

Eileen's

House



The Eileen Panigeo MacLean House was established to provide students from the Arctic region and other rural areas of Alaska with a safe, inviting, and supportive community environment that would be helpful in the transition from small, tight-knit rural communities to the hustle and bustle of university life in the city of Fairbanks. The Eileen Panigeo MacLean House offers students the opportunity to live in a small community with a cultural focus, allowing them to feel at home in an academic and urban environment, while at the same time supporting their academic efforts and celebrating their successes.

Built in partnership with the Arctic Slope Regional Corporation, the Eileen Panigeo MacLean House was named after the late Eileen Panigeo MacLean, an Alaska State Representative, North Slope borough resident and UAF alumnae who was strongly involved in Alaska Native rights.

Eileen's House Residents!



Eileen's House Residents and Staff gathered for a picture together after the first dorm meeting of the semester! In this meeting we went over life on campus, dorm policies, roommate etiquette, etc. All of this was discussed after a fun ice-breaker of course, where we each introduced ourselves and where we are from, interests and hobbies, and goals for what we hope to get out of college.

Resident Isaiah Waghiyi from Savoonga said his favorite part of the meeting was during the introductions, when each resident was introducing themselves in their native language. It was different from when he had to introduce himself at the beginning of his classes, and he really enjoyed that.

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September Student of the Month



Kimberly Pikok

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Kimberly is from Barrow, Alaska and is attending UAF working towards getting her bachelor's degree in Wildlife Biology and Conservation.

This is her first semester at UAF and is adjusting to campus life quite well. She has made a lot of new friends from all over the world, including Scotland, Germany and Denmark.

Earlier this summer, she participated in "Fresh Tracks," a leadership program focused on introducing people from different cultures from around the country in hopes of benefiting their home communities. She was also the valedictorian of her high school class!

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Eileen's House staff Ivik Henry, Lance Thompson, Green Dot trainer Kim Swisher and Alison Bankston.

Eileen's House Staff wrapping up the last of our training with the Green Dot program here on campus.

The UAF Green Dot strategy is a violence prevention program based on empowering bystanders. When people attend bystander trainings, they learn to recognize potentially harmful situations and how to safely intervene. A green dot is the single choice to use your words or actions to prevent someone from being harmed.



Eileen's House residents Isaiah Waghiyi, Monika Valdez, David Elavgak, and UAF student Justin Ferris at Fred Meyers.

Fred Meyers has a special student night where they open from midnight til 2:00 AM with special deals just for UAF students.

Eileen's house staff rented a van from UAF and shuttled students between campus and Fred Meyers to help make sure everyone was ready for the semester!



Pictured left: Eileen's House residents Frederick Kanayurak, Kimberly Pikok, Isaiah Waghiyi, Monika Valdez.

Eileen's House residents enjoying some ice cream during an ice cream social hosted by our staff. With so many new incoming Freshmen here at UAF, we figured it would be a good idea for the residents to mingle and get to know each other before the semester really kicks into gear!

Keep an eye out for the many upcoming programs in the month of October, such as pumpkin carving, spooky door decorations, and scary movie night!



Program Manager's Welcome



Happy fall semester, to all of our residents and alumni! We have started our school year strong, and have a great group of residents and staff. Lance, Alison and Ivik have worked hard at getting the dorm ready, and have planned a lot of fun events for the semester. Some new things around the house are all new lights in the dorm rooms and hallways, and FINALLY all the bathroom construction is complete! Things look very nice around our home away from home, and all summer we couldn't wait for you all to get here and complete the picture. If you have suggestions for events or things you would like to see around the dorm, please stop in during the day and visit with me at the front office, or let your staff know; we are always eager to learn how we can make your time at UAF the best ever. See you around the house!

-Tim