

AUGUST 2021

UAF Nanook Navigator & Student Success Newsletter

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Rural Alaska Honors Institute students study for their Introduction to College Writing course in Cornerstone Plaza on Friday, June 8.

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Dates & Deadlines

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 16: New Faculty Orientation

August 27–September 9: Progress Reports

September 3: Deadline for adding classes and late registration

September 3: Last day for student- and faculty-initiated drops with refund

October 15: Deadline to apply for fall 2021 graduation

October 25: Spring 2022 course list available at UAOnline

Upcoming Items & Reminders

Upcoming Items

- ⇒ Student Support Services is seeking Student Tutors! SSS' tutoring program is unique at UAF. As one of the few places on campus with one-on-one tutoring, tutors provide professional, required, and vital support. Tutors are not expected to teach subject matter, but act as subject area resources on specific areas of student inquiry while modeling and promoting effective study skills and habits. Starting pay is \$14.00 per hour.
- ⇒ Students can get immunizations and tests through Patient Portal
- ⇒ URSA Mentor Awards- Every fall, full-time UAF faculty members, postdoctoral researchers, and graduate students from all disciplines and campuses are eligible to apply for awards of up to \$5,000 for mentoring undergraduate research and scholarly learning opportunities. Funding options include; fellowships for undergraduate students, travel for undergraduate students, limited travel for the mentor, and supplies and/or services to help support undergraduate research and scholarly activity initiatives.
- ⇒ The UAF CTC Learning Center is offering a short info session to help students prepare to take the UAF math placement exam, ALEKS. Knowing what to expect can go a long way to help students feel more comfortable and, ultimately, be more successful. This info session is free of charge and will take place on zoom on Aug 10th. Sign up here!

Reminders

- ⇒ 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**
- ⇒ Residence Life is hiring for peer mentors and Nook Concierge positions.

Student Success Stories

- ⇒ UAF to celebrate Rural Alaska Honors Institute class of 2021
- ⇒ Student intern working on GIS software for Sitka
- ⇒ Mapping for Mars rovers: Former UAF grad student has an out-of-this-world job
- ⇒ One Health alumna provides veterinary care in Southwest Alaska
- ⇒ ACEP intern models Pilgrim Hot Springs geothermal microgrid



The first rays of sunshine burst over the Alaska Range just before 11 a.m. on a mid-December morning as seen from the UAF campus in Fairbanks.

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Events & Opportunities

For All

Students

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

August: URSA Mentor Awards

August 9-18: Emerging Scholars Academy

August 10: ALEKS Workshop

August 12: CTC Registration Event

August 19: NSO Student Success Resource Fair at 8:30-10:30

Student Success Members

Year-Round: On-Demand Webinars available for free

August: 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

August 11: CircleIn Faculty Demonstration, ELIF 301 or <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89454961565> at 9:30 am

Support for Student Success

Banner Screens for Advisors

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

Leadership Exchange: Cultivating Community on Campus– Perspective on Post-Pandemic Mental Health Changes

Pedagogy of Healing: Bearing Witness to Trauma and Resilience

Mays Imad suggests 13 actions professors and other educators can take to help promote students' mental health before and during the fall semester. Before the Semester: Course Planning, At the Beginning of the Semester, and Throughout the Semester.

Self-Care Strategies for Faculty

Those of us who work in higher education should purposefully attend to our important needs, even if only for a short time each day, write Janet Alexander and Beth Kelch.

Teaching Tip: Building good instructions in Canvas

Clear, easy-to-follow instructions for quizzes, assignments and discussions within your course are key in guiding learners through the assessments you ask them to complete.

Student Expectations for the Fall: The Key Podcast

With many colleges planning a significant if not full return to their physical campuses this fall, what will students expect from their institutions and their professors when it comes to learning?

Reflections on Success

Success in college is about much more than getting a diploma. Our survey captured how students currently define success.

4 Pandemic Teaching Strategies to Keep

Jessie B. Ramey shares four specific strategies she's found quite successful and plans to continue this coming fall when classes are face-to-face.

The Future of First-Generation Students

This report features insights gleaned from a recent Virtual Forum featuring leaders and experts in higher ed. Download it to learn about the six key trends we have identified: The faculty connection, Enrollment hurdles, Specialized services, Rethinking academic policies in the classroom, Personalized communication, and A sense of belonging.

The Ultimate Guide to Engaging Students in the Virtual Classroom

With an entire generation of learners experiencing the flexibility of online learning, this format is here to stay. To ensure you are redesigning your online learning offerings best to meet the needs of your students and faculty, download the guide today.

Here's what can go wrong as students navigate important decisions—and 3 ways to ensure they succeed

Explore this infographic to understand the kinds of pivotal moments students encounter, how they cause students to stumble, and what schools can do to help.

How to Break Down the Barriers to Student Success in Higher Education **Jenzabar**

Discover how to strengthen your student success initiatives by aligning definitions across campus and supporting a unified, long-term objective.



The Nanook sculpture seems to enjoy a beautiful autumn evening on the Fairbanks campus.

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