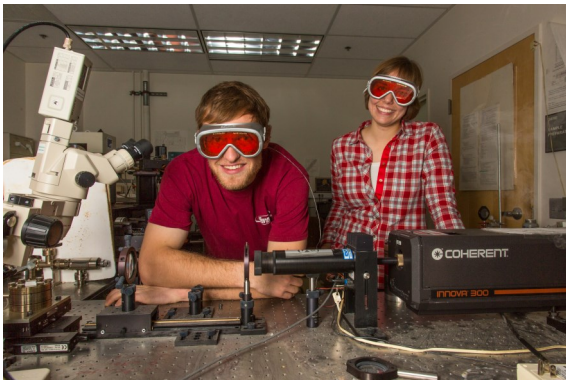


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UAF Nanook Navigator & Student Success Newsletter

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Undergraduates Pat Terhune, left, and Kailyn Davis work in the Geophysical Institute's geochronology lab. They're using a six-watt argon laser to de-gas rock samples for isotopic measurements on a mass spectrometer.

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Dates & Deadlines

December 4: Last day of instruction

December 7: Returning but Not Enrolled Calling Campaign begins (list released to callers/advisors)

December 15: Deadline for faculty to post final grades (noon)

January 3: Financial aid is disbursed

January 7: Residence halls open

January 7: Orientation for new students

January 10: First day of instruction; late registration begins

January 14-25: Nanook Navigator Progress Reports open

February 1: Deadline to apply for spring 2022 graduation

February 7-21: Midterm grade open in UAOnline

February 15: Deadline for UA Foundation and privately funded scholarship

Upcoming Items & Reminders

Upcoming Items

- ⇒ 2021-2022 Nanook Diversity & Action Council Interest Form. This **student-led board** works towards creating a safe and inclusive university for all through hosting cultural and identity-based events, advocating on behalf of our diverse student population, and working with university leadership to create positive social change. If you are interested in joining, please fill out the form and email us at uaf-ndac@alaska.edu if you have any questions.
- ⇒ Seeking feedback on new indicators for accreditation: The vice provost's office is seeking feedback on a revised set of key performance indicators for UAF's new seven-year accreditation cycle.
- ⇒ Help design a civic engagement rubric on December 4th or 5th: the General Education Requirements and Core Committee is developing university wide assessment tools, and is now looking for participants to help formulate the Learning Outcome 3 assessment.

Reminders

- ⇒ End of semester student engagement.
- ⇒ Utilize **appointment campaigns** to proactively engage students by providing a registration appointment link. Appointment campaign video and handout.
- ⇒ **Block out upcoming holidays and vacation days** on your google calendar to prevent students from scheduling appointments when you are out of the office.
- ⇒ Why belonging matters for student success: Discover how the three drivers of belonging relate to student success and retention. Plus, learn why efforts to improve belonging can advance DEI goals.
- ⇒ Did you know you can manage (edit, add summaries, and mass cancellations) your Nanook Navigator appointments through the appointments tab in your staff home role?

Student Success Stories

- ⇒ November: Native American Heritage Month student Laura Deloodeneenta Ekada
- ⇒ Student's research upends understanding of upper atmospheric wind
- ⇒ Aurora: 'Nourishing Olympian goals'
- ⇒ Somer Hahm '08
- ⇒ UAF esports teams building on first semester of competition



Engineering major Travis Olsen walks across campus after class about 3 on a November afternoon. The statue of former UA President Charles Bunnell is outlined in the background.

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Events & Opportunities

For All

September– December 10: University of Alaska Human Resources– [Professional Development](#)

December 9: What Does the Class of 2025 Expect from Colleges? [Webinar](#)

Students

September 16-December 9: A nonbinary, genderqueer, genderfluid, gender non-conforming, trans identifying and gender questioning support group for currently enrolled undergraduate and graduate students. Join Thursdays 1:00-1:00PM September 16– December 9th. Email uaf-sh-cc@alaska.edu for Zoom link and password

December 9: Holiday Trivia Night by the Students Activities Office in Arctic Java at 7pm

Student Success Members

Year-Round: On-Demand Webinars available for free

October 14 & 15: Virtual Student Success Convening recordings are available

May 25-27: [NACADA Region 8 Conference in Victoria, British Columbia](#)

Instructors

December 1-16: [12 Days of Google](#)

Year-Round: Faculty Development



Holiday poinsettias thrive in the School of Natural Resources and Extension greenhouse.

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UAF UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA FAIRBANKS

Spotlight

Name: Amy Bristor
Title: Alaska Advantage & Dual Enrollment Coordinator
Department & College: eCampus & Division of General Studies
Roles: Student Support & Advisor

Why are you passionate about UAF students and their success?

I have worked at the university for a long time in many student support positions. I like to help educate students on what their options are and how they can achieve their potential. I have the unique opportunity to work with high school students before they become a college student to introduce them to university classes.

Favorite part about being student support and an advisor?

I get to help students realize their potential for college early. It's amazing to see students blossom and their confidence grow as they take classes.

What is your favorite feature in Nanook Navigator?

Saves me time! The ability to see everything that's happening with a student all in one place. The pieces of a student's puzzle are all placed together rather than having to find the information in multiple places. As an advisor, it's also super easy to pull both midterm and final grades for my students.

I also appreciate [student alerts](#) that faculty put in so I can help intervene with support or options that the student may not be aware of.

How long have you been utilizing Nanook Navigator?

I dabbled with Nanook Navigator when UAF began using it in 2017, but I realized the full potential in fall 2020 when I began this position.

Tips, advice, or ideas to support other Nanook Navigator users or student success practices?

Like with most things that you are starting to learn, you have to just get in there and start looking around. The good news is that you can't break anything. There are great resources on the [Nanook Navigator website](#) that I often reference for things like running [midterm and final grade reports](#). I also love the feature that allows me to [import a list of students](#) that I may want to keep an eye on. I have found that the more I use it, the less I am using Banner in my daily work to see [student information](#).



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Support for Student Success

Black and Brown Students Want Black and Brown Mentors. What's a Primarily White Institution to Do?

S. Brooke Vick from Muhlenberg College shares three ways mentoring efforts can support students of color.

Are your emails to students limiting your equity efforts?

Getting a helpful message to students isn't just a matter of being timely. Our choice of words has a tremendous impact, especially as we undertake the important equity work needed to support minoritized students.

Teaching Tip: Connecting with students with slow internet

To ensure that students with slow internet connections can keep up in your class, offer alternatives, recordings of class sessions, and be flexible with ways to deliver classes and exams.

Back on Track: Helping Students Recover From Learning Disruption'

It explores how institutions are gauging their students' readiness to continue on their educational paths and strategies that student success administrators and individual faculty members are using to help students rebound from any learning disruption, among other topics.

Find out 4 ways to prepare students for the digitally advanced workforce.

Education for Employability, a report from Coursera and Amazon Web Services, explores ways universities and colleges can equip students in technical majors with the skills and career resources needed to thrive in a post-COVID economy.

What universities can do to advance student belonging

Discover how the three drivers of belonging relate to student success and retention. Plus, learn why efforts to improve belonging can advance DEI goals.

Student Success for Everyone: Serving the Underserved Report

Nanook Navigator Resource Website: <https://uaf.edu/gs/nanooknavigator/index.php>

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

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