



Diverse by Design

2014 Fall Semester

"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world."
Nelson Mandela 1918-2013

November

Alaska Native/Native American Heritage Month

- 11/6 Community Cinema: *Evolution of a Criminal*

December

- 12/4 Deadline for Student Diversity Award
- 12/8-11 Nights of Achievement
- 12/13 AHAINA Graduation Ceremony
- 12/14 University Commencement Ceremony

A Moment for Wellness

In collaboration with the UAA Student Health and Counseling Center, the Multicultural Center provides a weekly opportunity to learn about health issues that affect students based on their family health history, current lifestyles and habits. Students learn health risks and ways to live a healthier life while in college.

At the Multicultural Center
on every Tuesday from 1 - 1:20pm

November

- 4 Self Care for Cold and Flu Season
- 11 Managing Diabetes Risk
- 18 Great American Smoke Out
- 25 The Benefits of Gratitude

December

- 2 Free Soup in RH Lobby
- 9 A Moment for Mindfulness
- 16 The Importance of Rest and Play

Savvy Seawolf Series

The Office of Student Financial Assistance presents the Savvy Seawolf Series.

Stretching Your Dollar:

November 4, 4-5pm, SU103

Credit...the Good, the Bad, and the Ugly:

November 11, 4-5pm, SU103

The Loan Zone:

October 30, 2-3pm, RH106

November 18, 4-5pm, SU103

Fall 2014 AHAINA Graduation Ceremony

The AHAINA student program recognizes students who have earned their undergraduate and graduate degree during the Fall 2014 semester. Your success is a demonstration of hard work and diligence. We are excited and proud to have you join us at the AHAINA Graduation Ceremony that will take place on December 13, 2014. We also encourage you to participate in the University Commencement Ceremony on December 14, 2014.



National Selection Panelist

Congratulations to Mr. Leo Medal, who was selected to the Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship Program as a National Selection Panelist. Leo will travel to Houston, Texas to review the 2015 applications for the 2015 U.S. Department of State's Gilman applications. Let's congratulate Mr. Leo!



Meet and Greet with Julian Castro, U.S. Secretary of Housing and Urban Development

As a part of the UAA Homecoming and Hispanic Heritage Month, the Multicultural Center hosted a meet and greet with U.S. Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, Julian Castro on Tuesday, October 7. Approximately thirty students, faculty and staff attended.



Office Manager: Audrey Jo Malone



Audrey Jo Malone joins the Multicultural Center as the new Office Manager. She has worked with UAA since 2001. She most recently worked for the Performance and Fine Arts Department as an Academic and Divisional Support Administrative Assistant. She has spent the majority of her time at UAA

working in the College of Arts and Sciences and she has also worked in Information Technology Services. Her favorite part about working at UAA is working with students and she is excited to be here! Audrey graduated from UAA in 2013 with a BA in Philosophy with a Concentration in Law and a minor in Political Science. She is currently pursuing her graduate degree in Public Administration with the College of Business and Public Policy here at UAA.

After Ferguson:

A Panel Discussion Justice for Michael Brown

After Ferguson: Justice for Michael Brown Panel. On Tuesday, October 2, 2014, the Multicultural Center hosted a panel discussion titled After Ferguson: Justice for Michael Brown. UAA Faculty members Dr. Ian Hartman, Dr. Jervette Ward and community members Stephanie White Thorn, Attorney, and Dwayne Jones, former Anchorage Police Officer engaged in a provocative discussion surrounding the murder of Michael Brown in Ferguson Missouri (a suburb of St. Louis)). Additionally, the panel discussed the legal and political implications of this racially divided case.



Student Transition Advisor: Andrew Mullins

Andrew joins the Multicultural Center as a first generation college graduate with over nine years of experience in working with university students of varying backgrounds. Prior to joining the Multicultural Center, Andrew served the University of Alaska Anchorage as Student Success Coordinator for the Student Support Services program. Originally from Ohio, Andrew earned his undergraduate degree from the University of Central Florida in Orlando, Florida. Currently, Andrew is pursuing his Master of Arts degree in English at UAA. Andrew is an advocate for education; he is immensely passionate in helping students find success in college and beyond. Further, Andrew is heavily driven in helping underrepresented students as well as those who feel they are less likely to achieve their educational goals. Andrew coordinates the Seawolf Success Academy — a Multicultural Center program that aims to help underrepresented first and second year students transition more successfully to UAA as well as the college experience.



Destination Ghana & Beyond with AHA

On October 14, 2014, Dr. Andre Thorn, along with Sam Bethel, Campus Relations Coordinator from AHA International jointly presented a discussion titled Destination Ghana & Beyond: UAA with AHA International. During the presentation, Dr. Thorn highlighted his travels to Ghana this past February, 2014 while representing UAA at the Studying Abroad Conference. During this event, international participants studied topics including Service Learning, Research, Cultural Immersion and Community Development.



Academic Integrity Workshop

The UAA Dean of Student Office presented a workshop titled "Academic Honesty vs. Academic Dishonesty" at the Multicultural Center on October 15, 2014. Academic Integrity is a broad term that covers cheating, plagiarism and other forms of academic dishonesty at UAA. Students had an opportunity to learn about academic dishonesty; the Student Code of Conduct; and academic student behavior.

Community Cinema Series

MAKERS: Women in Comedy



The Multicultural Center hosted its first Community Cinema film viewing and discussion on the film, *MAKERS: Women in Comedy*. The event was held on Thursday, September 25,

2014 in the Multicultural Center. Approximately forty students, staff and community members attended this already growing program. Afterwards, Dr. Thorn led a brief discussion of the film. *MAKERS: Women in Comedy* tracks the rise of women in the world of comedy: its scope scales from the “dangerous” comedy in the 70’s sitcoms to the groundbreaking women found in the 80’s American comedy club boom. The film ultimately builds to show with today’s multifaceted landscape.

The Deaf Jam



In collaboration with Disability Student Services and Student Activities, the second Community Cinema film, *Deaf Jam*, was presented on Tuesday, October 14, 2014 at the Multicultural Center. In *Deaf*

Jam, Aneta Brodski seizes the day. She is a deaf teen introduced to American Sign Language Poetry, who then boldly enters the spoken word slam scene. In a wondrous twist, Aneta, an Israeli immigrant living in New York City, eventually meets Tahani, a hearing Palestinian slam poet. The two young women embark on a hearing/deaf collaboration, a performance duet that serves as a metaphor for the complex realities they share. Together, they generate a new form of slam poetry that speaks to both the hearing and the deaf.

Upcoming Community Cinema: *Evolution of a Criminal*



Date: Thursday, November 6, 2014 Time: 7:00 pm
Where: Multicultural Center, RH 106

Evolution of a Criminal : In this gripping blend of documentary, true crime, and personal essay, a filmmaker confronts his past while dissecting the circumstances that led him to commit a bank robbery as a young man, as well as his journey since that act.

Hispanic Heritage Month

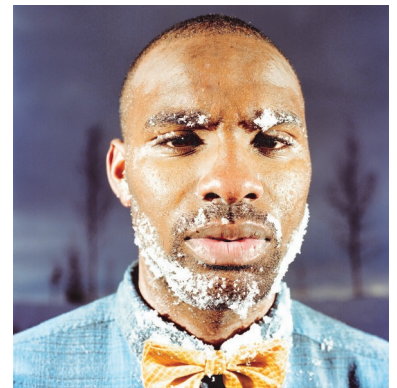
In celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month, the Latino Student Union and Black Student Union are partnering to show the PBS film series *Black in Latin*



America at the Multicultural Center. *Black in Latin America* is the third of a trilogy that began in 1999 with the broadcast of Professor Gates first film for public television, *Wonders of the African World*. This first film explored n of the relationship between Africa and the New World. He continued this trilogy in 2004 with a report on the lives of modern-day African Americans titled, *America Beyond the Color Line*.

First Annual Open House

The Multicultural Center Hosted its first annual “Multicultural Center Open House” on Saturday August 23. Over 100 participants from the campus and community stopped by and heard words of encouragement from guest speaker, professional skateboarder, model and public speaker, Mr. Preston Pollard, a former Upward Bound student from Bartlett High School, now resides in Southern California.



Portrayals of Women in Reality TV

The Multicultural Center co-sponsored a reception for a book talk with the College of Arts and Sciences and the Campus Bookstore. Participants engaged in a presentation and discussion regarding the *Portrayals of Women in Reality TV* with English department faculty member, Dr. Jervette Ward. This event was held on Monday, October 6 at the Multicultural Center.



Homecoming: Good Morning Seawolves!

The Multicultural Center does more before 10:00 a.m. than most departments do all day! On October 9th the MCC, through the sponsorship of Seawolf Dining and Catering, fed over 250 hungry Seawolf students during their 2014 Homecoming celebration. Many thanks to David Weaver and Cindy Marshall for their continued support.



Spring 2015 Student Diversity Award

The UAA Diversity Action Council seeks to recognize and empower students to lead and encourage change in the community by offering tuition awards of up to \$1,000. To be considered, students must submit an award application and a letter of endorsement from a professorial/ university reference by 11:59 pm on Thursday, December 4, 2014. For more information see: www.uaa.alaska.edu/dac

Thanksgiving Celebration for International Students

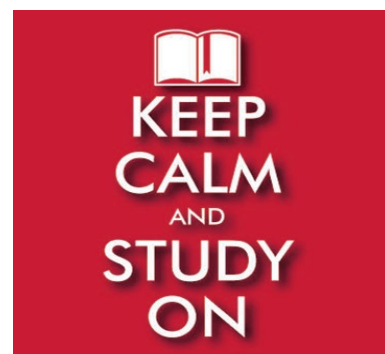
The Multicultural Center will co-sponsor along with the International Student Admissions Office, and the Confucius Institute a international student Thanksgiving Celebration on Sunday, November 23 at 3:00pm in the Student Union. Please contact the Multicultural Center for more details at 786-4070.



A special thank you to our Student Staff Jaeyeon Cho, Camilla Hussein-Scott and Judy Vu who are always there to help us meet the needs of the UAA community.

Nights of Achievement Fall 2014

The Multicultural Center is pleased to announce a partnership with the **Anchorage Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.** for the Nights of Achievement Fall 2014 mid and final semester study halls. Midterms: October 20-23, 2014 Finals : December 8-11, 2014 Location: Rasmuson Hall 106



- Extended hours of operation with quiet study environment
- Computer lounge
- Refreshments will be provided
- All students welcome!

UAA UNIVERSITY of ALASKA ANCHORAGE

ALASKA NATIVE/ NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH 2014

Opening Celebration

12 - 2 p.m. • Wednesday, Nov. 5 • Student Union Cafeteria
Free parking available from 11:00 am - 3:00 pm in the South Parking Lot, Wells Fargo Complex North West Parking Lot, Wells Fargo Complex West Lot, and West Parking Lot.

Wednesday, Nov. 5 Interracial Dating: Alaska Native Women's Bodies as a Racial Boundary in WWII Alaska Holly Guise, Inupiaq Historian Social Sciences Building, Room 224 4:00 p.m.	Friday, Nov. 14 AK Native Business Class: Alaska Native Corporations CFN: 81075 Rasmuson Hall UAA Registration Required
Friday, Nov. 7 Tlingit Language Learning Gathering Gorsuch Commons, Room 107 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.	NCBI - Student Social Inclusion & Equity Workshop Student Union Den 8:55 a.m. - 4:15 p.m.
Women's Studies Department Presents: Reel Women... A Film Series: "Unipkaat Our Stories" Social Science Building, Room 118 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.	Tlingit Language Learning Gathering Gorsuch Commons, Room 107 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, Nov. 12 Inupiaq Language & Game Night Gorsuch Commons, Room 106 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.	Friday, Nov. 21 Alaska Native Business Class: Alaska Native Corporations CFN: 81075 Rasmuson Hall UAA Registration Required
RRANN 15th Anniversary Celebration Alaska Heritage Museum, Wells Fargo Bank Building Northern Lights & C Street 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.	Alaska Native Undergraduate Research Symposium CFN: 81075 Rasmuson Hall UAA Registration Required
	Giving Thanks Alaska Native Dance Festival Lucy Cuddy Hall 5:00 - 9:00 p.m.



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Hours of Operation 8 am—5 pm, with extended hours during finals
Study Hours from 8 am—11 am and 2 pm—5 pm