

# FEBRUARY 2021

UAF Nanook Navigator & Student Success Newsletter

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Pre-nursing student Tiffany Scott practices taking vital health measurements like pulse at UAF's Chukchi Campus in Kotzebue. UAF Photographer:

## Dates & Deadlines

**February 15:** Deadline for UA Foundation and privately funded scholarship applications

**February 15:** Deadline to apply for spring 2021 graduation

**February 8-22:** Mid-Term Grades Open

**March 8-12:** Spring Break  
March 22: Fall 2021 course list available at UAOnline

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**April 5:** Augustmester and Fall 2021 priority registration

**April 19:** Augustmester and Fall 2021 open registration

**April 26:** Last day for course withdrawals

## Nanook Navigator & Retention

### Upcoming Items

- ⇒ 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](mailto:nrbernsen@alaska.edu) for application details.
- ⇒ Outdoor Adventures spring trips: Trips are open to UAF students, staff and faculty. This semester we will be offering a class on how to photograph the aurora, a skate ski clinic, Skiland shuttles, a Castner Glacier snowshoe and more!
- ⇒ Taking Charge of Your Headspace: Stress and Coping Workshop Series. Virtually on Tuesdays 12:00-1:00pm Zoom: <https://tinyurl.com/y6qkot5q>, Meeting ID: 91677613534, Passcode: 604747 or [counseling services here.](#)
- ⇒ UAF celebrates Black History Month: To learn more about our events and to register for events, please visit [NDAC's Black History Month website.](#)
- ⇒ New Nanook Navigator training videos available for [Case Management](#) and [Intervention Reports.](#) Additional dates have been added to the training sign up form: <https://forms.gle/yWQbFFzStmsQBL9b8>

### Reminders

- ⇒ 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. **Personal appointment links are coming soon!**
- ⇒ 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.](#)
- ⇒ 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.
- ⇒ COVID-19: Campus Entry Restrictions
- ⇒ eCampus summer scholarship for students taking online summer classes. UAF eCampus offers a limited number of tuition awards for students taking eCampus-supported courses. This award has a maximum value of \$500 and covers tuition only. Students receiving other tuition awards or waivers (i.e., UA Employee Tuition Waivers) are not eligible. Students receiving scholarships and Grants remain eligible for this award. **Students must be registered in eCampus courses by the application deadline of March 15**

## Student Success Stories

- ⇒ [Film graduate Keziah Anderson](#) wins "Best International Short" at the Stone Flower Film Festival in Russia
- ⇒ [Delores Gregory](#) was the Bristol Bay Campus Student of the Month in January
- ⇒ [Kathryn Buchanan](#) creates equations to simulate radio interference while interning with NASA.



The Choir of the North performs at the Davis Concert Hall Dec. 12, 2014. UAF Photographer: JR Ancheta

## Events & Opportunities

### For All

**Year-Round:** Department of Equity and Compliance Training

**Year-Round:** Nanook Engage

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

**February 22:** Shine a Light series, [Black in Hindsight: A Review of Black History](#)

### Students

**February 15:** Undergraduate Research & Scholarly Activity Opportunities— Applications Due for [Ocean Sciences REU](#) and [Alaska Native REU](#)

**February 18:** URSA 2021 Summer Project Award Applications due

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

**Due February 28:** BLAST summer 2021 Undergraduate Research Experience Applications Due

**Due March 1:** Applications due for American Association of University Women Scholarship

**Due March 1:** Alaska Space Grant Program- Early Career Undergraduate Research Apprenticeship program applications due

**Every Monday until March 1:** Mindful Mondays (12:30-1 pm)

**Every Thursday until March 11:** Gender-affirming support group (1-2 pm)

**Due March 19:** Submissions due for the Arctic Innovation Competition

**April 25:** First-Generation Cording Ceremony

**Fall 2021:** First-Gen Forward Mentorship Program, email [uaf-firstgenak@alaska.edu](mailto:uaf-firstgenak@alaska.edu)

### Student Care Employees

**Year-Round:** On-Demand Webinars available for free

**Jan & Feb:** Nanook Navigator Trainings

### Instructors

**Year-Round:** Faculty Development

**March 1:** Alaska Space Grant Program-Early Career Undergraduate Research Apprenticeship program applications due

## Support for Student Care Teams

### Spring 2021 Learning Resources

A [list of resources](#) has been created for student care groups.

### Spring 2021 Topic Series- Starts February 12

UA Human Resources Labor and Employee Engagement continues to offer the Topic Series this spring. The series is a platform for provoking thoughtful and meaningful discussions between UA employees. It operates similar to a book club. You can view topics and sign up for each discussion through the new [UA Human Resources training and development webpage](#).

### Breaking Down Silos Between Financial Aid and Student Success

EAB is offering webinars on integrating financial aid and academic advising efforts. These will offer a deep-dive on helping students get back on track, engaging students to help prevent them from racking up student debt, and more. Join us for three special webinars that will dive deeper into how to improve student success by better integrating financial aid and academic advising—including direct examples from your peers.

[Solving Common SAP Issues | Thursday, February 18 | 12:00–12:45 p.m. ET](#)

[Using Enrollment Census to Break Down Silos between Financial Aid, Advising, and Faculty | Thursday, March 4 | 3:00–3:30 p.m. ET](#)

[Proactive Engagement/Using Staff Creatively to Reduce Student Challenges | Thursday, March 18 | 1:00–1:45 p.m. ET](#)

### What Happens to 100 Students Who Start a Bachelor's Degree?

For all the data we have on student success, the lack of a federal record system makes it difficult to get a true understanding of student degree outcomes, time to degree, or what happens to graduates once they enter the workforce. Using data from eight sources, this infographic explains what really happens to students who start a bachelor's degree.

### How to Optimize Your Student Communications Strategy

What makes student communication so difficult to get right? From matriculation to graduation, students must navigate a maze of requirements beyond academic coursework. Secondary challenges, such as registering for courses, maintaining financial aid, and resolving administrative holds, can derail a student on their path to commencement.

### Why nudges work and how to use them to keep students on track

Students want to succeed, but psychological and structural barriers can get in their way. Colleges and universities that invest in nudges can remove these obstacles and help students stay on track. Richard Thaler and Cass Sunstein, authors of the book *Nudge: Improving Decisions About Health, Wealth, and Happiness*, define a nudge as an action that encourages, rather than mandates, a particular behavior. Nudging, which is rooted in behavioral economics, considers the cognitive, emotional, and social factors that prevent people from accomplishing goals.

### How to write better, right now

It's not enough to have great ideas—you also have to express them effectively. This infographic offers a few tips and tricks to help.

### The Well

Free weekday meditation online through the Well starting January 18. See the Well website for the schedule: <https://sites.google.com/alaska.edu/thewell/home>



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

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

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