Housekeeping

This issue of the Reach Out will be the last until September 2017. In order to keep up with us throughout the summer, please like our Facebook page at facebook.com/uafrss.

Keep in mind, our office will remain open throughout the summer. If you need advising assistance or other resources, give us a call at (907) 474-7871, email uaf-rss@alaska.edu, or drop in. Our office will be open Monday through Friday 8-5:00pm.

Congratulations 2016-2017 Graduates!

Students who have graduated in the Summer 2016, Fall 2016 and the current Spring 2017 semesters, RSS commends you on your great accomplishment this year and we wish you all the best in your future. It’s been a privilege to have worked with you during your college years at UAF! If you have any questions about commencement, you can find information here.

Continuing students, you’ve (almost) made it through the semester! It’s time to take a breath, finish up your finals, and have a safe, fun, and relaxing summer vacation. We can’t wait to see you back here next semester!

Finals Schedule

Good luck on your finals! We hope you do great. As you may know, the first step to doing well is actually showing up. So, make sure you know when and where your finals will be! Here is the schedule - https://www.uaf.edu/register/finals/.

Side note: If you get hungry during the week, stop by. We’ll have a variety of food in the Gathering Room for your studying minds.

Finals Dogs

Do you need some puppy love? The library is once again hosting finals dogs! They’ll be there on Monday, May 1st and Tuesday, May 2nd from 1-5:00pm and 6-8:00pm.
Greg Owens' Retirement Party

Greg Owens has announced his plans to retire at the end of the 2016-2017 academic year. He’s had a great run at UAF! Help him celebrate this important milestone by attending his retirement party tonight in the Brooks Gathering Room. The party kicked off at 4:00pm and is scheduled to go until 6:00pm.

Checklist for Finishing Up the Semester

Register for Fall 2017 classes:
Set up an appointment with your advisor. Plan on 30-45 minutes so that you have time to discuss your program progress and future plans.

Confirm your fall housing plans:
If you are continuing in UAF housing, be sure to renew your housing agreement and make your room selection. Any questions, call 474-7247.

Renew your FAFSA:
Renew your Free Application for Federal Student Aid. This is required for Pell Grant offers, student loan options and determining your student budget for your scholarship agencies.

Notify your funding agencies of your intent to continue:
If you have scholarships or grants that are continued into the next year, you should contact each agency or organization to ask what documentation they require for your continued status.

Send your final grades:
Most scholarship and grant agencies require a copy of your final grades at the end of each semester. If they only need an unofficial transcript or grade report, you can print that off of your uaonline.alaska.edu student records account. If they require an official transcript then you will need to request that from UAOnline and pay a fee.

Dennis Demmert Award

On April 25th, we recognized a handful of outstanding staff and faculty here at UAF by presenting them with the Dennis Demmert Award. For this award, we ask students to nominate those who have made a positive impact on their academic efforts at UAF. The following people were awarded for their commitment to UAF’s goal of being the educational center for Alaska Natives.

Joanna Green, Biomedical Learning and Student Training
Anshul Pandya, Interior Alaska Campus
Springfest BBQ

On April 21st, we kicked off UAF’s annual SpringFest weekend with a barbecue. We wanted to thank you all for coming! We all had a great time and hope you did too!

Tutors

Thank you to our AISES, Writing Center, Speaking Center, and Frontier Baptist Church tutors! We appreciate having you all in the Gathering Room. You provide an invaluable service to our students. See you next semester!

Scholarships

Choggiung Educational Endowment Foundation

- Must be Choggiung shareholder
- Full-time student
- Apply by May 1st
- www.choggiung.com

Nome Eskimo Community

- Must be a tribal member of Nome Eskimo Community
- Apply by May 1st
- necalaska.org/resources.html

Central Council Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska College Student Assistance Program

- Must originate and/or be enrolled with one of the following communities: Craig, Haines, Juneau, Kasaan, Pleican, Saxman, Tenakee, or Wrangell
- Apply by May 15th
- www.ccthita.org

Doyon Foundation Scholarship

- Must be enrolled to Doyon, Limited or be the child of an original enrollee
- 2.0 GPA or equivalent
- Apply by May 15th
- www.doyonfoundation.com
American Indian College Fund Full Circle Scholarship

- Must be tribally enrolled or are a descendent of tribally enrolled member
- 2.0 GPA or equivalent
- Apply by May 31st
- www.collegefund.org

Louis Bunyan Memorial Scholarship

- Must have resided in one of the Coastal Village member communities for a minimum of 5 years
- Apply by June 2nd
- www.coastalvillages.org

Gathering Room Schedule

Everyone is invited and encouraged to come to all of our events! That’s why we make it super easy for you to find out what’s going on. We put as much as we can in this newsletter, but because it only goes out once a month, there are some events that are inevitably absent. Because of this, we curate an event calendar on our website. We also frequently update our Facebook page, so be sure to like us! Finally, we send text messages on the day of our main events. If you’d like to receive them, just reply to this email with your cell phone number and the name of your carrier, contact your advisor, or give us a call at (907) 474-7871.

Rural Student Services Office Hours

Summer 2017 Office Hours:
Monday through Friday - 8-5:00pm

If you need to schedule an appointment with an advisor, please call (907) 474-7871 (locally) or (888) 478-1452 (toll free within Alaska).

Or schedule online at:
http://www.uaf.edu/ruralss/advising-appointments/

Office location: Second Floor Brooks Building
Email: uaf-rss@alaska.edu
Website: www.uaf.edu/ruralss/
Facebook: www.facebook.com/uafrss/

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- Karly Gundersen, Port Lions