



2016 Spring Semester

Diverse by Design

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

March

National Women's History Month

- 3/13 Deadline for Men and Women of Excellence Award Competition
- 3/7-9 Night of Achievement

April

- 4/7 Community Cinema : Peace Officer
- 4/30 AHAINA Graduation Ceremony

May

- 5/1 University Commencement Ceremony

Spring 2016 Workshops

Job Searching 101

WEDNESDAY, March. 23, 4:00pm
Multicultural Center RH 106

Fear No More: Interviewing Part 1

WEDNESDAY, April. 13, 4:00pm
Multicultural Center RH 106

World Day for Cultural Diversity

Friday April. 15, 4 - 6 pm
Multicultural Center RH 106

Fear No More: Interviewing Part 2

WEDNESDAY, April. 23, 4:00pm
Multicultural Center RH 106

Savvy Seawolf Series

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

Stretching Your Dollar:

March 24, 4-5pm, SU 103

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

March 31, 4-5pm, SU 103

The Loan Zone:

April 7, 4-5pm, SU 103

Spring 2016 AHAINA Graduation Ceremony

The AHAINA student program recognizes students who have earned their undergraduate and graduate degree during the Spring 2016 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 April 30, 2016. We also encourage you to participate in the University Commencement Ceremony on May 1, 2016.



AHAINA Men and Women of Excellence

AHAINA hosts the Men and Women of Excellence Ceremony every academic year to acknowledge rising juniors who have maintained a cumulative G.P.A. of 3.0 or higher and have demonstrated an ability to balance academic, social, and volunteer efforts. We are happy to announce this year that the AHAINA student program and Paul Wasko from the E-portfolio department, partnered together to offer the Men of Woman of Excellence application exclusively through the E-portfolio portal. This allows students to submit an application that not only fulfills the Men & Woman of Excellence application requirements, but also visually showcases their leadership experience to use for future leadership opportunities.

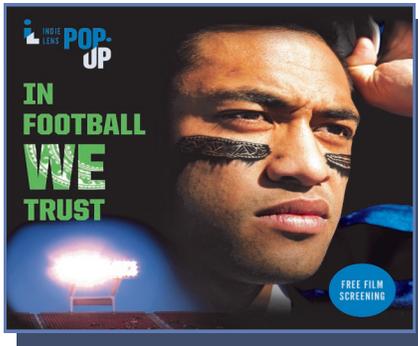
2015 Men and women of Excellence winners

Alice Choi

Adam Ward



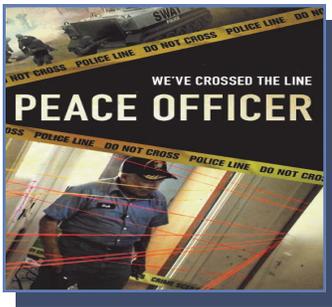
Community Cinema Series



IN FOOTBALL WE TRUST intimately follows four Polynesian high school football player in Utah struggling to overcome gang violence, family pressures, and poverty as they enter the high stakes world of college recruiting and the promise of pro sports. The odds may be

stacked against them, but they'll never stop fighting for a better future. The Multicultural Center hosted its Community Cinema film viewing and discussion on the film, *In Football We Trust* on Thursday, January 28, 2016 in the Multicultural Center. Approximately forty students, staff and community members attended this program. Following the viewing, Dr. Thorn led a brief discussion on the film.

Upcoming INDIE LENS POP



Date: Thursday, April 7, 2016

Time: 7:00 pm

**Where: Multicultural Center
RH 106**

The increasingly tense relationship between law enforcement and the public is seen through the eyes of someone who's been on both sides: a former sheriff who estab-

lished Utah's first SWAT team, only to see the same until kill his son in-law in a controversial standoff 30 years later. Now a private investigator, Dub seeks that truth in this case and other officer-involved shootings.

Collaboration



Date: Friday, March 4, 2016

Time: 5:30-8:30 pm

**Where: Multicultural Center
RH 106**

Paper Tigers follows six troubled teens over the course of a year at Lincoln Alternative High school in rural Walla Walla, Washington. Considered a late chance before dropping out, many students come to Lincoln with a history of

behavioral problems, truancy, and substance abuse. Then, in 2010, Principal Jim Sporleder learned about the science of what a rough childhood does to a developing brain. One caring adult can help break the cycle of adversity in a young person's life. The UAA Multicultural Center & College of Education collaborated to show the film *Paper Tigers*.

Black History Month



The 2016 Black History Month celebration at the University of Alaska Anchorage began with a memorable opening celebration for all students, staff, and facul-

ty. The celebration featured keynote speaker Cal Williams, a prominent story teller and historian, who commemorated pivotal people and places influenced by African Americans in Anchorage. The celebration also featured the Clark Informers; a group of student leaders from Clark Middle School who recognize people, places, and events through stellar public speaking performances.

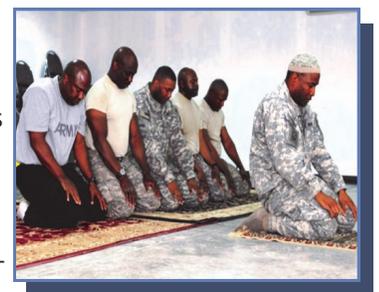
The Black Panthers

A new evolutionary cultural emerged in the turbulent 1960s, and the *Black Panthers* was at the vanguard. Weaving together a treasure trove of rare footage with the voices of a diverse group of people who were there, Stanley Nelson tells the vibrant story of a pivotal movement that feels timely all over again. In celebration of Black History Month, the Multicultural Center Partnered with PBS to show the PBS film the *Black Panthers*.



Debunking Myths of Islam

The post-9/11 era in the U.S. has exposed a significant degree of prejudice and bigotry towards Muslim people around the country. Under-scored by the horrific murders of three Univer-



sity of North Carolina students earlier this year, there is a great need for education to learn and understand the current and evolving realities and needs for Muslim students on campuses. As a part of Black History Month celebration the Multicultural Center hosted an event 'Debunking Myths of Islam' discussion featuring Tahirah Amatul-Wadud, Esq., on February 22, 2016.

Office Manager

Hello! My name is Mae-gan Smith and I am happy to join the team as the new Office Manager. I come to the Multicultural Center with over seven years of office experience from the Department of Fish and Game. I am currently pursuing a degree in Finance at UAA, so I'm excited to work with my fellow students. I have lived in Alaska most of my life and I love to explore as much of it as possible. My favorite Alaskan adventures involve camping, fishing, and hiking with my fiancé and dog. I look forward to getting to know and work with each of you.



Student Workers



Caiming Li is a Computer System Engineering major with a minor in Electrical Engineering, Mathematics and Aviation Technology. Li is from the South part of China. He has lived in Anchorage for almost Five years and he loves it. He likes hiking and flying in Alaska. At home, he likes to read and do some small projects. His life's goal is to advance automation in our society. In his role as a Student Outreach Assistant, he works on raising awareness of the role of the Multicultural Center in the UAA community. Tasks include but not limited to update MCC website, graph design and act as an MCC representative during outreach events.



Nyanchuor Dak is a Social Work major in her Junior year at UA.A. Nyanchuor is from South Sudan. She has lived in Anchorage for eight years. She loves being active in the community, doing volunteers work, and spending time with family and friends. In her role as a Student Outreach Assistant, she works on raising awareness of the role of the Multicultural Center in the UAA Community and acts as an MCC representative during outreach events.

Seawolf Success Program

Greetings from the Seawolf Success program. On January , 2016 I joined the Multicultural Center staff as the Transition Advisor for the Seawolf Success Program. As the Student Transition Advisor, it is my supreme goal to help each student within the program achieve their unique educational goals. As an incoming university student you are not expected to know the answer to every question that arises on your journey. The purpose of the Seawolf Success program is to help each student plan for academic success, navigate the many processes within the university, and help students overcome the inevitable challenges they face while striving to complete their educational goals. In addition, the Seawolf Success program provides students fundamental tools, resources, and support that equip students with the right people, and the right information to address the many issues students face while pursuing their education.



Seawolf Success Academy

Every summer the Seawolf Success programs hosts our annual summer academy for Seawolf Success participants attending the University of Alaska Anchorage in the Fall. Our 3 day academy provides Seawolf Success students the most important information every college student needs to know before beginning their college career.



Success Tip

The Spring semester is all about staying focused. As we experience more daylight and warmer weather it can be difficult to stay committed to school responsibilities. With only half the semester left to finish strong, it is important to stay focused on the goal. Every class or assignment missed leads you one more step away from your goals. Keep a constant reminder of your reason to succeed in front of you, and keep pressing towards that finish line. Before you know it, summer will arrive and you will have even more reason to celebrate and indulge in the joys of the season.

Night of Achievement Spring 2016

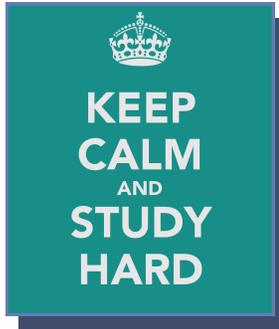
The Multicultural Center is pleased to announce a partnership with the **Anchorage Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.** for the Nights of Achievement Spring 2016 mid and final semester study halls.

Midterms: March 7-10, 2016

Finals : April 25-28, 2016

Location: Rasmuson Hall 106

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



Fair house spring 2016

The Multicultural Center is partnering with the Fair Housing Enforcement Project to provide UAA students the opportunity to learn about their rights under federal, state, and local fair housing laws. Beginning in February, students have the opportunity to learn about other services offered by the Fair Housing Enforcement through an informational booth located right outside the Multicultural Center.



The Director's Corner



Spring 2016 has been a busy but rewarding experience. After engaging in the rehiring process for our new Student Transition Advisor and Office Manager, we are poised to continue the growth and development of our initiatives in the Center. What have I been working on? Too many things to list, but here's some of the highlights.

Drs. Robert Boeckman, Maria Williams and myself have been tasked by Chancellor Case to lead the development of a Diversity Action Plan for the campus. A Diversity Summit was held on February 12th which invited faculty, staff and students to come and share points of pride, challenges and needs pertaining to diversity and inclusion efforts at UAA. Several student listening sessions are planned for March and April, so stay tuned and get involved!

DIVERSITY ACTION COUNCIL

From the day that I walked onto the UAA campus serving as Director of the Multicultural Center, I have served as a proud member of the Diversity Action Council. The council provides and actively promotes diverse programs and activities throughout campus and recognizes and honors exemplary actions that contribute to an inclusive and supportive campus climate. The DAC also provides funding for departments and student clubs and organizations to support diversity programming on the campus. So, check them out at:

<https://www.uaa.alaska.edu/dac/>

STUDENT DIVERSITY AWARD

Under the leadership of Dr. Jeane Breinig, and Bruce Schultz, a team of faculty and staff, including Karen Andrews (DSS), Rebecca Robinson (Psychology faculty), Willy Templeton (NSS) and myself conducted an application process for awarding \$10,000 in Diversity Awards. This semester, 12 students were awarded between \$500 and \$1,000 based on their campus and community contributions to diversity programming and inclusion efforts. Make sure to refer to the Diversity Action Council Website for upcoming awards at

<https://www.uaa.alaska.edu/dac/student-diversity-awards.cfm>



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