

# SES CONNECTION



This newsletter is a bimonthly publication of UAF Student & Enrollment Services.

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## CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!

To an institution, commencement often signifies the end of a school year. To students, it signifies a beginning. To staff, it signifies the final culmination of everyone's efforts - especially Student Services. Students who walk across the stage have literally been part of the student services fabric for 2, 3, 4, 5 or even 6 years. Whether it was recruiting them, communicating with them, enrolling them, financing them, housing them, feeding them, having fun with them, advising them, healing them, retaining them, career planning with them, or graduating them, without your efforts, this day would not be possible.

The University of Alaska Fairbanks is ready to graduate its 88<sup>th</sup> class. The 2010 Commencement ceremony will be held on

May 16 at 1:20 at the Carlson Center. Over 903 students have applied to graduate for spring 2010. This year, the Graduation Office has already awarded 470 certificates and degrees (188 in Summer 2009 and 282 in Fall 2009). The Graduation Coordinators, along with their new leader – Anita Hughes – are working diligently with students and advisors to finish up those last minute petitions, credit checks and commencement details. We hope you will join us to celebrate student success.

As always, it take a lot of volunteers to get the students across the stage. If you would like to volunteer, please contact the Registrar's Office. A volunteer meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 13 at 3:30 PM in Signers' Hall.

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### Saturday May 8

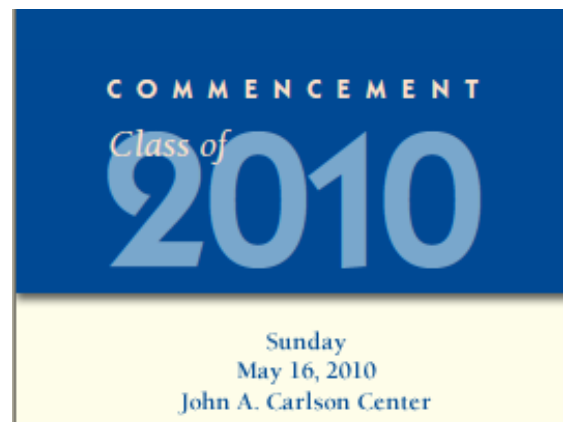
Grad Bash  
 8 pm-1am, Wood Center Pub

### Saturday May 15

Commencement Rehearsal  
 10:30 am, Carlson Center  
 Graduate Picnic  
 12:30 pm-2 pm, Wood Center

### Sunday May 16

Graduation Mass  
 10:30 am, Schiabe Auditorium  
 Processional line-up  
 12:20 pm-12:45 pm, Carlson Center  
 Commencement ceremony  
 1:20 pm, Carlson Center  
 Commencement Reception  
 Following Ceremony, Pioneer Room, Carlson Center



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**Jennifer Fontes**, Office Manager

**BRIGITTE MAYES**

**In Memory: Brigitte Rosalie Haugabrook Mayes**



Our dear friend and colleague Brigitte Mayes passed away on April 27, 2010. Although words could never tell the number of ways Brigitte impacted this institution, its faculty, its staff and its students, we offer a little glimpse into her life.

Brigitte was born in Germany on March 31, 1946. Her father was in the Army and her mother was a native of Germany. Brigitte lived in Germany and France until she was 8 years old. When she came to the United States, she did not know a word of English. Growing up as a military family, Brigitte, her parents and her brother moved several places around the United States. She completed her first three years of high school in New Jersey until her father received orders

to come to Ft. Wainwright in 1964. She graduated the next year at Lathrop High School. Later that fall, she enrolled at the University of Alaska Fairbanks and completed the fall and spring semesters. Brigitte served UAF for 44 years at the Office of Admissions and Records and the Office of the Registrar. She was originally hired in 1966 as switchboard operator/receptionist. She held various positions and most recently was the Associate Registrar for Records. Brigitte was well-known campus-wide for her wealth of knowledge, her kindness toward others and her genuine love for UAF and its students. She was a tireless advocate for her staff, fellow colleagues, and students. She was the mainstay and unsung hero of the Registrar's Office – often the one we relied on for advice, direction, support, and guidance and never one to seek the spotlight. A familiar and necessary sentence often heard throughout UAF was "Let's ask Brigitte". She was our friend, our colleague, our family and we will miss her.

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**REGISTRAR'S OFFICE**

**Commencement Approaches!**

As the spring semester winds down, our graduation staff continues to accelerate in preparation for 2010 Commencement. Currently the graduation staff has completed over 600 degree audits with nearly 300 audits remaining before the 88<sup>th</sup> UAF Commencement Ceremony on May 16, 2010 at the Carlson Center. We are all looking forward to the completion of another commencement season and hope that many of you will volunteer to make this another successful year. Volunteer organization meeting is set for Thursday, May 13 at 3:30pm (Signers' Hall lobby). Please email Mae Delcastillo at [commencement@uaf.edu](mailto:commencement@uaf.edu) if you would like to volunteer.

**Spring Semester Grading**

The Registrar's Office no longer prints or distributes grade rosters for departments. All instructors are required to grade their students through the Faculty Services option on UAOnline. We are trying to do our part in UAF's sustainability efforts.

**We've BIN recycling!**

Registrar staff started a recycling goal to help

out our local Rescue Mission by collecting paper from mixed office paper to cardboard, newspaper, and phone books. All collected items are dropped off to the Recycling Center at the Fairbanks Rescue Mission. If you are interested in participating, please visit FRM website at <http://fairbanksrescuemission.org/fmrecyclecenter.htm>

**New Staff**

The Registrar's Office is pleased to welcome two new staff. Rhiannon Jennings started in March as our new Graduation Coordinator. She holds a Bachelor of Arts from UAF and is a great addition to our graduation staff.

Anita Hughes will begin her position as Associate Registrar for Graduation and Certification on April 26.

Anita Hughes is joining us from Astoria, Oregon where she has been the Registrar for Clatsop Community College for the past two years. She has degrees from Willamette University (MBA) and Oregon State University (MS-Economics; BS-Agricultural Economics).

Join us in welcoming both of them.

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## HEALTH AND COUNSELING

### Coming to UAF this Summer !

Student Health and Counseling services will be available during the summer beginning May 17. Hours will be from 8:00 am-1:00 pm Monday through Thursday. We will be providing medical and counseling services, along with administrative and student health insurance services. Students must be taking 6 credits to be eligible and there will be a \$66 health center fee. Optional eligibility is available for students not taking 6 credits during the summer, but were eligible during spring 2010 and are enrolled in at least 6 credits for fall 2010. These students can pay a bridge fee of \$66 to use the health center.

If your department doesn't already have fliers posted, please let us know and we'll bring some over.

### Health Fair

We sponsored a health fair in the Wood Center on April 13 and 14. Students were provided with information about healthy lifestyles including screenings for weight, body fat, and blood pressure, natural health info, and much more. Outdoor Adventures joined us and gave students good info about their programs as well. Everyone enjoyed yummy yet nutritious snacks also!

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Julene Lowdermilk, Admin  
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## UPCOMING DATES

### May 4

Paying for College Night (Financial Aid)

### May 7

Last Day of Instruction

### May 10-13

Final Exams

### May 14

Summer Financial Aid Disburses

### May 15

Commencement Rehearsal

### May 16

Commencement

### May 17

Residence Halls Close (Residence Life)

Maymester Begins

### May 18

SES Retreat

### May 19

Staff Appreciation Day

Deadline for faculty to post spring grades

### May 22

Really Free Market

### May 24

Start of 6-week Summer Session I

### May 27

Ice Cream Thursdays start (Wood Center)

### May 28

End of Maymester

### May 31

Memorial Day, UAF Closed

### June 1

Start of 5-week Summer Session I & Full Summer Session

### June 6

Beluga Nights Concert: Brothers of the Baladi (Wood Center)

### July 2

End of 6-week and 5-week Summer Session I

### July 5-6

July 4 Holiday, UAF Closed

### July 7

Start of 6-week Session II

### July 15

Summer Graduation Application Deadline

### July 25

Beluga Nights Concert: Pat Fitzgerald and Robin Dale Ford

### August 13

End of 6-week Summer Session II and Full Summer Session

### August 18

Deadline for faculty to post summer grades

## CAREER SERVICES

### New Student Newsletter

Career Services is excited to announce a UAF Student Newsletter. The Newsletter will be available on-line at [www.uaf.edu/career/students](http://www.uaf.edu/career/students). This will be updated throughout the year. Financial Aid, The Registrars' Office and the Business Office will be providing important information to be included in the newsletter. We hope to include Admissions and Polar Express in later issues. It is our goal to have a UAF Parents & Families Newsletter as well. This newsletter would only come out twice a year in the fall and spring.

If you have information you would like to get out to these groups please send it to [marysue@alaska.edu](mailto:marysue@alaska.edu), specify which newsletter you would like your article in and we will do our best to incorporate the information in the newsletter.

Contact: Mary Sue Dates,  
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## WOOD CENTER

### Welcome Damien!



Wood Center welcomes Damien Snook to our Student Services team! Damien joins UAF by way of Ohio University. He is finishing his Master of Education specializing in College Student Personnel. While working on his masters,

he worked as a Graduate Assistant in the Office of Sustainability and Learning Community Programs at Ohio University. Damien's New Student Orientation experience has been through Internships with National Orientation Directors Association and have included institutions such as Humboldt State University in California, working with the Family & Guest Program along with the College of Mount Saint Vincent in the Bronx, focusing on assessment of student and parent programs. Damien also has received a Bachelor of Arts specializing in Journalism and Mass Communication & Political Science from Iowa State University. Damien was quite active at his undergraduate and graduate universities through committees, professional organizations, presentations and awards.

We are so excited to have Damien as part of our Wood Center team. Please help us welcome Damien to Fairbanks and our division!

### New Student Orientation

The New Student Orientation (NSO) Office is in full swing finalizing plans for fall 2010 program. In order to help not only our incoming students and families but also our returning students and families, NSO is working with local hotels for a special orientation rate and sparking enthusiasm to

welcome our students and families. More information will be posted soon on our website at [www.uaf.edu/orientation/](http://www.uaf.edu/orientation/).

For advanced scheduling, we hope you and your office will be able to join us for our traditional Resource Fair, which will be on Monday, August 30 from noon-2pm in Wood Center Mall Area. Also, we have set the date for Fred Meyer's Late-Night Extravaganza for Tuesday, August 31 starting at 11:59pm to 2am. For more information about the fall 2010 schedule, please check our website soon.

### Summer Events

While New Student Orientation is a few months away, summer is just around the corner. Check out the following events this summer:

- Beluga Nights Concert Series- Beluga Field
  - \*June 6th, 6PM- Brothers of the Baladi
  - \*July 25th, 6PM- Pat Fitzgerald & Robin Dale Ford

Ice Cream Thursdays w/ Live Music— Join us every Thursday from 12pm-2pm for sunshine, music and ice cream at the Wood Center!

### Outdoor Adventures

Check out the Outdoor Adventures website at [www.uaf.edu/woodcenter/outdoor](http://www.uaf.edu/woodcenter/outdoor). You'll find a list of great trips and classes to satisfy the explorer in you this summer. If you're planning your own trip, don't forget we rent quality outdoor equipment like tents, sleeping bags, canoes, etc. NEW THIS YEAR : UAF has a new Frisbee golf course. Three-disc sets will be available to rent – see you on the course!

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[lmanderson@alaska.edu](mailto:lmanderson@alaska.edu)



## ADMISSIONS

### Inside Out Thanks!

The Office of Admissions hosted Inside Out on Friday, March 26th. With 176 guests on campus (99 prospective students and 75 parents) this Inside Out was our largest ever. Inside Out is a day-long event with opportunities for students to sit in on mock classes, tour campus, dine in the commons, and interact with current students, faculty, and staff to experience UAF from the "Inside Out".

We had:

- \* 176 guests! This was an increase of 71 people over our Fall 2009 event with 65 students, 40 parents for a total of 105).
- \* A streamlined schedule which gets better with each event.
- \* Very positive feedback and comments from parents and students.
- \* Great participation from SES staff in student panel presentations; excellent participation from departments in Major Mania. This is truly an all campus event.

Thank you to all who helped to make Inside Out a success! Save the date! Inside Out Fall 2010 will be held on October 15.

### Lots of Contact!

Admissions has tracked the following contacts since July 1, 2009:

- \* 564, 219 e-mails for events such as Collegeweek Live, registration, Inside Out, Financial Aid and more
- \* 105,329 letters including both prospective and admitted students

- \* 275,377 labels for search pieces, postcards, etc.
- \* 6,587 telephone calls

### Discover UAF

Our Discover UAF event in Anchorage for advising and registration will be held May 22 and 23. Representatives from Admissions, the Advising Center and Financial Aid will be present to help students get signed up for classes and answer questions about getting started in the fall.



## RESIDENCE LIFE



Residence Life has been working hard to get new flooring for the MBS Complex. The MBS main lobby was re-carpeted, but the gem of the project is the new luxury vinyl tile that has been installed in the entryway of Moore and Bartlett Halls. Residence Life worked with Design and Construction and a local architect to create this new and inviting entryway. This new flooring is easy to clean and provides a more modern and contemporary look for these areas. In addition to the new flooring, Residence Life has installed three digital signs in the MBS Complex. Working with a variety of departments, Residence Life is hoping that this new high tech system will be an attention

grabber for students. Residence Life has been working on recruiting for student staff for positions as Resident Assistants, Conference Services staff, and Summer Resident Assistant. Our current focus is on the transition from spring to summer. Residence Halls Close on Monday, May 17 at 12 pm (noon). Students who need an extension must apply. For more information about the transition process please contact our main office at ext. 7247.

Contact Laura McCollough,  
lcmccollough@alaska.edu



## FINANCIAL AID



The Financial Aid Office held the 7th annual *I'm Going to College* event on April 29th. We had the largest single-day event with over 480 elementary school kids on campus. 90 volunteers from 37 different UAF departments assisted with the event. Along with the traditional language, dissection and orientation sessions, various faculty hosted new session topics, such as: Alaska Native Languages, College Prep Bingo and The Invisible Hand.

In the afternoon, the kids left exhausted, but nearly all of them told us that they couldn't wait to attend UAF!



Nanook (Joe Alloway, Admissions) was pretty popular with the kids!



Rob Aikman and Rip

### 2010-2011 Financial Aid

In compliance with new federal mandates, UAF is transitioning to federal Direct Loans on July 1. All loan borrowers (both new and repeat borrowers) are required to complete entrance counseling and a Master Promissory Note (MPN) at <https://studentloans.gov>.

### Staff Changes

Our office has recently hired new staff members and has re-arranged a few positions:

**Jeni Macomber** has been the Customer Service Coordinator since November. She is now the Office Manager part time. She will work at the counter in the mornings and will work as Office Manager in the afternoons. We are very excited to have Jeni in both positions.

**Mayanna Bean** has been the Financial Aid Advisor at TVC since September. She recently moved up to fill in the Scholarship Coordinator/Advisor position at the main campus. She was raised in Tanana and completed her BA and MA at UAF. She loves financial aid and also teaches Communications classes for TVC.

**Connie Basham** is the new Loan Technician. She will work with loans in the morning and will cover the front counter in the afternoons. She is originally from upstate New York and moved to Alaska in 2003. She has been working at UAF since November of 2008.

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## LONGEVITY AWARDS

Congratulations to the following SES staff members for reaching their longevity milestone:

### 35 Years of Service

Marlene Wright, Registrar's Office

### 20 Years of Service

Lydia Anderson, Wood Center  
Deanna Dieringer, Financial Aid  
Linda Stanley, Residence Life

### 15 Years of Service

Carrie McGee, Wood Center

### 10 Years of Service

Kevin Huddy, Residence Life  
Nathan Platt, Residence Life

### 5 Years of Service

Susan Cully, Registrar's Office  
Ashley Munro, Financial Aid Office  
Marcy Phillips, Disability Services  
Valerie Rickards, Office of Admissions  
Rosario Sheets, Office of Admissions  
Allyn Yarish, Residence Life

### Newsletter Committee

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Geri Wilda  
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## KUSKOKWIM CAMPUS



KuC's SES Team (left to right)

Seated: Heidi Simmons, Evelyn Pensgard, Davina Alexie

Standing: Janet Mute, Kevin Kristof, Agnes McIntyre, Jennifer Peeks, Jaclyn Cabales, Sam Chanar

Kuskokwim Campus Student and Distance Delivery Services have been serving the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta region for over thirty-five years. Throughout the Delta, KuC is known for its welcoming and friendly environment. Our students are able to find meaningful connections at our rural campus through student services. We would like you to meet the staff:

**Heidi Simmons** is the Distance Education Coordinator/Tech Prep Specialist. In 1981 she moved to Bethel from WA "for a one year adventure". Twenty-nine years later she still enjoys working at Kuskokwim Campus. Her hobbies were discovered by taking classes at KuC: computers; cooking; painting; pottery; Spanish and yoga. Heidi is a graduate of the UAF Master Gardeners' Program and enjoys helping others learn how to garden in a northern climate.

**Evelyn Pensgard** was born and raised in Bethel and received her AA degree from KuC, BA from Alaska Pacific University and Master's Degree in Rural Development from UAF. Evelyn joined the campus in 2006 as an academic advisor. Her duties also include advising for the Yup'ik degree programs, as well as being the student success facilitator for UAA School of Nursing Recruitment and Retention of Alaska Natives into Nursing (RRANN) and the Nursing Workforce Diversity Program (NWDP). Evelyn says she, "loves this job and finds it very rewarding!"

**Davina Alexie** began her recruiting and advising career with KuC during the fall of 2008. She travels within the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta, motivating and inspiring students to pursue a college degree. Davina graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Yup'ik Eskimo in 2007 and is currently admitted into the MA Cross-Cultural Studies program through UAF. Davina is originally from Kipnuk, a village 90 miles southwest of Bethel, AK.

**Janet Mute** joined KuC as the Student Services Administrative Assistant in April 2009. Janet grew up in the small village of Tununak and moved to Bethel in January 1995. Janet enjoys subsistence fishing, camping, commercial fishing and being at fish camp.

**Kevin Kristof** joined KuC in 2001 as the Student Services Coordinator and Registrar. He also teaches Principles of Accounting as an

adjunct, along with a handful of courses for the Certified Public Managers program. Kevin graduated with a MBA from UAS in 2007. He enjoys when many different departments come together and help coordinate fun and eventful activities for our students. Outside of work, Kevin enjoys reading, cooking, baking, fishing, camping and working out.

**Agnes McIntyre**, a former student of Kuskokwim Campus, has been the Emerging Scholars Program Coordinator and Advisor since 2006. As a strong supporter of students, she helps them overcome the challenges of higher education, including being away from family. Agnes graduated with her AA Degree in 1989, and in 1999, she earned a Bachelor's of Education degree.

**Jennifer Peeks** joined the campus in 2008 as the Wellness Coordinator. Jennifer moved to Bethel in 2004 after completing her Master's degree program in Social Work at the University of Michigan. Jennifer supports students making healthy life-style choices through counseling and education. Jennifer assists students in achieving their personal and academic goals by addressing challenges that are important to both new and returning students such as relationships, homesickness, stress management and substance use. Outside of work, Jennifer enjoys anything outdoors including camping, fishing and dog mushing.

**Jaclyn Cabales** is the Financial Aid Specialist. Jaclyn was born and raised in Bethel and joined the team in 2007. She enjoys assisting students with funding their education. Jaclyn is currently taking classes towards her AA degree. On her personal time, Jaclyn enjoys spending time with family, cooking, fishing and crafting.

**Sam Chanar**, who is originally from Toksook Bay, started working as a Housing Officer at Sackett Hall in Fall 2006. He received his Bachelor's degree in Rural Development from UAF. After a year of attending KuC and living at Sackett Hall, Sam felt ready to transfer to the Fairbanks campus because KuC adjusted him to a university setting. Besides ensuring a safe environment for students, Sam enjoys planning and coordinating many fun activities for students.