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UAF Nanook Navigator & Student Success Newsletter

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A freshly painted Nanook logo adorns center ice in the Patty Center Ice Arena in June, 2015. UAF Photographer: Todd Paris

Dates & Deadlines

December 4: Returning but Not Enrolled Calling Campaign begins (list released to callers/advisors)

December 5: Last day of instruction

December 6: BLaST equipment funding proposals due

December 16: Deadline for faculty to post final grades (noon)

January 4: Financial aid is disbursed

January 8: Residence halls open

January 8: Orientation for new students

January 11: First day of instruction; late registration begins

January 15- 25: Progress Reports Open

February 15: Deadline to apply for spring 2021 graduation

February 8-22: Mid-Term Grades Open

Nanook Navigator & Retention

Upcoming Items

- ⇒ **Cases** should be closed within two weeks of the case opening date. Please close out open cases from the Fall 2020 semester.
- ⇒ Schedule changes for winter break and Spring 2021 semester: Update **availability settings** to reflect COVID changes (office hours/meeting options/Zoom security settings). Zoom security settings, you need waiting room or password enabled.
- ⇒ Do you have student success events, workshops, articles, professional development, testimony on Nanook Navigator, success stories from students, or other that you would like to see in this newsletter? Please fill out the request form: <https://forms.gle/YaFr81HiTZH8P6QJA>.
- ⇒ Recommended end of semester data pulls: final grades, students with alerts who may need extra support next semester, advisor assignments, or student course rosters for next semester.
- ⇒ **Spring 2021 CircleIn student study group app:** Faculty Briefing is December 10 at 1:00PM. The session will be recorded, register here. This presentation will share details about a pilot project funded by NSF and approved by the UAF Provost's Office, UAF CTC and UAF eCampus: CircleIn. CircleIn will assist UAF students taking classes in Blackboard to easily form study groups, and interact with department tutors.

Reminders

- ⇒ Want to know which continuing students have not registered for Spring 2021 yet? See this advanced search handout.

Student Success Stories

- ⇒ **Bristol Bay Campus:** Students of the Month for November



This photo looks south down the Deitrich River valley as it parallels the Dalton Highway and Trans-Alaska Pipeline through the southern Brooks Range. UAF Photographer: Todd Paris

Events & Opportunities

For All

Year-Round: Department of Equity and Compliance Training

Year-Round: Nanook Engage

Year-Round: 529 Plan for Prospective Students

November 16: BLAST Mentoring Workshop

December: Supervising for Success training series

Students

Year-Round: Student Financial Need Report

Year-Round: Undergraduate Research and Scholarly Activity-Research/Creative Travel Awards

Year-Round: Service members apply for free

M, W, TR, & F (weekly): Peer support program for UAF students

December: Apply for ACEP Spring/Summer Internships

Due February 21: Undergraduate Research and Scholarly Activity-Research/Creative Projects for Summer 2021

Student Care Employees

Year-Round: On-Demand Webinars available for free

Year-Round: Department of Equity & Compliance Training

December 18, 2020: Creating Inclusive Teams and Promoting a Culture of Respect noon-1p.m.

Instructors

Year-Round: Faculty Development

December 10: CircleIn Faculty Briefing at 1:00



An iceberg is frozen in place near Juneau's Mendenhall Glacier. UAF Photographer: Todd Paris

Support for Student Care Teams

Student Support Services has two new forms available

A referral form has been created for the campus community to use. Advisors, faculty and staff can use this form if they have identified a student that may benefit from the services SSS provides. A request for information form is also available for anyone to use, particularly students. Faculty can also use this form to request a short drop-in class presentation from one of our advisors. Learn more about SSS online, or contact them at 474-6844 or uaf-sss@alaska.edu.

How to Drive Student Success Through Personalization and Collaboration

What success means to some students may not align with how others view their own desired outcomes. As competition in the higher education market increases, institutions must understand who their students are and how their students define success. Personalization in this area is vital; establishing and supporting individual learning journeys will help institutions increase retention and student experiences.

Strategies to support mental health amid continued uncertainty

A recent study found 60% of college students who sought mental health support have found it more difficult to access these services since the start of the pandemic. In the face of long-term stress and uncertainty, here's what higher ed leaders can do to support their staff and students.

Building Community In A Virtual World

There is a common misconception that it's harder for students to feel connected when they can't meet in person, or that distance-based learning is inherently less impactful for students. Although this may apply in some cases, it's up to the instructor or facilitator to set the tone for their students. Just like with any learning opportunity, the tone set by the instructor can either invite students to open up and connect with one another, or to shut down and keep their distance. One excellent way to establish a sense of inclusivity and safety among students is to partner with any of the amazing and dedicated UAF Student Affairs...

Timeless Tactics For Effective Emails

Email hacks from self-styled experts proliferate online, yet many of the tips contradict each other, few will work for everyone, and some are too extreme for the average person. Allow us to simplify. Here are the most trustworthy, enduring tactics for writing effective emails.

Exciting Update to the Change of Major Form

Update your link to the new form found on the Registrar forms page https://uaf.edu/reg/files/forms/REC_Change_of_Major.pdf. Students that are currently in Bachelor degree programs wanting to add/change an Associate or Certificate, can now use the change of major form. These students no longer need to fill out an admission application to add a degree of a lower level, simplifying the process for many students."

Student Opportunities for Health Support

For students who continue to struggle and are in need of counseling, please direct them to UAF Student Health and Counseling Center resources. Please remind them that

- the Student Health and Counseling Center is providing telehealth services via Secure Video. You can call 907-474-7043 to schedule an appointment.
- the UAF community mental health clinic has graduate-level counseling students providing counseling services. They are accepting new clients for 50-minute counseling sessions once a week until Dec. 4, 2020, and from Jan. 11-April 26, 2021. The fees are negotiable and range from free to \$10 depending on client needs. For more information, can contact Director Valerie Gifford at vmgifford@alaska.edu or 474-1999.
- students can always reach out to the Center for Student Rights and Responsibilities for a variety of support at uaf-studentrights@alaska.edu or 474-7317.

Refresh your course in three simple steps

A well-designed course has a variety of benefits ranging from supporting individual student success to having a positive impact on larger student retention efforts (Hai-Jew, 2010). After rapidly transitioning courses to fully asynchronous in the spring, making additional modifications to accommodate an uncertain fall semester, and wondering what new challenges the next semester may bring, many faculty are left feeling like a well-designed course is nothing more than a fond memory. In this time of uncertainty, now, maybe more than ever, is a good time to start thinking about future iterations of the courses you teach. ...

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

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

Role Request Form: <https://forms.gle/JbToZC6GbnCzjKBB7>