



# The AHAINA Connection

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## A New Way to Register for Classes

In response to the rush UAA students often feel as they register for classes each semester, Enrollment Services is launching a new method based on your class standing.

Beginning April 1, Priority Registration will open for Graduate students, with each class following soon after through out the month of April. Registration for each class opens on a specific date so it's important that students know the number of credits they have earned. If you are unsure about how to determine your class standing, visit Enrollment Services in the University Center or [uaa.alaska.edu/onestop](http://uaa.alaska.edu/onestop). You can also find your class standing by logging into your UAOnline student account at [www.uaonline.alaska.edu](http://www.uaonline.alaska.edu)

OPENING DATES FOR REGISTRATION	CLASS STANDING	CREDITS EARNED
Friday, April 1	Grad Students	
Monday, April 4	Seniors	90+ Credits
Tuesday, April 5	Juniors	60-89 Credits
Wednesday, April 6	Sophomores	30-59 Credits
Thursday, April 7	Freshmen	0-29 Credits
Monday, April 11	Pending-Degree Seeking Students	
Monday, April 18	Open Registration	

For more information visit [uaa.alaska.edu/onestop](http://uaa.alaska.edu/onestop) or call 786-1480.  
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## Late Nights with AHAINA

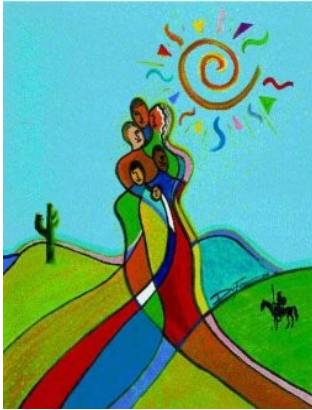
AHAINA Student Programs wants to support you during finals week. During the week of April 25-28, join us in Rasmuson Hall, suite 106 for extended hours — 8:00am to 8:00pm. We stay open late so you have a quiet place to study and relax. Bring your books and your appetite. Various snacks will be available and staff will be on hand to assist you. Finals week can be a stressful time for many — don't forget to take care of yourself physically as well as preparing your mind.

## Spring 2011 Men of Excellence

AHAINA Student Programs will host its 2011 Men of Excellence Program on April 16 at Noon at Lucy's (the fine dining area inside Lucy Cuddy Hall). The program acknowledges and encourages UAA students with junior level credits (60-89) with a minimum GPA of 2.5. This celebration is AHAINA's way of promoting academic excellence among students who have persisted through out their academic career. Applications can be picked up at AHAINA in Rasmuson Hall, Suite 106 between 8am and 5pm. The application deadline is April 1 at 5pm.

## Spring 2011 Graduate Dedication

AHAINA is celebrating graduating students who accomplished their goal of earning their undergraduate and graduate degrees in spring 2011. Join us at the AHAINA Graduate Dedication Ceremony on April 30. **RSVP to 786-4070** to reserve your space at this special event celebrating the accomplishments of our students. Graduates are also encouraged to participate in commencement ceremonies on May 1, 2011.



The LSU culturally engages students from Latino, Afro-Latino, and all other communities, promoting campus diversity

*"I swear to the  
Lord,  
I still can't see,  
Why Democracy  
means,  
Everybody but me"  
-Langston Hughes  
(1902-1967)*

#### Highlighted Figure



Langston Hughes

## AHAINA Supports Latino Student Union (LSU)

In fall 2010, UAA students from a variety of ethnic backgrounds forged the way for a new student-lead organization on campus. Latino Student Union (LSU) is an official university organization and invites all students to embrace and celebrate the many different cultures in the Latino community. Members of LSU

advocate for the development of a strong education and promote a healthier balance of educational and social activities. Members participate in fundraisers around campus and facilitate tutoring sessions in AHAINA Student Programs, located in Rasmuson Hall, suite 106. LSU is a student organization for everyone and is dedicated to assisting students at UAA develop lasting

relationships through out the campus community and beyond. Interested students can join LSU by emailing latino\_su@hotmail.com for more information. LSU consists of members from many backgrounds, including Puerto Rican, Dominican, Panamanian, Mexican, Columbian, and Ecuadorian.

## AHAINA Celebrates Culture and Heritage

In addition to educational programming, advising and mentoring, AHAINA Student Programs recognizes the cultural heritage months celebrated all year long. AHAINA made contributions to the Fall semester celebrations that included: Hispanic Heritage Month, Filipino Heritage

Month, and American Indian/Alaska Native Heritage Month. Spring semester brings new celebrations and new cultural programming. AHAINA takes pride in sharing the cultural diversity represented on the campus with everyone. As we look ahead to the spring semester, AHAINA Student Pro-

grams invites you to experience events celebrating National Women's History Month (March), Asian Heritage Month (April), and programming opportunities designed to embrace our international student population provided by the International Student Association (ISA), a recognized student organization at UAA.

## Want To Make A Difference? AHAINA Peer Mentors

AHAINA Student Programs is searching for upperclass students (sophomore standing and above) at UAA to become Peer Mentors to AHAINA students as they work on their G-3 plan. Your mentorship assists in helping students set **Goals**, maintaining good **Grades**, and focus on **Graduation**. Peer Mentors serve as a point-of-

contact for freshmen and sophomore students who may benefit from having an upper class student provide academic support through scheduled tutoring sessions, one-on-one mentoring, and assistance with general university issues.

The benefit of being an AHAINA Peer Mentor is the opportunity to make a difference in another student's

college experience. Sometimes, just having another student provide support, encouragement, and persistence can mean the difference between a positive and a negative college experience. Peer Mentors are needed from all disciplines and backgrounds. Candidates must have at least a 2.8 GPA.

### AHAINA Supports Black Student Union (BSU)

Students answered the call for additional peer-to-peer support for Black students with the creation of the Black Student Union (BSU) student organization. BSU exists to unite, advance, encourage and inform students of the African Diaspora. The creation of BSU at UAA marks the beginning of a national tradition

The first Black Student Union was formed at San Francisco State University by Jimmy Garrett and Jerry Varnado. Their

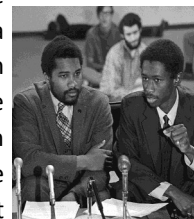
passion was the catalyst for the concept of a college advocacy group that would work toward the advancement of civil rights. Garrett and Varnado shared their passion with other colleges and high schools.

"We did manage to play a role in a broader movement," says Varnado, a retired attorney. "There are Black Student Unions all over the world. I went to the London School of Economics to visit the Black Student Union."

The movement became

stronger when black students at other campuses adopted the name. "It was more than a name, and the lasting acronym BSU. That activity that they were leaders in didn't just shift San Francisco State. It shifted the access and the academic context of every university in the country," says Kenneth Monteiro, Dean of the College of Ethnic Studies at San Francisco State.

BSU meets in Rasmuson Hall, Suite 106. All UAA students are eligible to join BSU.



**Jerry Varnado (left) and Jimmy Garrett, organizers of the Black Student Union in 1968.**

### Black History Month on Congressional Record

Black History month is a time of celebration at UAA but this year's events were especially memorable for AHAINA Student Programs and one of its community partners, the Anchorage Urban League.

On February 24, 2011, Senator Mark Begich presented a Congressional Record, Proceedings and Debates of the 112th Con-

gress, First Session to AHAINA and the Urban League. The record was presented symbolically at the university's final Black History month event.

The Congressional Record consists of four sections: the House Section, the Senate section, the Extensions of Remarks, and (since the 1940s) the Daily Digest. At the back of each

daily issue is the Daily Digest, which summarizes the day's floor and committee activities and serves as a table of contents for each issue. The House and Senate sections contain proceedings for the separate chambers of Congress. The Extensions of Remarks portion of the Record contains speeches, tributes, and other information.

*"The point is not to pay back kindness, but to pass it on"*

*-Julia Alvarez*

*"He who opens a school door, closes a prison"*  
*-Victor Hugo*

### Fall 2010 Graduate Dedication Ceremony

AHAINA Student Programs congratulates fall 2010 graduates. Your success is an inspiration and a demonstration of hard work and diligence. Graduates in attendance received Associates of Arts, Associates of Applied Sciences, Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science, and various graduate degrees.



**Graduates:** Ekaterina A. Aleksandrushkina, Olufemi Dixon, Sarah Johnsamson, Sung Kyu Kim, Ekaterina V. Korneyashenko, Rebeca Mosquera-Durling, Karen E. Nelson, Dinnah Ojwanga, Lei Yao, Bronson Brito, May Y. Lim



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## AHAINA Summer Bridge Program

### Do you know a high school senior who plans to attend UAA in fall 2011?

AHAINA Student Programs is offering a great opportunity to help students prepare for their freshman year. The AHAINA Summer Bridge program provides the chance to enroll in a 100 level course and earn three college level credits that can be applied to the General Education Requirements at UAA. The five-week intensive summer session consists of PSY 111: General Psychology and college preparatory workshops and provides participants academic support through daily tutoring, mentoring, and college admissions assistance.

15 first-time freshman students were accepted into the 2010 Summer Bridging program. All participants successfully completed the college-level course for credit with 80% of those participants continuing into the spring 2011 semester in good academic standing.

### AHAINA Comments

"AHAINA is a great way to connect with other students and faculty members" - J. Wheeler

"AHAINA lounge rocks! =) (Awesome place to study)" - Anonymous

"AHAINA helps me connect with other students, whom I can relate to. AHAINA is also a good program to help freshman and sophomores build skills to help with their academics" - Y. Torres

"I really like the AHAINA progress reports. They are the best way to get professors to give me my grades" - Anonymous

"Great staff and tutors" - Anonymous

"AHAINA has awesome staff, is helpful, and fun!" - P. Chang

"I think AHAINA is a great place to have within UAA that provides me with opportunities to meet other aspiring scholars, connect with professionals of UAA and in the community, as well as have a place to study or just hang out. I appreciate the employees and services AHAINA offers!" - B. Walker

### Important UAA Dates

#### January

##### **AK Civil Rights Month**

1/10 Beginning of spring semester

1/21 Payment Deadline

1/24 \$125 Late Fee Assessed

#### February

##### **Black History Month**

2/15 (2011/12) UAA Scholarship Application Deadline

2/28 Summer 2011 Priority Registration

#### March

##### **Women's History Month**

3/1 Application for Graduation Deadline (Spring 2011)

3/7 Open Registration (Summer 2011)

#### April

4/1 Withdrawal Deadline (Spring 2011)

4/15 Late Application for Graduation Deadline (Spring 2011)

4/1 UAOnline Priority Registration Begins (Fall 2011)

4/18 UAOnline Open Registration Begins (Fall 2011)

4/26-30 Final Exams

Schedules for Workshops, Freshman Foundation, Sophomore Success and other programs and services can be found in Rasmuson Hall, suite 106 and at [www.uaa.alaska.edu/multicultural](http://www.uaa.alaska.edu/multicultural).