We are a global learning community where innovation in teaching, discovery and service prepares students for professional success that benefits our community, the state of Alaska and the nation.

On behalf of all our faculty, staff and students, welcome to UAF College of Business and Security Management! As dean of the school, I am extremely proud of our team’s dedication to providing innovative, experience-based business education.

As an AACSB-accredited school, CBSM abides by the three main pillars of engagement, innovation and impact. AACSB is the largest and most widely recognized business accreditation organization in the world. Not just a “stamp of approval,” the process of earning AACSB accreditation requires a serious, long-term commitment by the school to develop, implement and maintain the highest level of quality education for its students.

CBSM programs and faculty can help transform students into lifelong learners with the ability to thrive in an ever-changing world, whatever their life and career goals may be. Our students will find faculty who really care, a strong sense of community and numerous opportunities as they advance through their academic journeys.

Mark Herrmann
Dean of the UAF College of Business and Security Management

Opportunities Outside the Classroom

Currently in my fourth year at UAF, I am working toward a bachelor’s degree in business administration with a concentration in marketing. While attending school, I am also the assistant photographer for UAF.

One of my first out-of-classroom experiences was as the photographer for the fall 2018 Roast and Boast. I connected with local business owners who were attending, and those interactions led to additional photography jobs.

The following year, I had the chance to participate in Roast and Boast again as a student in the Principles of Marketing class. It was exciting to work on a team with real businesses instead of just talking about it in the classroom.

Professionally Polished was another program offered to me through CBSM. Frank’s Menswear staff taught me about finding my style and selecting appropriate business attire. I felt not only was I updating my wardrobe, but I was also building my confidence.

Leif Van Cise
Current BA student

Quality Programs

I graduated from CBSM in 2009 with my MBA. I was a longtime student, having taken my first class at UAF in 1979. I can literally say CBSM changed my life, so when I was asked to teach a class as an adjunct faculty member, I jumped at the opportunity. The moment I stepped into the classroom, I knew teaching was a part of my future. Currently, I teach full-time, using my extensive HR experience to structure classes in a way that bridges the gap between classroom learning and real-world experiences.

Kris Racina
CBSM Faculty & Alumna

Another passion of mine is linking local businesses with CBSM students for internships. I am thrilled when I hear from students who applied what they learned in school to help solve a problem at work.

Sense of Community

When I first started working towards my degree, I didn’t know how I would interact as a distance-education student. Living in Delta Junction, my life was far from campus. Yet, ultimately I felt included and became a part of the CBSM community.

After working on class projects and attending events together, many of my fellow classmates are now close friends. I stayed engaged with CBSM through its newsletters, faculty communication, and general kindness. The CBSM community made my undergraduate years an unforgettable experience that will forever shape my future.

Leif Van Cise
Current BA student

Emily Nerbonne
CBSM Alumna

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The Arctic Innovation Competition inspires innovation and entrepreneurship in Alaska. Youth and adults present innovative ideas and compete for over $40,000 in awards and prizes.

For AIC 2021, the event was changed from a one-day, eight-hour event hosted in person to a multi-day virtual event, with four evenings of semifinals and a 90-minute finals and award ceremony, all of them live-streamed and recorded.

This year’s AIC was inspiring to those who participated and watched. It featured entire families submitting ideas in multiple age categories and even two brothers competing against each other - and both winning prizes! AIC 2022 will be offered in the spring semester, ideally in a hybrid format.

“Throughout my time at UAF in CBSM, it really helped me understand what it is like to work as a team and collaborate on projects to ensure we would meet deadlines. I love how I did NOT have to leave the state for a great education. The importance of open communication was a running theme through both the undergrad and graduate courses. And lastly, I will always appreciate the abundance of opportunities that CBSM offered me right here in Fairbanks!”
~Chris Marok, UAF ‘10 & ‘12
Owner, Chris Marok Allstate Agency

83 students received scholarships
28 donors made this possible
Over $144,000 awarded to students

CBSM Student Organizations
- Associated Students of Business
- Cadet Club
- Esports Club
- Great Alaskan Accounting People
- International Association of Emergency Managers
- Native Alaskan Business Leaders
- UAF Society for Human Resource Management

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