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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:

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 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 ski 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

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://uafcampus.eab.com/
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