

substantially, my decision was clear. I do not, however, believe that UAA is a bad university or a terrible education because it is a wonderful state school.

63. I decided to enroll at UAF because the programs there met my plans for my degree better
64. I had to retake classes I've already taken in other college
65. I did not receive any communication from your university after I was accepted. I never had the opportunity to see what sort of financial assistance, classes or any other information that would help make my decision.
66. I wanted to experience life outside of Alaska.
67. Resident of AK and needed to be on my own for a while without seeing people I went to college with/staying at home.
68. See question 1. I'm not sure if I will try to attend later.
69. I chose to attend a different university.
70. I was not accepted into the nursing program in Juneau.
71. I was accepted to another university and given a better offer to attend.
72. Because I didn't finish applying to the Psychology program and got accepted to my first choice.
73. I didn't choose not to enroll, i was living in another village and didn't have access to Internet to enroll in classes and I didn't know how. Once I got to anchorage, i missed the deadline.
74. Because, despite the nursing program available, the campus is not particularly attractive, plus I wanted to live away from home.
75. UAF program fit my needs and interests better.
76. I would have loved to but my parents and I constantly fought about it. In the end, they never exactly said so but, they didn't want me to leave. :(
77. Rough economy ahead (falling oil prices) for the state coupled with terrible leadership in the state legislature. No longer wish to live in Alaska.
78. Currently waiting to get into the nursing program.
79. I wanted to go out of state.
80. I decided to attend a different university to save money.
81. I applied to the associate degree of nursing program and was not accepted. So I am attending a nursing program in Oregon.
82. I do not have enough federal student loan money remaining to attend UAA. I do not qualify for any private student loans as I own zero property for collateral and I make under 25k a year. I was not eligible for any grants or scholarships. If any opportunity became available for me to attend and fulfill one of my dreams to become medical laboratory scientist I'd jump on it.
83. I decided to attend a different college.
84. I found another school to attend. Thank you for being supportive but I will Not be attending UAA.
85. I looked at all of the classes offered in the Civil Engineering program this semester and the 2 previous semesters. Although there are a few lower level and prerequisite courses that would fit with my work schedule, the majority for the majority of core courses, the classes start at 2 pm or earlier. It doesn't make sense to attend classes when I know it's not practical to be able to take all the required courses when I work from 7 AM -5PM Monday through Friday.
86. It was between UAA and the University of Arkansas and I ended up choosing Arkansas due to the fact that it is way closer to home, which is the North Texas area for me and it was cheaper for my family and I.
87. I have a medical issue that is not resolved. Did not want to risk doing poorly in classes due to missed classes/assignments. I think it's just better if I hold off until I can focus on the coursework. It is also likely that I will have to rethink my major (Professional Pilot). There is a good chance that I will not be able to pass the required FAA medical exam.
88. Also I admitted serval course transfer documents, to find whether my courses would transfer and to this date of 10/5/15 I have not gotten a response. documents submitted in April 2015. The ATC program to which I was going to attend, needs to have more than 1 person available. It was really difficult trying to get everything admitted and understand the process coming from out of state. Then the ATC staff and the General admissions people need to communicate better- I was given the run around a lot.
89. I decided to finish my AA in Wenatchee.
90. I chose to go to UAF because it was farther away. I am interested in possibly taking UAA Summer classes.
91. I didn't have enough scholarships filled out.
92. I am currently enrolled at another college.
93. I wanted to fly airplanes in Vermont. I have many contacts here and have started building up a foundation for my aviation career. Also many of them recommended the program here and I have opportunities that I just wouldn't have if I moved to Alaska.
94. I initially enrolled but changed my mind because I'm anticipating some changes in my family situation and decided I didn't need the addition education as I've got enough already.
95. Played football at collegiate level.
96. I don't like the location of UAA, and I think the academics could use some work.
97. The class I wanted to attend was already full.
98. Not ready to, work is like taking classes as a new nurse and need more time before going back for my BSN.
99. I chose not to enroll at UAA this fall because I thought I would be going to a different school but it didn't work out.

100. I am staying home due to family reasons for a semester and am working. I am taking online courses through UAF and will be moving to Anchorage to attend UAA during the spring semester.
101. I wasn't given an academic advisor for the justice program. They never answered their phone and admissions was very hard to get ahold of.
102. I wanted something different
103. There are specific classes I need and they are not all offered at times I can take them. I tried to do an independent study with one class and tried to connect with the professor but she was inflexible. I am a full time employee and I can't take off work to attend day time classes. Until my classes become available, I am stuck to finish my bachelor of science.
104. My only condition to join MSPM program was if I could get assistance on financial side, Which I could not. I contacted Ms. LuAnn Piccard before joining the program, but could not get a response after admission. and I did not get any notifications for dept when to enroll in classes.
105. I had a bad experience with one of the engineering advisors, who was very rude when I called with questions. I also had a lot of trouble with the website, and I intend to pursue software engineering.
106. I pushed back the starting date of my Nursing program.
107. UAA school of nursing is very unorganized. Many professors are seeking higher levels of education while teaching and as a result have little time, patience, or energy to teach. The clinical hours changed at the last minute several times and many students judged themselves as ill prepared for the hospital setting having spent next to no time in lab. The state of the art simulation lab was used twice during my 2 years in the program. Staff rarely responded to emails in a timely manner. Staff members were not taught or did not take the time to learn the new technology in the class room and often spent a class time trying to figure it out. I witnessed a professor and the technology person at UAA have a full conversation while a guest speaker was giving a presentation! My lab instructor during an IV lab stated in front of the class that she hadn't done an IV in 15 years so she wasn't sure if she was doing it correctly. This list could go on and on. The major reason I was considering going back to UAA was the cost. But then I came to my senses and realized there is truth to the old saying 'you get what you pay for'
108. I did not get accepted into the Dental Hygiene Program for 2015, so I'm going to reapply next year.
109. I was tossed up on which was the smarter route to pursue in relation to a legal degree. I made up my mind and applied to the BA of Arts in Legal Studies, was accepted, then was unable to register and begin classes due to conflicting work and family obligations. Getting things in order to hopefully register and start classes in the Spring.
110. I did not have enough money to move there.
111. Advisor would not let me schedule classes because I was not admitted yet. By the time I was admitted, it was already too late to schedule classes because appointments were already backed for weeks.
112. There wasn't a course that fit my schedule. UAS had an online course that did which is connected to UAA
113. Did not get admitted to the distance nursing program this round.
114. The biggest thing for me was balancing work / time and not thinking I would be able to. But a part of it truly was how painful it felt to try and figure out how to register, enroll, choose classes etc... If it were me running the show I would try and find money to put toward more counselors and make it more pain free for students... Hell they already have classes to stress over. Thank you
115. My goal is a Bachelors in Secondary Education and UAF has that program. I also want more of a traditional college experience and felt during my campus visit to UAA that it was too spread out and more of a commuter campus.
116. I had a better offer at a different university
117. I wasn't notified that I was even accepted for the fall term until 4 weeks AFTER classes started. Just days later, I received a letter stating that I was no longer eligible because I had not enrolled in classes. I admit, I submitted my application to the grad program VERY late, but this is the kind of dysfunction I've come to expect from UAA. I originally applied to the grad program because a professor suggested he had a grant that would pay for my tuition. That didn't pan out and it simply isn't worth it for me to pay for a UAA education out of pocket.
118. Because I am attending Oklahoma Baptist University.
119. had trouble getting my transcripts delivered and then unable to get into us online. Required resetting my account by tech folks.
120. Frustration
121. I chose to attend BYU instead of UAA because it has more social activities, quality academics, and better on-campus housing.
122. I was admitted to my first choice college, the University of Southern California for spring 2016. The joint cinematic arts and business degree is not offered in Alaska and the access to the industry is non-existent. I am spending 7 months in Europe with 5 months at the American University of Paris. I pled to UAA because you required it to keep the option of using my University Scholars scholarship if I need to return to Alaska.
123. I have taken all my prerequisites classes and I just need to take the entrance exam for the AAS of Nursing to be accepted and then I can take classes.
124. UAA was one of my options, but I ultimately chose a different university.
125. I did not choose to enroll because I am pursuing an electrician career.
126. UAF has a better program for me
127. I did not graduate.

128. I chose to stay at UAF as I've already established myself socially speaking, and a representative from UAA was very unclear with me concerning the transfer of my credits. I didn't want to waste my money re-taking classes that I've already taken. I don't plan to transfer to UAA as I don't have too much left to complete on my degree from UAF.
129. I work on the North Slope and cannot attend classes in person. I need to try to take online courses to complete my degree.
130. I had to drop out of UAF last Spring and return home to Anchorage for mental health reasons. I tried to take summer classes but could not get financial aid and ended up dropping those too. There were two classes I dropped too late and were charged for. I had a lot of trouble figuring out which scholarships would cover summer classes and even then, I did not receive the aid I needed. I could not pay for these classes until just this week, so I had a hold on my account. On top of that, by the time classes rolled around, I had a full time job and simply could not have attended classes. I hope to be able to this spring.
131. I am working towards becoming a massage therapist and UAA no longer has that program
132. I thought I wanted to be further from home, I was wrong.
133. Remodeling of home taking longer than expected, and too much money going out at the time to pay for classes.
134. I am from Anchorage, wanted a change in scenery and people so I left the state, for now.
135. I did not enroll because of financial conflicts.
136. Decided MAT program was not for me, and decided to pursue a different master's degree, specifically in language or food studies, not available at UAA.
137. I didn't know what I wanted to study and I'm not sure that I'm ready for college just yet. I now know that I want to go to college next year.
138. I chose to go to University of Alaska Southeast Juneau.
139. I was not accepted to the associates nursing program in fall of 2015 and I do not live in Anchorage. I will not be applying for courses at UAA.
140. Somehow my request for my transcripts to be reviewed has slipped through the cracks.
141. I am currently paying for one of my adult children to attend college classes and am unable to afford to pay for my own classes at this time.
142. Had a difficult time trying to get admitted. When it was all finalized, all the classes I needed were full.
143. I didn't want to spend money on a degree when I couldn't decide what I wanted to pursue. So I decide to wait. I will be attending the spring semester 2016, doing core classes.
144. I was not informed if I would be accepted or not until after the final deadline for the other universities I applied to had passed, if I had waited for your verdict you would have been my only option by that point I would have had to refuse all the others to wait on your what-if-maybe.
145. No one would answer my e-mails or return phone calls. Staff did not explain processes clearly and did not give correct information on several instances. They stated there were no VTC classes or anything for Bethel.
146. Current work obligations did not allow me to attend.
147. My student status, is an unusual situation whereas I have already met all course requirements for the certificate program in which I am seeking to graduate. I have met all course requirements for the certificate program, therefore, there aren't any courses in which I need to enroll/attend fall 2015 semester. Fall 2015, I am seeking to graduate only. In order for me to graduate this fall, I had to apply for readmission.
148. Personal issues in which I needed to stay local to be closer to my family.
149. I'm currently going through a process from the day I enlisted into the marine reserves and I don't know when I will leave for boot camp and don't want to postpone classes or anything else.
150. I chose not to enroll at UAA in Fall 2015 because of my pregnancy.
151. I would have taken classes this semester. However, I became frustrated after leaving 8 messages on Sheila Selkregg's office phone that she didn't return. After obtaining her cell phone number, she called back. However, she immediately referred me to speak with someone else (named Janice, I believe).
152. I had to wait on transcripts from the lower 48, also my financial aid was not ready.
153. I became busier than expected and realized I was unable to take classes at this time.
154. UAA is the school I wanted to attend
155. Plans had been altered and I do wish to attend in the summer semester
156. I was going to get surgery in October, so I wanted to wait to start school. By the time I decided to not get surgery, it was too late to register.
157. I was accepted at a local school.
158. Financial circumstances changed and I was not able to pay for classes. Hoping to attend next year.
159. Accepted into another Master's program.
160. I didn't choose to attend this year, because we are financially broke right now. Even if I wanted too, I still can't because I was overloaded with obligations and also no budget at this time. But, I am planning next year to attend college because I really want to have a degree. Please pray for me. Thank you.

161. I did not have enough time to settle all my affairs before leaving Indiana for Alaska. I am trying to change my application to attend next fall.
162. I am waiting to hear back about my application to UAA and UAF's BSN programs.
163. I could not afford the trip across the country but the University of Alaska Anchorage is my dream school so I decided to take a year off to work and save money so I can attend fall 2016.
164. I decided to attend classes in Denver, Colorado. However, I plan on attending next fall.
165. Out of state tuition was not something I could pay for without a job and a job in my field requires more time than the available time to take classes while working. Have to wait to become a state resident and obtain the funds to pay for the classes.
166. There were multiple reasons for me not enrolling at UAA in the Fall of 2015. The first reason would be that I did not know what I wanted to do. I didn't have a career in mind so I'm taking a year off to see if I can figure out what I'd like to do. Secondly I hadn't applied for any scholarships so I didn't want to be left in a huge debt compared to if I had applied for any scholarships. The third reason is because my dad is the only one working for everyone in my household. I'd hate for him to be the only one working for all of us while helping to pay for 2 college students. The last reason I guess is because I needed a break from school and because of all the reasons I've listed, I thought that this would be a good opportunity to try and discover what it is that I wanted to do before going to college.
167. I decided against moving to Alaska. Also, I was never notified that I was accepted into UAA. No letter or email was received and the entire acceptance process was unorganized. I can only imagine what the college itself runs like. I would not trust my education to an organization that can't even notify their students and keep them updated of their acceptance status.
168. Last summer I sent an email stating I won't be able to attend orientation and classes. I also missed the deadline for funding. On top of that I left state so I can help take care of my quadriplegic brother who lives in Washington. I apologize for the late reply, I no longer am interested in going to UAA, I feel too busy.
169. Another university, closer to home, I felt better about attending.
170. UAS offered the classes I needed through distance education.
171. The head of the department removed an accepted TA position from me based solely on the biased personal opinion of one other faculty members who was not even assigned to the same department. The head of the department did not even consult with the PI that I worked with for more than 2 years or myself before removing the TA position from me. This had huge negative consequences on my financial situation and my opinion of the university, persuading me to attend another university instead.
172. I am joining the Navy and I could not afford to go to college
173. I was not allowed as I had an outstanding balance on my account.
174. I had to choose between enrolling in daytime classes for the Medical Lab Science program and accepting a job as a lab tech with the State Public Health Lab. The job was too good to pass up. I would like to take classes in this field at UAA in the future if late afternoon or evening classes were available.
175. I was not accepted into the dental hygiene program. I will apply for this program next year.
176. I had a busy summer and big vacation in the fall.
177. Not attending UAA because of my military background, and I'm planning on moving states
178. I chose not to enroll with UAA because after I completed my application as a degree seeking student I went over to speak to a representative regarding placement tests and setting up a meeting with an advisor. I asked if testing was available on evenings or weekends due to the fact I work full time and had fairly recently begun working with my employer so I was hoping to avoid taking time off. I received a curt response that boiled down to school is a commitment and people do take time off for the testing. It was completely unwarranted and in front of other students/potential students. I then asked if I could speak with an advisor as that was the other item I had been told to do and was told there was no one available to meet with me, then they offered the person after me a meeting within 20 minutes. Right in front of me. I left confused as to what I had done or said to cause this behavior and discouraged that I would not be able to gain a degree while employed as they gave me the distinct feeling I was not worth their time. I later that same day went to Charter College. Within one hour I had met with an academic advisor, chosen a degree program I was interested in, met with a financial advisor and left with all the information I needed to make a decision. I am an A student and set to graduate this summer with an Associate degree and will likely continue on to my Bachelors. Those two staff members gave me the impression that UAA did not value or feel the need to meet the needs of the working student. Everyone I met prior to them were very helpful however.
179. Alternate conflicting plans fell through, by then it was too late
180. Because I am now ready to start my college life for a good job.
181. Enrolled with UAS to complete their online Management bachelors which is not offered completely online through UAA.
182. I just enlisted in the army national guard, and i will be attending basic military training this coming winter
183. I went to UAF
184. I enrolled in classes, then moved and started a new job while studying to take the NCLEX. The work load was too much considering everything going on
185. I am going to a different college
186. I would love to attend. Unfortunately, I have no money.

187. I do not know what I want to do yet so I'm taking some time off to figure that out but am thinking about attending in 2016.
188. I am waiting to enroll when/if I am admitted to the Bachelors of Science in Nursing program.
189. Family obligation took me away from me studies.
190. Not enough online classes and I can take classes for cheaper at another school.
191. Because I am going to attend The University of Alaska Fairbanks in Fall of 2016
192. Taking chem 103 distance at UAS
193. I had to support myself so work came first unfortunately. My job is 10 hours a day so I was unable to fit any classes in
194. I decided UAF would be better for me. I have literally told people from UAA that three times already. Why do I keep getting emails? I even declined the college.
195. Waiting to apply for nursing program
196. I wanted to go to college out of state. UAA was my backup school.
197. I chose not to enroll because I am taking classes at WVU but plan to enroll at UAA in fall 2016.
198. i didn't have the money and I couldn't find the time to talk to a counselor about classes
199. I enrolled, went to classes the first week and had to withdraw due to circumstances beyond my control.
200. My husband had hip replacement surgery and it became apparent that I would not be able to take classes and be available for him during this time. I am taking a chemistry on line class from BYU
201. Well, UAA has constantly raised tuition, the price of books is RIDICULOUS and the quality of education was not on par with other institutions around the country. I am unimpressed. They made it very difficult for me to attend school part time and work to support myself, and refused to step in when teachers required '5-6 hours a day' in homework (in his own words) and 'If you want an A then this class will have to take priority over all of your classes.' YEAH RIGHT. I had a full load and got the run around from the department. My husband was about to enroll at UAA as well, and we decided since it sucked so bad we would leave the state and take our educations elsewhere. So thanks. I had to leave my home state, born and raised just to find a decent education. Now STOP emailing me please.
202. I joined the military
203. I planned to take classes during the fall term of 2015 but had to undergo heart surgery at the end of August. This put me behind at work and behind on my bills etc. I needed time to recover and catch up with everything else. I do plan on taking classes in the Spring semester of 2016
204. Everywhere else I applied at gave me a scholarship and stipend
205. I did not know if I wanted to commit 4 years to Alaska because my partner is military and we may be moving within the next couple years
206. With a conflicting work obligation outside of Alaska, I decided it would be best for me save money for tuition and attend the college next semester.
207. I got caught up in family and work problems and missed deadline to sign up for classes. I decided I will just attend at a later date.
208. I have to finish high school in order to attend UAA
209. I had my heart set on UAA. But it took months and months to get my acceptance letter back. By then I had to apply to different schools. By the time I had my financial aid worked out and scholarships back for a different school I had finally got my acceptance letter for your school. It was too late.
210. I just wanted to take a little break after graduating high school. I'm signed up for the spring semester!
211. I am deployed right now in Kuwait. I was hoping to be in anchorage by September early week but due to conflicting problems I was not able to make it on time.so I got to move my application to 2016 summer.
212. I had emergency hip surgery and I was nervous to be so far away from home in case something was to happen.
213. I'm waiting to go to basic training for the Air National Guard and when I return I'll be attending classes at UAF.
214. The education center makes it difficult to get tuition assistance. I've spent numerous hours speaking to them. Then it seems every class that I need fills up with juniors since the can pre-register. I'm on active duty and would love to walk in and sign up for a class but in Alaska, it's not that easy.
215. I was waiting for financial aid to be applied to my account and I was unsure if I could afford classes without financial aid.
216. Didn't qualify for financial aid.
217. I decided at the last second to try out Southwestern Community College, in Oregon.
218. Busy with work as well as dealing with some family matters and forgot about it until it was too late to sign up for classes.
219. I had to the opportunity to apply for the nursing program at my current school and decided to see if I could make it here before trying for the program at UAA because it is less expensive.
220. My experience with UAA and a Title IX investigation into graduate students and professors left much to be wanted. I'm, frankly, appalled at the process that underwent to 'rectify' the issue and feel as if the appropriate actions were only somewhat taken. I'm utterly disappointed in UAA- though I had positive experiences with several of the anthropology professors (namely Diane Hansen). I will not attend UAA soon, nor do I intend to do so in the future. The entire experience led to my relocation to Colorado to pursue graduate studies at a trustworthy institution. Thanks for persistently asking for my opinion.
221. Lots of personal stuff going on including a custody battle for my 7-year-old grandson.

222. I applied for the UAA Associates of Nursing program in Fairbanks but did not get in. I would like to stay enrolled at UAA though as I will be applying to the UAA Nursing B.S. program in Fairbanks in 2016.
223. I wanted to enroll in the Professional Piloting program but didn't get accepted in time for classes to start. I switched to an Occupational License to get accepted and start taking classes but UAA wouldn't give me financial aid to take those classes.
224. I was enrolled in a few classes for the fall semester. Unfortunately, my family encountered a setback during late summer and I decided to stay and support my family. Also, I do not know what I want to major at this point.
225. I still wish to attend UAA, but I've moved to ND to be married and would be interested in taking online classes for UAA. I'm in the proses of figuring out how.
226. I decided to wait until the fall of 2016 to attend. It would be easier for me
227. I choose not to enroll at UAA because I was offered a veteran's education assistance tuition for public university in Illinois. However, I am still interested in pursuing my graduate degree at UAA in two years.
228. I got my acceptance to enroll in fall classes to late
229. I chose to go to Montana State University instead
230. My transfer credits from APU were very minimal, probably 50%. With 109 credits there, it did not make sense financially to not finish with them, even though I would have preferred to transfer to UAA.
231. UAA was not my first choice of university. I was accepted to my first choice, and I am currently taking classes there.
232. I am going to serve a mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.
233. I did not know what my schedule was until after the fall registration date, but I'm planning to enroll in the spring.
234. I had scholarship to attend a different university, plan to move back for family reasons
235. I wasn't technically admitted until after the semester started, and according to my transcript evaluation, many of the 70 units I've taken were electives, which was frustrating because that would mean another 3+ years of undergrad.
236. I was not able to afford tuition and fees as I had hoped
237. I would like to start in January if at all possible
238. I enrolled for a Finance degree then changed my mind to take some arctic engineering courses. I could not enroll without permission.
239. Same as above
240. By the time financial aid and letters of admission were mailed, most schools were last their admission deadline.
241. There were no open classes at the time I enrolled.
242. Wanted to be out of Alaska
243. The class I attended was online
244. Could not financially do it at this time
245. I am currently experiencing health issues that are keeping me from taking classes.
246. I was told I couldn't go back to school until I pay off my tuition.
247. I wanted to go to the University of Arizona instead. I only applied in order to keep my UA Scholars Scholarship in case I return to Alaska and decide to attend UAA.
248. I decided to go to Pace University in NYC instead, but I want the option of being able to come back to UAA if I wanted to in the summer or Fall of 2016.
249. I was already accepted at UAF before UAA. Took care of everything for everything at UAF before I got accepted at UAA.
250. I need to pass the Math Acuplacer and I needed a semester to study for it. I am planning on taking a Math class in Spring 2016. Please keep me enrolled.
251. I applied the Friday before classes started.
252. I enrolled into UAA to complete the application process for the RN program. The course does not actually begin until the spring semester.
253. I couldn't make up my mind on what I really wanted to do.
254. I am in the army and training obligations prevented me from being able to accommodate a semester long commitment.
255. I am unsure if an MPA will ultimately advance my career in the way I desire.
256. I chose to attend UAF instead, but later decided that UAA is my best option.
257. Unable to get into a degree seeking program and pay for school. My work will only reimburse for classes if I am accepted into a program. I have to pay for 12 credits out of pocket and maintain a 2.0 or higher in order to be considered for a program.
258. I was unsure of what to go to school for and I accepted a job offer. I do plan on process technology in fall 2016
259. I am currently living in Fairbanks until summer 2016
260. Military basic training
261. I wanted to go to a bigger university with more networking possibilities and more student activities.
262. I was unable to be in the rankings for the nursing program due to being misinformed about classes that needed to be completed
263. Waiting for UAA nursing program I'm Juneau AK
264. My husband and I were diverted from Elmendorf AFB to Hill in Utah so no need to attend.
265. I decided to stay home in Ketchikan to finish my few remaining pre-requisites.

266. I wanted to study speech pathology out of Alaska
267. Currently in the Air National Guard in Texas, I am unable to leave my unit at this time.
268. I have not lived in AK for over a year and cannot pay for the out of state prices, and didn't qualify for financial aid. I was really looking forward to starting school here but looks like I will have to delay it due solely to the lack of funds and high cost of this institution.
269. I applied to UAA as a backup due to having some financial troubles in the past year. However, I was able to make enough money this summer to continue to attend my current University.
270. Because UAA nursing program lost one letter of recommendation in my nursing school application submitted January 2015. I went in person to the nursing department in January 2015 to confirm that UAA had received any and all parts of my nursing school application. I have a bachelor of science and a medical background and all the pre-requisites for the nursing program. I also had glowing recommendations from many nurses I have worked with. I was applying for the associate program to get my RN and I am a very over qualified candidate. I was not informed of any issued and told my application was complete by the office staff in Jan 2015. In June 2015 I get a letter saying not only did I not get into nursing school but that my application was not even looked at because UAA was missing one letter of recommendation, from the nurse Teresa Kim who talked me into applying in the first place. I tried to talk to the nursing department but Maria would never answer my calls or see me when I went in person to talk to someone about his injustice no one would meet with me. A Ms. Finger spoke to me a few times and wrote me an email saying someone would help me but no one has yet to contact me and now the semester has started. I am at a loss. I have called, messaged and shown up in person and No one can tell me what happened or what I can do. I don't know how I could have been any more proactive and UAA and proven to be incompetent and extremely not helpful in this horrible situation they have put me in. I would love to enroll but I don't have any classes to take except nursing clinical classes an UAA lost my paperwork but I am being punished.
271. I missed the deadline
272. It would have been over 10,000 dollars more than my local college
273. I'm a full time employee at Norton Sound Regional Hospital and have been doing classes to fulfill pre-requisites. The original intent was to pursue UAA's PA program, however, due a lacking detail on my diploma, I'm being required to do a couple of semesters in an associate's program with a health focus - per your admissions personnel. I've got the option of pursuing your nursing program administered through UAA here in Nome, but due to work hours, and the lack of an on-site student advisor haven't attempted to take on any other classes the two I started the semester with DEVM 055 and ENG 211.
274. I wanted to go home to Mississippi.
275. I was currently on the way to becoming homeless was the biggest reason, also was waiting on the VA to send my certificate of eligibility.
276. got absolutely no financial aid. I am a resident, live on my own and work full time, but you still count my parents' income, which excludes me from any aid, even though I support myself on a low salary and live in my own apartment.
277. UAA did not accept all my transfer credits. UAS did, so I am choosing to attend UAS.
278. I decided to attend a different university for personal reasons
279. I became very homesick
280. I'm undecided so I'm taking GERs, might as well take them for cheaper in Juneau (my home town). Maybe after a few more years I'll go.
281. I wasn't able to get it to mesh with my schedule, and I also had some conflict with what I wanted to study.
282. I wanted to stay closer to home for a bit and save some money.
283. taking 1 year off. I am still deciding where to attend in fall 2016
284. I sent my academic transcript over a month before the deadline for class registration. It was received but not processed until two weeks after registration. All the classes were full.
285. I chose not to enroll in the Fall of 2015 because I wanted to step out of my box and move to Washington for an internship that allowed me to open up more doors to what I want to study in college.
286. I wanted to pursue my adm. cert., but am currently in the lower 48 and not able to complete the internship in AK.
287. I was working full time and did not have time to enroll into classes.
288. I am attending Montana State University in Bozeman
289. Because I missed the enroll date, I will enroll for spring 2016.
290. I was seeking a fine arts degree and was admitted with scholarships to a college in an area that offered me more opportunities so decided to go with them instead.
291. I received a full-ride national merit scholarship for University of Idaho, Moscow
292. I was enrolled with UAF
293. Need financial aid.
294. Due to the unavailability of financial aid and personal funds. As well as family obligations. I am unable to attend classes as planned. If I had the financial aid lack of current family obligations I would attend classes.
295. Because I wanted to work.

296. Even if I somehow managed to find a way to incorporate quantum mechanics into my schedule and operate in a superposition I wouldn't have the time this fall to go to school. I am however looking forward to 2016!
297. I wanted to start classes. But it proved to be more complicated than I thought it was going to be. And then I started working full time and ran out of time to try and figure it out
298. I have not yet got around to it. I took last semester off because I am not rich and I need to work a full time job. Therefore, my available hours are limited and the classes I need are not offered at those times. I have recently found out about the Juneau campus and I am thinking about attending there, well here, but online.
299. I could not afford to go this semester and filed for Financial Aid too late.
300. I felt that the Bachelor Art degree wasn't what I wanted to pursue.
301. Went to different school
302. Short on money, and unemployed, I was not able to afford a full schedule of classes like i had initially anticipated. I decided to wait until i could receive the resident tuition price. Also, I am planning on applying for financial aid, to assist more with my tuition costs.
303. I had some financial problems that came up and could not attend. I'm a single mom and am still working to catch up on my financial issues. Hoping to attend in the future though.
304. In a good place in my career that does not require a college degree. I received one degree from UAA already and don't intend on changing career paths.
305. I don't really know what I want to do, as far as where I want to go to college or even what I need to do. So, currently I'm taking time away from school to figure out what I want.
306. Work has kept me busier than I would have liked and I didn't feel that I had enough time to dedicate to my classes. As a UAA employee, I would get tuition waivers to take classes and I didn't feel it was appropriate to take classes for free if I wasn't sure I'd be able to complete them.
307. Math course would not transfer. Needed one math course to get my degree but without other credits transferring I would end up having to take intro math courses then the math course that counted.
308. Had a baby. Decided to postpone.
309. The classes that I needed to take were either full or closed for registration, and I would not have been able to get the minimum amount of credits needed per semester. I would like to attend the spring semester when classes and housing is available
310. I needed a break from working a lot this summer
311. I applied for FASFA in July 2015, faxed my paperwork into your financial aid office. I called numerous time and could never get an answer in how long it will take for my financial aid to be approved. I can't give an exact name of who couldn't give me a direct answer because every time I called I talked to a different person. I have plans on starting spring semester using my tuition assistance.
312. I changed directions from biology to physics. UAA does not offer any degrees in physics.
313. The first reason I chose not to enroll was that my desired academic major, Exercise Physiology, was not offered at UAA. The second was that the housing situation with limited dorms. Thirdly UAA feels over-crowded to me, as parking is always full and from what I have been able to understand from friends who are students there. I was also accepted to a school with the opportunity to play collegiate football, and UAA does not offer that opportunity.
314. I have a contract for my braces that doesn't end until I have paid it off. I have a little less than a year to finish paying it off. I can't cancel and I would rather not pay for a service I am not receiving. I do plan to attend at a later date, but not sure when.
315. I had enrolled, at some point in the enrollment process my application was not pushed through in a timely manner causing numerous extra disruption and hassle in the process. The lack of acceptance of accountability and accommodation by the university has inspired me to seek education elsewhere.
316. I just moved to AK and wanted to continue my education shortly after arriving. However, I feel it is best in the long run to wait until I am an Alaskan resident before continuing my education. It is too expensive for me to pay out of state tuition.
317. I applied for admissions to late. By the time I was notified of approval classes had already started.
318. I wasn't financially stable the fall semester. Unresolved bills were first priority.
319. I started a new job and have an erratic schedule, so I thought it best to focus on work and start school later. Also my transcripts weren't reviewed yet so the counselor and I weren't sure where I needed to start.
320. I was not accepted into the radiology program. I am going to be reapplying this year.
321. Accepted to start RN program in January 2016
322. I do not have enough money to pay for a full semester at UAA, and I would like to try again during spring.
323. I was denied an appeal for financial aid status. This was very frustrating as my appeal was based on a medical condition from over 10 years ago, and I could not supply documentation to support my claim as the doctor's office had since closed, and the records destroyed per current HIPAA statutes. I am currently saving to attend classes next fall and pay out of pocket, but I feel that the medical condition requirements should be examined and updated for those claims over a certain number of years.
324. I made the decision to wait a year before moving to Anchorage, Alaska. I am currently working and living in Fairbanks, Alaska saving money to move down next summer or fall of 2016. It was a difficult decision to make but it will benefit me in the long. run.
325. To continue my education towards a degree

326. I started a new job in Fall 2015 and did not know if classes would interfere with my job. I decided to wait until I knew my work schedule, so that I would know what days to take classes.
327. I enrolled into a graduate program and was performing work for a professor as a research assistant. As part of the original agreement that I had with the professor, tuition would be paid in full, however it seems that only a partial amount of tuition is able to be paid under the contract with DOT. I am not able to afford any more student loan debt, and will be postponing attending graduate school until I can afford to pay tuition.
328. I attended a different university for fall 2015 but am wanting to take classes at UAA in the summer of 2016
329. I am currently enrolled at Alaska Career College. That be said, I did not want to attend two colleges at the same time. I decided to attend January in 2016.
330. I was planning on making it to school in the fall but I was just starting a new job and I was on multiple training schedules and I could take a class on one of those schedules but it wouldn't work after I was certified. Once I was certified on my job I would go to a different schedule (which ended up being two different schedules within a month), which I had no control over. I needed the job so I decided to postpone college to secure the job one semester. I plan on going to college this coming semester.
331. I need to start with a class that doesn't start until the second half of the school year as I have already taken and passed the class that starts in August.
332. My health came first. I needed to be in a better physical and mental state before taking on the stresses involved with going to school.
333. Had to attend Basic Training for National Guard.
334. As a single mother who works solely to provide for two children, oldest entering middle school and youngest who is in elementary. I did not anticipate life changes would happen early summer with a relocation move (Upper Eastside to Muldoon) suddenly, this require me adjusted my enrollment delay classes. Also I need to clear a previous financial loan obligation that I am almost done paying off and I will be able to proceed with spring classes. Thank you for your understanding I would appreciate my application to be deferred.
335. I took a one-year position in Fairbanks and was unable to attend UAA.
336. I was unable to get the Coordinator for the Dental Hygiene program to call me back. I was requesting verification of transfer credits.
337. I graduated in 2002 with a B.A. in history from the University of Oregon. I have always wanted to get a graduate degree but, shockingly, you cannot receive an M.A./M.S. from any university in the state of Alaska. It's quite shameful that Alaskans are forced to leave our state in order to get a graduate degree in history. Yes, I know that UAF has a Northern Studies M.A., but that is different from history, especially if you want to go on to receive a Ph.D. in history (in any area not related to Northern Studies). So I was trying to compromise by getting an M.A. in English (literature) which I also love very much, and I figured that would also allow me to return to Alaska. But I realized, in the end, that studying in the proper department as a graduate student is more important than where I live. I would have loved to return to Alaska to study if Alaska (any university) offered more graduate degrees in the liberal arts. Alaska has become a state full of public school teachers, engineers, and various kinds of scientists. We lack a liberal flair which we desperately need. It should start with the universities and the programs they offer.
338. I wanted to take the petroleum engineering bachelors course but found out that it wasn't offered fully online and I was unable to move to Alaska, so I had to suddenly not be able to go there
339. It was too far away for my first year in college. Decided to go to a similar school but closer to home.
340. I wasn't sure if I wanted to take classes.
341. Will be out state
342. I felt that Alaska would have been too far to go for college from California and I was concerned about the travel distance
343. I wasn't ready to go to college. I decided to stay home and give me time to decide what is best for me in my future education.
344. I wanted to get out of Alaska and explore my options and have a new experience.
345. I did enroll, then funds for my State TA with the National Guard didn't fall through in time.

Reasons for Selecting a Different Institution

Q14. Can you please tell us why you selected your school instead of UAA?

1. Gave me a scholarship
2. Because UAA was community college
3. They were welcoming and well prepared to admit students. Did not even receive my official acceptance letter until a few weeks ago after applying in March. I met with staff that were 'on their way' out and had a negative attitude. I also was not able to really get any of my questions answered regarding graduate student admittance and financial aid. The lack of support from staff to help students find Graduate Assistantships was astonishing. Overall, I wanted UAA to be my first choice but through my experiences, I found it better to go where the institutions appreciated and supported its graduate students.
4. Location, cost, campus
5. My primary reason was because it was an out of state school. My secondary reason was that UAA doesn't offer my major.

6. I already completed 3 years here.
7. I thought it would be a higher education and a chance for me to be on my own.
8. UAA does not have a Christian community like Taylor does
9. I wouldn't have to wait two years to become a resident to get in-state tuition. In less than a year I will be a college graduate.
10. I am looking for a Performing Arts oriented institution.
11. Didn't move after all
12. UAF has a better reputation than UAA.
13. The cost
14. Specialized business program and related international study abroad.
15. They offered me a G.T.A. position, and their program closely aligned with my research interests
16. My school has what I want to study and a better campus atmosphere.
17. Closer to family
18. My current school was a better fit for me
19. Extremely bad experiences with all UAA staff
20. I would choose almost any school over UAA.
21. They had the program I wanted to be in
22. Better reviews for my field of study at another university
23. Because their biology program had what I was looking for
24. Sports and that's where I started college. I no longer have to transfer credits
25. Out of state
26. The opportunity to grow more as an adult because I'm on my own here and I wouldn't be able to do that as well at home in AK
27. It was closer to home.
28. Their program is more suited to my interests--Anthropology and Environmental Policy Ph.D., and they offered more money.
29. Alumni
30. Because it is closer to home and close to where I want to settle down for my career and life.
31. Prettier, better scholarship opportunities
32. They offered more classes
33. I was going to go to Mt. SAC for air traffic controlling so I could transfer to UAA but I applied to PCC a month before graduation and I ended up changing my major.
34. Close to home
35. I was accepted into the nursing program.
36. Because I decided to move out of the state of Alaska.
37. This school is a better fit for my interests.
38. Closer to home, less expensive
39. It comes down to this. As an out of state student- there is a lot more for me to do online and through phone, and email. When I cannot accomplish or I receive poor attitudes, the run around, and inefficient information it can only make one wonder if they are this dis organized over the phone how much worse it will be in person.
40. I didn't have to move.
41. UAA was my second choice school. I have been flying in Vermont for 5 years now and so I have many contacts that I would not have if I moved to Alaska
42. I've always wanted to go out of state, and WWU puts a stronger emphasis on community and academics.
43. The ability to study Graphic Design in an urban setting
44. Better advantages. offered more. Administration welcomed me in open arms
45. I needed something new, new environment, and it's affordable.
46. Great interaction with staff and faculty, good engineering program, great location.
47. Location
48. Better music department and it's not Anchorage
49. Better programs more suited to my particular field of interest (nursing with a cross-cultural emphasis)
50. The quality of education is better and there are more social activities.
51. Opportunity for learning from the best in the industry. The alumni contacts and tradition of 'Trojans helping Trojans'. International study (two programs in freshman year alone - 'Trojans Take Paris' and 'Learning about International Commerce (Hong Kong)).
52. New experience
53. UAF has a better engineering program
54. I was already at UAF. I love the school, but I hate the 40 below winters. The weather was the primary reason for my transfer. However, I've decided to tough it out and stay at UAF through one final winter.
55. UAA no longer has a program
56. It was out of state

57. Wanted to leave AK for a little while
58. Because it offers a masters in the Spanish language.
59. Staff was helpful and I actually felt wanted at Juneau rather than Anchorage.
60. They responded quickly, offered scholarships, and I have relatives in the city.
61. Better reputation
62. Funding for graduate students.
63. This school is much closer to home. It also has a much better reputation, consists of the courses that I was interested in, and were much easier to communicate with.
64. Closer to home
65. I honestly would've chosen almost any other school after the incident that occurred.
66. More programs in the field I want to be in. Better on campus living. Closer to home.
67. Charter College appeared to be more inclined to help the working student be successful.
68. Bachelors in business management was offered completely online.
69. Highline has a wrestling program
70. Because I was told that UAF has a better Criminal Justice degree program.
71. More financial aid and better academic reputation
72. It sounded better and I've never liked anchorage. Also my sister did not have the best time at UAA.
73. I got a scholarship for a free year and it is close to home.
74. Faster acceptance
75. I live in Fairbanks
76. It is less expensive and closer to home.
77. Had program I wanted
78. Free tuition from the state of Illinois. I would still like to explore the option of attending UAA for graduate school.
79. Transfer Credits were way too low and a lot of what would transfer, didn't apply to UAA required courses.
80. It has better programs in the fields I am interested in.
81. Less expensive and hears back sooner.
82. Out of AK
83. I wouldn't spend so much money here than in Anchorage
84. It has more opportunities
85. Full ride with Husky Promise
86. I'm not living in Alaska anymore.
87. I'm living at home to save money while I wait to get into a nursing program.
88. I wanted to go out of state.
89. I have been going here for two years already. I enjoy the atmosphere, the weather and being able to live independently away from home.
90. Petroleum engineer
91. Same classes, cheaper tuition
92. Home, friends, quality and reputation.
93. Transfer credits
94. Location to home, convenient
95. It's home
96. Home and cheaper
97. So I could stay home for a little longer and save money.
98. Fairbanks is where most of my friends are and my Fiancé are, also Fairbanks has a great program and doesn't cost that much.
99. Better program to meet my needs.
100. CCA is a fine arts institution with a wonderful reputation, and alumni that are very impressive. UAA's fine arts program did not offer the same sorts of facilities, faculty, or opportunities. Also, being located in the Bay Area brought along even more opportunities that Anchorage did not.
101. They have a stronger arts and sciences program
102. Better program
103. Closer to home, my family lives in North Pole, it would be cheaper for me to live at home rather than on campus housing.
104. I started there, all my credits are good there
105. Firstly, UAA did not offer my major of interest, exercise physiology. Secondly, I was given the opportunity to play collegiate football, and UAA did not have that option. Thirdly, UAA seems overpopulated, as the parking lots are always full, and from what I have gathered from friends who attend or have siblings that attend.
106. Moved to Fairbanks.

107. They have an M.A. in history, and they offer numerous courses in world history including a strong focus on Latin American which I enjoy. In addition, the University of New Mexico offers a Ph.D. in American Studies and I could stay in the same state for that degree, saving time and money on tuition.
108. It was closer to home
109. Closer to home
110. It's cheaper and it's in a new and exciting place.

UAA Improvements

Q30. What could UAA have done differently to better support you in the admissions process or influence your decision to attend UAA?

1. Contact me over the summer.
2. Offered more scholarships and lower tuition rates
3. The biology advisor is terrible.
4. A better selection of institutional and departmental based funding opportunities would have influenced my decision.
5. Prepared an acceptance letter with financial options prior to the start of school. Created a more streamline process for advising. Provide more GA opportunities for students.
6. I have told UAA at least a dozen times that I didn't want to attend this fall and I am still continually contacted.
7. Literally absolutely nothing.
8. Get rid of the policy of needing to be a two-year resident to be applicable for in state tuition. I would have loved to attend your facility.
9. I was somewhat disappointed to find that my graduate level courses in surveying could not be applied to undergraduate level credit towards the surveying degree. It would mean that I would have taken courses that would repeat material that I have already covered in more detail.
10. The only thing to influence my decision would be if UAA was a California performing arts school.
11. Nothing
12. Told my airman to not be an [***]
13. Cheaper per unit
14. N/A
15. I had very specific questions about financial aid and scholarships. I was hard pressed to find answers with UAA personnel.
16. There needs to be more support and classes available for fulltime + working students. I work two jobs and finding the time to attend class and do homework and have a life after work is very hard.
17. I received an email stating that I was admitted but didn't enroll. I didn't enroll because I didn't receive any notification that I was enrolled.
18. I don't believe they could have done anything to get me to go here it was a matter of stepping out of my comfort zone
19. Nothing really. Good experience. Wish I could have continued
20. UAA could have probably reached out to students more on a personal basis. UAF sent a representative to my school. I only received mail from UAA.
21. Make enrolling into classes easier to figure out.
22. More financial assistance for working mothers.
23. Processed information in a timely manner so that the issue could have been uncovered sooner and possibly in time to resolve prior to dropping courses.
24. N/A
25. I didn't even talk to anyone at UAA
26. I never actually got an official email that said I was admitted, so I didn't actually know that I could register for classes.
27. You need stronger academics and more experienced professors in specialty concentrations.
28. Nothing, they were very welcoming and helpful and friendly
29. All was fine.
30. Nothing
31. If prerequisites were dealt with in a rational manner I would have attended UAA.
32. Nothing right now.
33. Stop being lazy. It shouldn't take a whole summer of me calling you and having to shell out \$50 to be re-admitted to a college I had been attending for years. Don't deny people financial aid if they qualify for it. Sometimes people need breaks from college and it's none of your business as to why, and certainly not something that should have to be contested when they decide to return and finish their degree.
34. Be more flexible regarding admission into certain graduate programs
35. Given merit awards

36. Nothing, everything went smoothly.
37. UAA was my backup school
38. I'm not even going to dignify that with an answer.
39. Know what their Job was. Communicate better.
40. Be more accepting of other college credits
41. Nothing
42. They could not have. My decision was not based on a failing in the admissions process.
43. Nothing
44. Sent information and follow-up.
45. Have a set way for me to withdraw my application for admission, instead of just leaving it as accepted.
46. Return my phone calls.
47. The nursing programs need to be expanded to accommodate prospective students.
48. Nothing, they were fantastic! Just chose to stay in Montana!
49. Nothing
50. I couldn't say.
51. Nothing
52. Been excepted into the nursing program!
53. Had more helpful academic advisors
54. N/A
55. N/A
56. Nothing.
57. If all the classes required to complete the Civil engineering degree were offered after normal business hours or on weekends, I would have attended UAA.
58. Train your staff to communicate with each other, and potential and current students. make it easier for out of state students to access information and have more people available to contact for the information.
59. The online process for applying was a real hassle. I filled out and completed the application 8 times and then I had to restart every time I was almost finished because the temporary account I started on had been deactivated or deleted because I did not access it frequently enough
60. nothing - the decision was based on my personal situation
61. Nothing
62. Offer a strong degree program in Graphic Design
63. UAA could have informed me about the class that was going to be cancelled sooner.
64. Call or email me
65. They never seemed to have answers to my questions and i was never able to get in touch with an advisor.
66. No, it was the people that's admitted in UAA that I didn't want to see or interact with. That is why I didn't continue
67. Have an easier to find number or email for tech issues. Have councilors that are more involved and willing to talk to future students.
68. Mainly, the hardest part about attending/wanting to attend UAA is the tremendous lack of organization within the system. There could be much more effective systems and processes to guide students to the classes they will need for their programs, and to give them the support and information they need to succeed.
69. The only thing I wish I knew there were mock interviews available to help me better prepare for my Dental hygiene program interview.
70. Provide information for out of state students on good-priced airline tickets.
71. Let me at least have a set of classes on hold until I was admitted. But I'm sure it does not work that way.
72. N/a
73. Some sort of online based personnel like a 'web chat' box to help through admission process.
74. Ultimately it came down to UAF having my specific program whereas UAA did not. Also, at UAF I was assigned a specific advisor while at UAA I was told I would need to use the advising center and could very possibly be advised by different people each semester.
75. Communicate quickly the status of my application. Why would I register for classes if I haven't even heard that I've been accepted? I haven't been very impressed with UAA in my undergrad. Every step has been a hassle and I feel the quality of the education leaves something to be desired. I was willing to pursue grad school at UAA on the condition that it was paid for but I'm not willing to go further into debt just to put myself through two more years of frustration to earn a degree I don't value.
76. Nothing. UAA was my last choice if the scholarships for the other schools fell through because UAA does not offer courses in cross-cultural ministry nursing.
77. Better competence of folks I looked to for explanation of procedures
78. communicate. Read emails and their content.

79. Not really, UAA is a great school, but the costs of housing and lack of social activities (there needs to be more than sports, clubs, and the occasional events) do not meet my expectations.
80. Nothing. Just not the best opportunity for me.
81. N/A
82. Be in Fairbanks
83. More prompt replies from academic adviser in degree program.
84. There were very few people who seemed knowledgeable regarding scholarships and even fewer who could give me solid answers on what I needed to do to make sure I got my aid. The only way to any kind of help was to call, which was very hard to find time for, or to come in physically, which was nearly impossible as I worked two jobs this summer. It would have been very helpful to have reliable communication through e-mail.
85. Seeing as how my choice was to leave home, UAA would have to be relocated
86. It really had nothing to do with UAA and more to do with me discovering my own interests. If UAA would like to retain students, they should have a more diverse selection of masters programs.
87. Made their records of me correct. Fixed the problems they did instead of leaving it to me to fix.
88. Having someone review my transcripts would be an excellent start.
89. My transcripts were not evaluated prior to an appointment I had with a UAA nursing counselor. I traveled 3 hours one way to get to Anchorage for this appointment. I made a second counseling appointment and my transcripts still were not evaluated. When my transcripts were evaluated, the nursing counselor left one of the transcripts out, which was the college I actually have my degree from. This was all very disappointing and I left with little faith in the RN to BSN program as this was head of the nursing-advisors that I had met with.
90. They could have given the acceptance date at a more reasonable time so that i could have made a decision based on their qualities, rather than on how slow or fast their acceptance process is in comparison to the others.
91. The websites were very difficult to navigate, as well as the satellite school in Bethel. Staff at Bethel were very friendly, but did not seem very knowledgeable.
92. Intentionally left blank.
93. UAA was quite helpful in understanding my situation. I was withdrawn due to not enrolling in a course within a few days of being accepted as a student. Though after contacting UAA enrollment services, I was re-enrolled without hesitation.
94. Nothing
95. nothing
96. I would love if the past classes I have taken were transferable. I feel like most classes I will be taking are going to be refresher courses and paying way more for them since I just moved here. I would like to see more classes be transferable.
97. n/a
98. I'm not sure
99. Registration staff could be more friendly
100. Better notification of scholarships
101. Funding opportunities
102. They are very in touch and very supportive about your plans. Of course what I really like about UAA is that they are willing to give you every details on how to become part of their University.
103. Nothing, I have nothing bad to say about UAA
104. Nothing, they were really kind and helpful and I am looking forward to interacting with the UAA staff in person.
105. There was nothing the school did wrong, due to unforeseen circumstances I was unable to attend at this time.
106. Nothing the staff could be doing... more about financials.
107. N/A
108. Provide more online classes
109. UAA could have kept in contact with me and notify me of updated status, financial aid, etc.
110. N/A
111. Not remove my TA position without at least discussing the reasons with me.
112. Partly, it was just the programs and research opportunities at EWU that stood out more. Secondly, the dorm life at UAA just didn't seem very well established. With the hospital and sports center, it felt very much like a commuter campus and not oriented well towards freshmen leaving home for the first time.
113. Nothing.
114. Have better options for financial repayment while allowing attendance. Also, provide better communication regarding 'withdrawal from classes without penalty' dates.
115. Accept more students into competitive programs
116. Nothing
117. Nothing

118. Have staff in Admissions office that is pleasant and helpful. If unable to address a student's need inform them politely instead of degrade them in public. I would have still been interested and taken time off from work for the placement testing if this conversation had been handled differently.
119. Nothing
120. Nothing
121. No comment
122. The school of nursing advisors did not respond to my questions in a timely manner
123. If UAA had a wrestling program
124. I still want to attend so they could not have done anything differently.
125. Communication between the different departments should be improved. I have been told several different things from several different departments about what I needed to complete.
126. Not a thing.
127. Parking prices are ridiculous. Credit prices are crazy and there are not enough online classes.
128. Nothing
129. UAonline sucks. It's confusing and hard to maneuver around. Also make it easier to stop receiving emails from a school I don't plan on attending, it should be pretty clear I went to UAF.
130. I would have been influenced more if there were more scholarship opportunities.
131. Accept all my previous credits from the Community College of the Air Force and CLEPs
132. Nothing, I am still enrolled I just needed some time off due to family medical issues
133. Not offer the president a 300k bonus when the students face tuition hike and the school itself is facing budget cuts maybe? How about not charging up the butt for parking and then not having enough parking for everybody, causing people to drive around aimlessly, and then being locked out a classroom because the jerk professor doesn't tolerate 'late' people? I had to get to school 2 hours early just to find somewhere to park.
134. Nothing
135. N/A
136. Nothing. Emails from UAA reminded me and kept me motivated to attend college.
137. Nothing
138. Nothing
139. reply emails ASAP
140. Nothing
141. There aren't enough classes and the schedules don't seem to support the JBER.
142. I would like to have known who my adviser was as soon as I applied as well as what else needed to be done for me to start in fall.
143. I don't know.
144. I didn't have a problem, i wanted to attend somewhere else.
145. Nothing at all, it was pretty much all on me.
146. Honestly, there wasn't much that had to do with UAA so much as the opportunities that were around me. My number one biggest deterrent was the cost of moving to Alaska, plus the cost of the school, plus the cost of housing.
147. Where to begin. A massive overhaul in the ethical/moral decision making process and the constituents that comprise. A dramatically stronger commitment to the student(s), including protecting them from other predatory students and faculty Tenacity in that decision to commit to students- by God, they're the reason that UAA exists.
148. Nothing
149. Admitted me as an Alaskan resident and offered me financial aid.
150. N/A
151. There's nothing UAA could have done, it was out of your control. Like I said I still wish to do online classes.
152. They did great
153. Be more vocal with how to admit and getting my acceptance letter at least 1 month before being able to enroll in classes
154. Nothing, the Faculty was very insightful as well as helpful. I was struggling with financial and family problems which in turn delayed my admission date.
155. nothing
156. Accept more credits from APU- I was surprised.
157. Be more accepting towards LGBT people. (I'm not exaggerating. You may think you're accepting, but we are still a minority and I did not feel welcome as a member of the LGBT community. Especially as a transgender person.)
158. Nothing is needing change.
159. Offer more on-line web classes.
160. Make more of my credits transfer to ensure I can graduate in a timely manner. (I currently am at a community college.)
161. Explanation of how to take good classes without committing to a specific degree
162. Nothing

163. If my academic advisor would have contacted me sooner on which classes to take I would currently be enrolled.
164. Offer bigger selection of courses
165. I would like help filling out with Scholarships, and also need help setting up my classes.
166. Nothing, or offer me more money. This school is offering me \$24k a year to attend their honors college.
167. Everything was perfect. I am taking a course in Spring 2016. I had to study for the Accuplacer. I wasn't ready to take it.
168. Actually help me or steer me towards majors I'd be interested in because I have no idea what I want to major in.
169. I work till 5pm. It's hard to make it work when the advisors leave at 5pm.
170. Nothing
171. A step by step more detailed introduction to UAA and how to enroll.
172. Nothing
173. Establish a reputation as good university
174. Been a lot more helpful! I'm currently being charged for a class that I didn't end up taking
175. N/a
176. Everything was fabulous, I was just unable to afford it at this time.
177. Nothing that comes to mind.
178. They lost my paperwork and then didn't see me in person, return my calls or treat me like an adult human being. I did absolutely everything in my power to make sure they had my application complete and I was told they had everything. I could not have been more proactive about ensuring my nursing school application was complete, but UAA lost my paperwork and told me it was my problem. They ruined my year when they were the ones that made a mistake, and then treated me very poorly. It's November and still no one has answered my concerned from my letter in June. I am appalled at the treatment I have had from the UAA nursing program.
179. I think they did the best they could.
180. Nothing to say as of yet. Still working hard to get to your program.
181. Be in Mississippi.
182. The staff did not know where to direct me when it came to the VA, and also every time I called I was always asked to call back because the right personnel was not there.
183. provide financial aid.
184. Taken all my transfer credits.
185. You guys were wonderful. I was just very homesick
186. Followed up with me after requesting to see a counselor.
187. Keep up to date. None of the CSUs I applied to have even sent an email after I denied. UAA has kept contacting me. It's nice but I'm not part of your campus.
188. Processed my transcript sooner
189. Well what UAA could have done differently is maybe have more than one person dealing with many students who email about classes, because I emailed around trying to contact someone from the staff to help me try to apply for online classes and what to take then I was told to email the advisor who dealt with L-R and I didn't get any help when I emailed her. I was really disappointed that I didn't get an email about what I could do, so I gave up trying with UAA.
190. N/A
191. Nothing. Everything was fine.
192. Call me by phone.
193. Given me a full-ride national merit scholarship
194. Calling me to schedule orientation, and after 20-30 minutes on the phone, telling me it costs money...this was a huge negative on UAA and the way they conduct business.
195. I cannot think of anything at this time.
196. n/a
197. I think you guys and gals are great!
198. Nothing. It was all on my part.
199. Tell me about the online campus earlier.
200. Nothing, I have had a wonderful experience with UAA
201. The Staff at UAA have always been more than helpful and informative.
202. n/a
203. UAA is a fine institution, it was a personal choice.
204. It's nothing UAA could do, all about what I wanted and decided was best.
205. It had nothing to do with my experience and everything to do with my own issues.
206. It was fine, math credits don't transfer easily
207. Better help selecting classes. I didn't get much help from the advisor when I met about choosing classes.
208. More social activities for students

209. Inform students of their status when using financial aid either by email or phone.
210. Expand available majors, create a competitive football team
211. After I made the decision not to attend UAA, I received many phone calls regarding my attendance. I sent an email stating that I decided not to attend. I didn't get a reply regarding that situation.
212. Been able to correct their delay in the application process and postdate my application to the date that I applied rather than the date that one of their staff got around to processing it which caused it to be considered late in your systems, and expecting an unnecessary level of extra steps for me to complete to become enrolled.
213. Nothing as it was my fault for applying so late.
214. Nothing.
215. Nothing it was a positive experience.
216. Nothing
217. Nothing.
218. Reexamine the rules surrounding financial aid appeals for medical reasons - HIPAA laws have been updated, and most medical facilities no longer maintain records over 7 years.
219. N/A
220. Nothing really. Everything was fine
221. n/a
222. Nothing. I was wanting to go out of state but I applied because I want to take summer classes only at UAA and go back to my other university for fall and spring.
223. UAA has been very helpful and supportive.
224. It's nothing that UAA did. Just the fact I couldn't get college and work to work together this last semester.
225. No complaints
226. They could've simplified the process of applying. However, UAA isn't responsible for why I didn't attend this semester.
227. UAA could have acknowledge my first request for a deferment of enrollment.
228. Nothing. My work schedule was the only factor that prohibited my attendance.
229. Verify my transfer credits, respond to my calls and emails regarding the Dental Hygiene program.
230. Offer more programs in the graduate school.
231. Have the bachelor's degree in petroleum engineering online so people from other states are able to obtain that degree without having to worry about the expenses they do not have to move there.
232. Visiting the campus
233. Not much.
234. I am a freshman and it was just the distance my first time away from home
235. UAA could have helped me more by contacting me more frequently to get what needs to be done.
236. I don't think they could have. I loved UAA but I needed to explore for at least a year. I believe I will be coming back for fall semester next year.
237. Nothing