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UAF Nanook Navigator & Student Success Newsletter

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UAF staff, faculty, and Fairbanks community members gathered at the Museum of the North for the 2013 Usibelli Awards.
UAF Photographer: Todd Paris, 2013

Dates & Deadlines

- January 14-25:** Nanook Navigator Progress Reports open
- January 17:** Alaska Civil Rights Day (no classes, most offices closed)
- January 21:** Deadline for tuition & fee payment (5pm in person, midnight at [UAOnline](#))
- January 21:** Deadline for adding classes & late registration (5pm in person, midnight at [UAOnline](#))
- January 21:** Last day for student- and faculty-initiated drops with refund (course does not appear on academic record)
- February 1:** Deadline to apply for Spring 2022 graduation
- February 7-21:** Midterm grade open in [UAOnline](#)
- February 15:** Deadline for UA Foundation and privately funded scholarship applications
- March 7-11:** Spring Break (no classes)
- March 11:** University holiday (most offices closed)
- March 21:** Fall 2022 course list available at [UAOnline](#)
- March 25:** Last day for student- and faculty-initiated withdrawals (W grade appears on academic transcript)

Upcoming Items & Reminders

Upcoming Items

- ⇒ Beginning of semester **student engagement**.
- ⇒ **CircleIn** pilot continues for Spring 22. CircleIn, is a place where students study remotely, where they collaborate and stay productive. Students earn points for different “study actions” and then the top earners get to cash those points out for gift cards!
- ⇒ Nanook Navigator **progress reports** open January 14 for instructor feedback. Student will receive details emails with resources and encouragement. Also cases will be created and managed by advisors and student support staff. See the [full progress report guide](#) for more information.
- ⇒ Need feedback from instructors or other support staff on **barriers or concerns** you’re advisees are running into? Advisors (faculty and staff) can [pull the alerts reports](#) or [schedule a report](#) for download through Nanook Navigator. Advisor [intervention and data reports key](#).

Reminders

- ⇒ **Advising roundtable** is every 1st Wednesday September through May for faculty and staff advisors. [Click here if you would like to be added to the calendar invites](#).
- ⇒ **Mental health awareness:** Mental health affects how we think, feel and act. It also helps determine how we handle stress, relate to others and make healthy choices. During this time of year nearly 10% of Alaskans struggle with seasonal affective disorder. It is important to check in with yourself and others. <https://www.alaska.edu/news/hr/mental-health-awareness.php>
- ⇒ Did you know you can manage (edit, add summaries, and mass cancellations) your Nanook Navigator appointments through the appointments tab in your staff home role? [Check out this video to see more](#).
- ⇒ **SAP Appeals and DocuSign:** Did you recently submit a SAP appeal via DocuSign to the Office of Financial Aid main email? DocuSign documents can not be sent to the main department email.
- ⇒ **Are your emails to students limiting your equity efforts?** Our choice of words has a huge impact, but too often our communication mirrors existing biases.
- ⇒ [UAF Advising– News page](#) is live for advisors.
- ⇒ **5 methods to uplift your student community:** Use the following infographic to discover five traits that help students excel and graduate, as well as the best practices that leaders can put into place.

Student Success Stories

- ⇒ [2022 URSA spring project recipients](#)



UAF rifle coach Dan Jordan gets a high five after successfully defending the net during the Nanook Olympics on April 11, 2015. The event features student athletes (and some coaches) suiting up to compete against in each other in a variety of sporting events. Here the rifle team squared off against cross-country for a spirited hockey match.
UAF Photographer: Todd Paris, 2015

Events & Opportunities

Students

January 12-April 27: Taking Charge of your Headspace: stress and coping workshop
Tuesdays from noon-1pm

January 24: Student Club Registration
Closes

February 1: Deadline to apply for Spring 2022 graduation

February 3-4: Mental Health First Aid

February 6: BLaST Research
Scholarship Applications Due

February 7: INBRE Graduate Research
Assistantship Applications Due

March 31: Spring 2022 Career Fair

Student Success Members

Year-Round: On-Demand Webinars
available for free

Year-Round: Student Success & Advisor
Training Schedule and Sign-Up

May 25-27: NACADA Region 8 Conference
in Victoria, British Columbia; early
registration deadline April 27.

Instructors

Year-Round: Faculty Development

Year-Round: Blackboard/Canvas eCampus
Trainings

Spotlight

Name: Cassandra Kendall

Title: Tutor Coordinator, Developmental Education Adjunct

Department & College: Developmental Education, Community and Technical College

Roles: DEVS instructor, coordinator, math tutor

Why are you passionate about UAF students and their success?

UAF offers wonderful opportunities for students to build a strong educational foundation and work towards a career path they're interested in. Our students have so much potential and I enjoy being part of a team that creates a safe environment for our students to learn and grow. Each semester, I get to see students' growth, resilience, and confidence, even during difficult times, and it is amazing.

Favorite part about being an instructor, coordinator, and math tutor?

All of my roles at the university have allowed me to work closely with supporting students and creating an environment for them to be successful. Each role allows for a bit of a different perspective of offering support to students, but all together, I feel that I have a stronger understanding of what students need when they take foundational math and writing courses. I also love being able to interact with students and see and feel their "aha, that makes so much more sense now!" moments!



UAF Photographer: JR Ancheta

What is your favorite feature in Nanook Navigator?

One of my favorite features is being able to look up a student and learn a little more about them. I can see what courses they're taking, look at their support team, and check if there are alerts from other instructors (progress reports!). With all my current courses being asynchronous so far, I also like being able to see a picture of my students and remove some of the barriers that strictly online courses can create.

How long have you been utilizing Nanook Navigator?

As an instructor, I've actively been using Nanook Navigator since the fall of 2020. As tutor coordinator, I've been using Nanook Navigator since the summer of 2021 as the Debbie Moses Learning Center piloted some of the appointment and availability features.

Tips, advice, or ideas to support other Nanook Navigator users or student success practices?

Explore Nanook Navigator - click around, read the support materials that can be found on the website, try the SMS feature that allows you to text students so they get the message right away instead of hoping they check their email. There is a lot Nanook Navigator can offer to support students.

Support for Student Success

How Navigate Helps Students Own Their Academic Paths and Graduate on Time Many students are often confused and intimidated by course selection, and this needless obstacle is often acutely felt by first-generation students.

7 ways social media can improve learning Find out how social media can help build connection and collaboration with the student community.

Optimizing High-Quality Digital Learning Experiences: A Playbook for Faculty

Curated EAB resources to support student mental health and well-being Over the last decade, students' demand for mental health services has significantly grown and it shows no signs of slowing down. Many colleges and universities are still unable to keep pace.

Student Ideas for Academic Integrity Suggestions from students who were surveyed about why cheating occurs about how higher ed institutions can help prevent it.

From Transactional to Transformational Teaching Article

Empowering and Supporting Single Mothers in Higher Education A recently published report offers insights about single mother learners at community colleges.

Caring for Students Playbook: Six Recommendations



Nanook Navigator Resource Website: <https://uaf.edu/gs/nanooknavigator/index.php>

Log into Nanook Navigator: <https://uaf.campus.eab.com/>

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