Happy holidays! We’ve just wrapped up with another semester at Eileen’s House. Although this was a short month for us, it was busy with students finishing up finals and participating in holiday festivities. Some of our programs included decorating the Christmas tree and building gingerbread houses. Our dorms have closed for winter break and will re-open on Tuesday, January 13 at 8am.

Eileen’s House resident Nathaniel Olemaun, RD Denali Whiting, RA Heather Hopsin, and resident Trina Brower pose next to the tree to show off their gingerbread houses!

Merry Christmas
Christmas decorating

Gingerbread house making
This month our Resident Director, Denali Whiting, competed in the Miss Alaska USA 2015 pageant. She placed top 3 at the pageant! Way to go!

Eileen Panigeo MacLean was a former state representative and a UAF graduate. After receiving her bachelor’s degree in elementary education from UAF in 1975, MacLean began a long career of teaching in rural Alaska and providing community service throughout the state. She received her master’s in education from the University of Copenhagen in 1983, and has a long list of community service positions to her credit, including president of the Inuit Circumpolar Conference, director of the Inupiat History, Language and Culture Commission and executive director of the Alaska Eskimo Whaling Commission. Recognized across Alaska as an advocate for Alaska Native rights and education, MacLean was elected to the North Slope Borough Assembly, the North Slope School District Board and the Alaska State Legislature, who honored her for dedicated public service after her death in Barrow on April 24, 1996 at the age of 46.

The Eileen Panigeo MacLean House was established to provide students from the Arctic region and other rural areas of Alaska with a safe, inviting, and supportive community environment that would be helpful in the transition from small, tight-knit rural communities to the hustle and bustle of university life in the city of Fairbanks.

The Eileen Panigeo MacLean House offers students the opportunity to live in a small community with a cultural focus, allowing them to feel at home in an academic and urban environment, while at the same time supporting their academic efforts and celebrating their successes.
Visit our webpage at http://www.uaf.edu/maclean/

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