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UAF Nanook Navigator & Student Success Newsletter

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Student Ambassador Kilah Thom leads a campus tour during the 2016 summer Inside Out. Photographer: JR Ancheta

Dates & Deadlines

- March 29-April 23:** Advisor Registration Appointment Campaign
- April 5:** Augustmester and Fall 2021 priority registration
- April 19:** Augustmester and Fall 2021 open registration
- April 26:** Last day for course withdrawals
- April 27-May 1:** Final Exams
- April 29:** Returning but Not Enrolled Calling Campaign begins
- May 1:** UAF Commencement
- May 5:** Deadline for faculty to post final grades
- May 7:** Financial aid is disbursed
- May 10:** Deadline for student- and faculty-initiated withdrawals for MAYmester
- May 14:** Last day of MAYmester instruction
- May 17:** First day of instruction for six-week session I and full session

Upcoming Items & Reminders

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- ⇒ **Spring 2021 Commencement:** The in-person celebration includes a short, drive-in movie-style ceremony and car parade on Saturday, May 1. The virtual ceremony will begin at 4 p.m. that afternoon and will contain more traditional elements you usually see at commencement. It will be streamed on Facebook and YouTube. Faculty and staff will be able to congratulate graduates in the chat. For more information visit here: <https://www.uaf.edu/commence/>. Send questions to uaf-commencement-team@alaska.edu.
- ⇒ If you want to send a message of support and well wishes to our graduating first-generation students, this is your chance. [Fill out this form](#), and your message will be shown at the [live ceremony](#) on the 25th!
- ⇒ Are you interested in becoming a mentor for First-Gen undergraduate students next Fall? This is a great community to be involved in, and provides First-Gen students with the resources, opportunities, and support that they might need to succeed. [Fill out this form to join the team!](#)

Reminders

- ⇒ **Nanook Navigator Resource** website for Staff, Instructors, Students and Tutors: <https://uaf.edu/gs/nanooknavigator/>. New resources posted.
- ⇒ **Student Support Services is accepting new students.** The mission of SSS at UAF is to increase the academic achievement, retention and graduation rates of first-generation, low-income students and students who experience a documented disability.
- ⇒ **Nanook Athletics is hiring spring semester tutors!** We are looking for tutors in all subjects and study skills with pay at \$15/hour. [The hours are flexible and the position is open to current students \(undergrad or graduate\) and alumni.](#) Alumni should email nrbernsen@alaska.edu for application details.
- ⇒ The student success coordinator office has an opening for a student employee and students may apply here: <https://careers.alaska.edu/en-us/job/516640/student-success-coordinator-assistant>.
- ⇒ UAF is student facing in Nanook Navigator! Here is the student resource page: <https://uaf.edu/gs/nanooknavigator/students.php>.
- ⇒ Set up your Nanook Navigator [appointment availability](#) and [sync your calendar](#) today to utilize the NEW appointment links. The personal availability link (PAL)/appointment link allows you to share your link with UA students for easy and efficient scheduling. [Video demonstration for setting up availability and syncing](#) and [demonstration for student scheduling with a provided link](#). [Manage your appointments video](#).
- ⇒ Have upcoming items you would like to add to this newsletter? [Submit here](#)

Student Success Stories

- ⇒ Alex Sommerfield named to GNAC All-Academic Team
- ⇒ BBC Students of the Month for [March](#) and [April](#)
- ⇒ Eielson Air Force Base and UAF Honors College continue collaboration
- ⇒ Feyne Elmore: UAF student receives national STEM award
- ⇒ Zachary Mason: Student job leads to successful startup

Late-season flowers bloom in front of Lathrop Hall during Orientation Week on the Fairbanks campus at the start of the fall 2015 semester.
Photographer: Todd Paris



Events & Opportunities

For All

Year-Round: Nanook Engage

Every Tuesday: Taking Charge of Your Headspace stress and coping workshop

April 5: BLaST One Health seminar: 'Winding Path of a Career in Arctic Research' at 2 p.m.

Students

Year round: Events and Programs

April: Graduation ceremonies

April 15: Graduate student focus group on creative communication

April 16: BLaST undergraduate professional development workshop: Wellness

April 24: Lavender Graduation Ceremony

April 25: First-Generation Cording Ceremony

Fall 2021: First-Gen Forward Mentorship Program, email uaf-firstgenak@alaska.edu

Student Care Employees

Year-Round: On-Demand Webinars available for free

April: Nanook Navigator Trainings

April 13: Advising First Generation College Students with Victoria Smith
April 13th, 2:00-3:00pm

Instructors

Year-Round: Faculty Development

Year-Round: Teaching Tip: [Q&A about teaching high school students](#)

April: Assessing Canvas as an alternative to Blackboard

April 9: Faculty commencement RSVP and faculty gauntlet videos due

Aaron Schutt, president and CEO of Doyon Limited, was the keynote speaker of the Commencement 2016 ceremony Sunday, May 8, at the Carlson Center.

UAF photographer JR Ancheta.

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Support for Student Care Teams

Quick info for faculty, staff at one-stop shop

Looking for a one-stop shop for links and information tailored just for current UAF faculty and staff? Visit the [UAF faculty and staff page](#).

UAF's Student CARE Program

Sometimes students may struggle due to extenuating circumstances, mental health concerns or a lack of resources. To help, UAF has implemented the Student CARE Program.

The impact of coordinated care on student success

This infographic outlines the positive results from 32 institutions who adopted a student success management system.

How to support equity with caseload-based advising

Attempting to provide the same services to all students regardless of how much support they need is inefficient in today's resource-strapped college and universities. And at a certain point, your advising team can no longer "do more with less." Identifying which students can succeed with minimal intervention and which need intrusive advising is the key to scaling support for all students.

7 ways you can support transfer student success

Transfer students lose nearly half of the credits they attempt to bring to their new institution. Here are a few ways four-year institutions can prevent transfer students from losing credits and support them through graduation.

3 strategies to expand career support for first-generation students

First-generation students are more likely to have obligations that may preclude them from accessing career support services. Consider these strategies to make your services more accessible and inclusive.

Attract large-scale research investments with grand challenge initiatives

Follow these six steps to attract the level of external funding necessary to keep your projects going.

Why retention protects enrollment

The next decade demands a strategic enrollment management strategy that stretches from high school recruitment to college graduation and beyond.

What does it mean to measure the student experience?

We interviewed Institutional Research leaders to learn how they are tracking the student experience and what's holding them back.

Why academic plans are a necessity, not a 'nice to have'

It's essential that students can easily access the answers they need to build and adjust their academic plans to stay on track toward timely graduation.

Digital transformation looks different for higher education. Here's why.

To succeed in the next decade, higher ed must personalize and simplify the student experience. But leaders shouldn't simply look to out-of-industry "disruptors" for answers.

End-of-semester checklist to promote student success

The end of the semester brings about a long list of to-do's for students. During this time, students may struggle to remember everything they need to accomplish before the break. This Teaching Tip has five actions instructors can remind students to take each time a semester comes to a close.



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

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

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