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UAF Nanook Navigator & Student Success Newsletter

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Complete with cap and tassel, Dixie accompanied Cassandra Glebavicius, a Master in Business Administration: General Management graduate during the commencement ceremony at the Carlson Center, Sunday, May 8, 2016.
UAF Photographer: JR Ancheta

Dates & Deadlines

June 28: CircleIn launched for summer six-week session II courses

July 15: Summer Graduation Application deadline

July 21: Last day for student- and faculty-initiated withdrawals for six-week session II

August 6: Last day of instruction for six-week session II and full session, including final exams

August 18-21: New Student Orientation

August 20: Last day of AUGUSTmester instruction and finals

August 23: First day of instruction; late registration begins

August 25: Deadline for faculty to post AUGUSTmester grades, noon

August: New Faculty Orientation

Upcoming Items & Reminders

Upcoming Items

- ⇒ Apply for Academic Leadership Institute: The UAF Academic Leadership Institute is a unique and exciting, two-semester-long professional development opportunity for a cohort of university employees who are interested in gaining a deeper understanding of current issues and the changing landscape in higher education. Apply by 8/20.
- ⇒ The Alaska Fellows Program (AFP) is a fall-to-spring residential fellowship program that nurtures the next generation of Alaska-based leaders by pairing talented young people with strong communities and professional mentors. <https://alaskafellows.org/>. **Career Development Fellow** and **Climate Makerspace Innovation Fellow**
- ⇒ **Save the date: Nanook Rendezvous reunion 2021.** The UAF Alumni Association will hold its annual reunion weekend from July 22-24 featuring a blend of virtual and in-person events.
- ⇒ Residence Life is hiring for peer mentors and Nook Concierge positions.

Reminders

- ⇒ 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>
- ⇒ Students: #FirstGenAK Mentorship Program Application to become a mentee. Please share this link with your first-gen students: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeyVXS0v8kLQw4nnj6bglcA8qyu61MulCr1W6AHT17LZv8sfA/viewform>
- ⇒ The office for Undergraduate Research and Scholarly Activity (URSA) would like to remind you that we can help you promote your research opportunities to UAF's undergraduate community! URSA has dedicated space on its website for promoting ongoing / upcoming research or creative projects opportunities for undergraduates. Just fill out this form, and we will upload the information.
- ⇒ The Native American Career and Technical Education Program (NACTEP) through Fairbanks Native Association offers eligible Alaska Native/American Indian students an opportunity to take courses at no cost towards a certificate, degree, or occupational endorsement at UAF Community and Technical College. The current funding only goes through September 2022. Jolie Phillips is the CTC contact for this program: 455-2874, jmphilips7@alaska.edu. Erin Edenshaw is the FNA contact for eligibility questions and application for this program: (907) 347-1497, erin.edenshaw@fairbanksnative.org

Student Success Stories

- ⇒ Esports champions earn UAF scholarships
- ⇒ Intern working to identify costs and benefits of energy systems in Alaska
- ⇒ Center ICE funds four undergraduate teams
- ⇒ When the sky is just the jumping-off point



Theatre major Nicole Cowans, left, gets some one-on-one coaching from Associate Professor Carrie Baker in the Salibury Theatre.
UAF Photographer: Todd Paris

Events & Opportunities

For All

Year round: Center ICE Seed Fund proposals

Year round: UAF Space Media & Outreach

Students

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

July 12-16: Summer Advising and Registration Event (virtual or in-person)

August: URSA Mentor Awards

August 2-6: Summer Advising and Registration Event (virtual or in-person)

August 9-18: Emerging Scholars Academy

Student Success Members

Year-Round: On-Demand Webinars available for free

July: Nanook Navigator Trainings

Instructors

Year-Round: Faculty Development

Monthly: Spotlight on Teaching presentations

First Monday of every month: Level I Blackboard Training

Third Monday of every month: Level II Blackboard Training

Second Monday of every month: Level I Canvas Training

Fourth Monday of every month: Level II Canvas Training

Support for Student Success

Banner Screens for Advisors

Quick guide of Banner Screens for advising with corresponding Nanook Navigator screens.

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](#).

Ideas for inclusive teaching practice

Inclusive teaching practice involves embracing diversity holistically throughout your course and activities. Here are ideas and resources for how to think about your course through an inclusive lens.

The Need for Self-Knowledge in a Changing World of Work

Sonali Majumdar emphasizes the power of self-knowledge for Ph.D. students and programs in helping prepare for future employment and societal needs.

360+ student success best practices

Featuring topics such as first-generation advising, DEIJ, and career development, our best practice library will help you better navigate the ever-shifting student success terrain.

4 tactics to support first-generation students

This infographic outlines proactive, campus-wide approaches to ease transitional barriers for first-generation college students.

Report Suggests Gaps in Support for At-Risk Students

A new report from Blackboard suggests that students at risk of not continuing their education expressed less satisfaction with support services at their institutions.

Defining a Culture of Excellence in Research

The principal investigator and other leaders play a key role in encouraging group dynamics that make people feel respected and included -- or not, Elizabeth A. Luckman, C. K. Gunsalus, Nicholas C. Burbules and Robert A. Easter write.

3 Strategies for Inclusive Pedagogy

Jamie Landau has found that a communication and racial justice perspective has enabled her students -- and her -- to rediscover their voices.

5 New Realities to Know About College Hunger

The pandemic shines a bigger spotlight on the issue of college students with food insecurity and how their institutions can support them, writes Rachel Sumekh.

Prepare for the mental health crisis coming this fall

Here's why higher ed leaders should shift their focus to preventative care and promote mental wellness as a way to get ahead of the impending crisis.

Accessibility Gains Must Become Lasting Learning Practices

We must broaden our focus to create inclusive learning environments that recognize and remove barriers, creating a more equitable system for all, write Raghu Krishnaiah and Kelly Hermann.

Teaching Tip: Why should we care about OER?

Around 65% of your students may not purchase your textbook due to cost. This can have a significant impact on their success in your course. Using free and open education resources (OER) can ameliorate expenses for students and help make higher education more equitable for all students.



Students and staff of the Alaska Business Week summer camp pose on the Fairbanks campus. 2014 UAF photographer: Todd Paris

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

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