



Dream it Plan it Do it



RAHI 2017

Mission Statement:

The UAF Rural Alaska Honors Institute, known as RAHI, was established to prepare rural Alaska Native high school students for academic excellence and college success, and was founded at the request of the Alaska Federation of Natives in 1982.

Purpose:

To assist in the development of well-educated and well-qualified Alaska Natives in the fields of education, business management, and natural resource management, whose qualifications include not only professional skills but also a solid grounding in the cultural values of their people, and who are motivated and committed to serving those people both in their home regions and in the larger professional world.

Congratulations, RAHI 2017

Students from the Rural Alaska Honors Institute (RAHI) have made the choice this summer to go to college. They earned between nine and thirteen credits at UAF, giving them a head start on college.

The University of Alaska Fairbanks (UAF) Rural Alaska Honors Institute honored the accomplishments of 42 RAHI students at a graduation ceremony in UAF's Schaible Auditorium with a public reception immediately following.

RAHI alum Nathan McCowan was selected as the graduation's keynote speaker. He graduated from the University of Alaska Fairbanks with a bachelor's degree in philosophy. McCowan also earned a master's degree in public policy from Harvard University School of Government. McCowan is the president and CEO of St. George Tanaq Corporation in Anchorage.

The RAHI program is aimed at rural and Alaska Native students who have completed their junior or senior year of high school with at least a 3.0 grade point average. Begun in 1983 by the University of Alaska and the Alaska Federation of Natives, RAHI emphasizes a challenging university curriculum and a residential program to acquaint students with college life and expectations.

We attempt to build a supportive community in which students participate in a rich academic setting, build a university transcript, and develop a long-term supportive network with peers, staff, and instructors.

The RAHI curriculum includes university courses funded in part by Wells Fargo, Alyeska Pipeline Services Company, ConocoPhillips, Arctic Slope Community Foundation, Future Educators of Alaska, Boeing Corporation, New York Life, RAVN Alaska, Crowley, Alaska Oil & Gas Congress, and alum and friends of RAHI. RAHI is sponsored by UAF's College of Rural and Community Development.

Congratulations to the RAHI 2017 students on a job well done!



by Denise Wartes
RAHI Program Manager

From the *Begining*, to the Future.

On your first morning at RAHI I quoted Mark Twain when I said, "The two most important days of your life are the day you are born, and the day you find out why." I hope these past six weeks have given you some focus on who you are and what you want to become. Regardless of what you wish to pursue, it is imperative that you continue your education after high school. Never has the importance of post-secondary education been more dramatic.

Historian Jon Meacham argues that the challenge of living the American dream is growing. He suggests that a family of four needs around \$130,000 to live comfortably. Unfortunately, according to the 2010 United States Census Data, the current median household income in Alaska is \$78,000 and nationally, it is \$63,000. You need to prepare yourself with post-secondary education, so that your economic prospects improve. Having studied RAHI post-secondary degrees for nearly two decades, students time to completion ranges from four years to over twenty years. So whether you complete your studies quickly or gradually, do all you can to complete them. But, the best way to optimize the positive economic boost from your further studies is to complete it as soon as possible, so that you accrue more years of improved earnings.

My hope is that this summer has taught you a lot about yourself: your learning style, your level of social engagement, and your ability to do the right thing even when it may go unnoticed. All of these will matter in your future successes. I also hope you have developed a cohort of academic and social peers on whom you may lean if things get challenging in your studies. I was continually impressed with the collaborative and efficient use of study hall this summer. Take this model with you in your future studies.

Finally, a word about attitude: Ralph Waldo Emerson said that “Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm.” You embodied this maxim. The positive vibe present in the dorm, in the classes, and at the social events was palpable. The spirit of collaboration was a welcome respite from the foreboding headlines of the summer.

Stay in touch with each other and with the program. We are always eager to help where we can, and enjoy watching you develop into fulfilled adults.



All the best,

Greg Owens
Academic Coordinator

Rural Alaska Honor Institute Administrative Staff

**Greg
Owens**
Academic
Coordinator



**Denise
Wartes**
Program
Director

Dorm Directors

RAHI develops leadership and health among our young people and encourages them to be active participants in the well-being of their home communities. As dorm directors, the yoga instructor, and math extraordinaire, we worked to build resiliency in our youth, developing the skills and coping mechanisms to excel in diverse environments. Young people are often underestimated and we believe that RAHI 2017 is capable of so much - raw talent, energy and fresh thinking.

We want to inspire RAHI students to develop their thoughts, reflecting on the process and the content. When they are able to see where they came from and where they get to, they are capable of anything.



Hannah Barkey Filardi

Caitlin Tozie



Logistics
Eran Eads

Additional Thank You to
Rosemarie Larson as Program Assistant
and all Rural Student Services staff for
fostering a welcoming environment to

RAHI 2017



Students



Staff



Halfway there! RAHI hikers stop for a picture at the 3-mile mark



Angel Rocks & Chena Hot Springs



A pre-hike pose: RAHI students and staff pose for a picture in front of the Chena River

RAHI SCAVENGER HUNT

1ST PLACE: HAIRY FLOWERS

2ND PLACE: SAUCY NINJAS

3RD PLACE: KUZINZ AND 2ND KUZINZ



SAUCY NINJAS



CACTI



HAIRY FLOWERS



RAHI Students Volunteer!



Students and Staff Dedicated 643 Hours of Volunteer Work



Several Students Take on the Midnight Sun Run

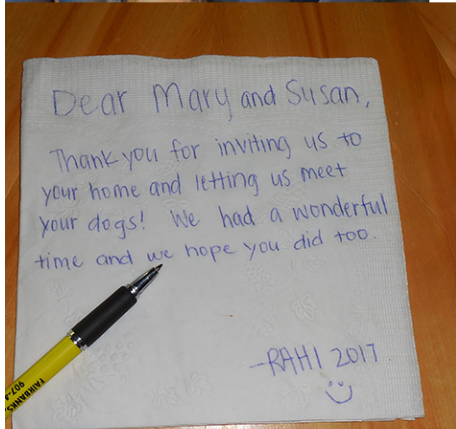


RAHI 2017 Students and Staff

Participated in the Midnight Sun Run



David K.
in a dog fur hat



Mary Shields Volunteer Excursion



Mary telling dog
mushing stories.

Jonathan also in
the dog fur hat.





Calypso Farm and Ecology Center



MIDTERMS

Top Family groups (GPA Average)

TIED for 1st Place -

Cacti & Saucy Ninjas (Average 3.53)

3rd Place -

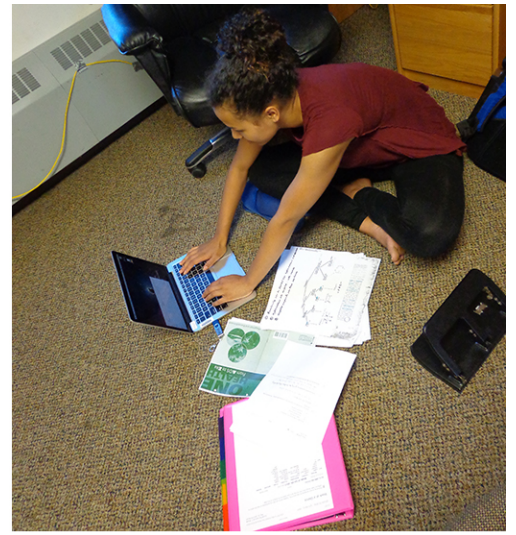
Happy Campers (Average 3.48)

Stunning Statistics

So far, and has never been achieved,

99.7% of 8:00 AM classes had
PERFECT ATTENDANCE.

AMAZING JOB!!



Left Hand
Study Sports

Camp Bingle Fun Olympics







FIRST PLACE: HAIRY FLOWERS



CAMP BINGLE SKIT NIGHT



CAMP BINGLE FUN





Mathematics



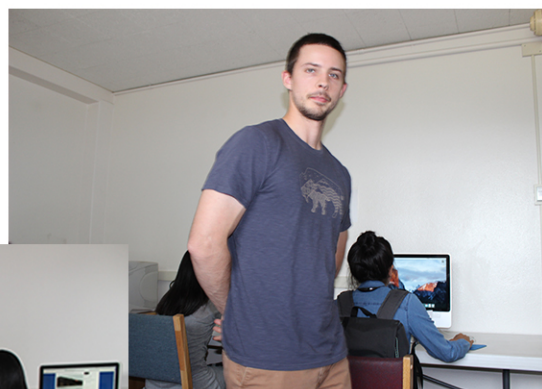
CHEMISTRY



Process Technology



Intro to Business



English Class

(ENGL 111, 109, Developmental Reading)



Group work



Charlie thinks



Discussion



Elena sips her tea



Glazed over eyes

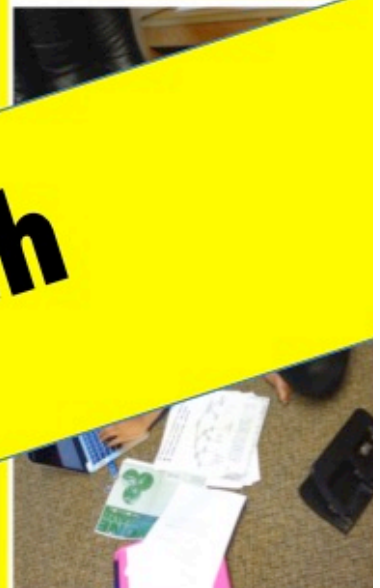
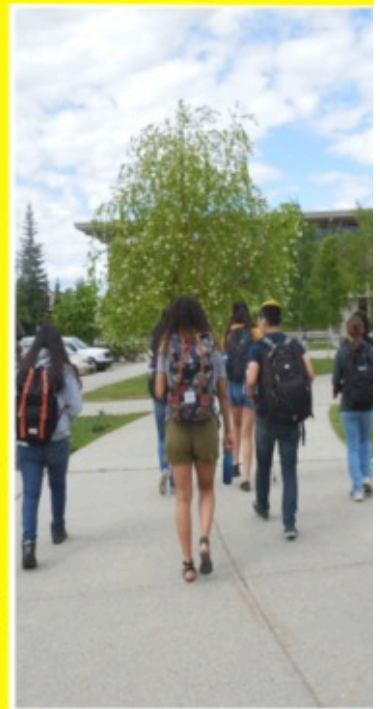


Daily journaling



Staying busy





RAHI Research

(Biochemistry & Anthropology)



Research students (from left to right): Jawn Carl, Jasmine Woods, Ana Stringer, Daphne Mueller,

Native Dance



**David, Jawn, and Cassidy:
Best Friends for Life**



Too cute!



Harding gets interviewed



First performance



Seal Hunting Song



Karlon's a star



TAE KWON DO



Damien and Henry spar



Henry punches



Henry poses



Damien attacks



Dalton learns from the master



Yoga Class

"The Light In Me, Honors
and Respects the Light In You. Namaste."
-Hannah Filardi



Teaching Staff



Hannah Barkey-Filardi
Yoga



Baxter Bond
Alaska Native Dance



Larry Duffy
Chemistry

Eran Eads

Developmental English &
Reading

Brian Ellingson

Process Technology

Jesse Kaczmariski

Business



Howard Maxwell
Computer Lab



Holly McKinney
Anthropology



Greg Owens
Intermediate Algebra

Arlene Slocum

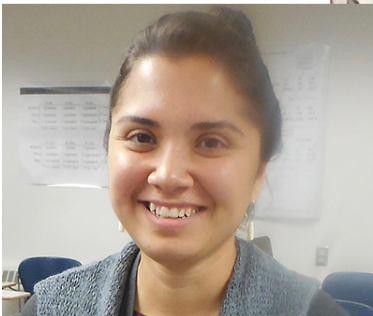
Tae Kwon Do

Natalie Taylor

English 111

Jennifer Tilbury

Study Skills



Chelsey Zibell
Alaska Native Dance

Additional Instructors:

Steven Hunt - Library Science

Tyson Rinio - Library Science

Charles Sparks - Business

Matt Vananel - Chemistry T.A.

RAHI Students Gear Up for The Rapids





White River Rafting

Team Cacti

David Kokrine
June Tuluk
Elena Jacobs
Julie Jackson
Charles Wolgemoth
Nicole Patkotak
Leanida Polushkin
Family group leader Robert Doerning



Above: At Tanana Lakes playing outside



On the left: At Camp Bingle



Scavenger Hunt 2017



Bob & David acting goofy





Group Leader: Chris Clement

**Tirzah Bryant, Megan Contreras, Tanya Hall,
Kylee Jackson, Jonathan Le, McJun Nobleza,
Misty Sundown**





The Hairy Flowers



Left to right: Jawn, David, Bazaal, Kayci, Ana, Annie, and Regina





#CAMPBINGLEFUN
#2017#LIT



Dalton gets dress up at Value Village for Scavenger Hunt.



Katie Beans	Denae Ulak
Taylor Burkett	Jasmine Woods
Naomi Hernandez	Family Group Leader
Dalton Macar	Brianna Kirk
Karlon Tuluk	



HAPPY CAMPERS



Isabella's Kuzinz



Harding Black, Annalise Contreras, Brian Conwell, Cassidy Kramer, Bridget Nalam, Samantha Wade, Jayna Wolgemuth & Isabella Booth as family leader



SAUCY NINJAS



FAMILY LEADER: SHEILA EVAN

MEMBERS: KAYLA BOOTH, HENRY CHARLES, MIRIAM KULOWIYI, HARRISON MOORE, DAPHNE MULLER, MIYA PAGE, ALYSSA TUNGUL



Tutor/TCs Counselor

What brings you to RAHI?

Robert Doerning, UAF:

I feel a strong connection to RAHI, as an Alumni. I became a Resident Assistant for 4 years to be here, so that I can help another generation of students succeed.

Jeremy Haire, Nenana/Hawaii:

I joined RAHI because it is a great way to use my time to help amazing students from around Alaska achieve their goals & dreams. If I've given just one piece of advice or provided a kind gesture that made a difference & helped in a troubling or difficult time, I have accomplished what I came here to. I hope I was able to do this for you.



Sheila Evan, Goodnews Bay:

As a RAHI Alumni I gained great study habits, accountability, and lifelong friendships. I was fortunate to have had a really inspirational Dorm Director who fostered an amazing experience that provoked my interest in TC-ing. RAHI is a truly fantastic Academic Program, and it is great to be a TC again.



Brianna Kirk, Noatak:

I came to RAHI to work as a TC because of my passion for working with students and helping build foundations for successful futures. I graduated RAHI in '12 and benefitted so much, my hopes are that these students are getting the same experience and can take academic or personal challenges confidently here on out.

Isabella Booth, Metlakatla:

As a RAHI Alumni, a TC for a 2nd summer and an aspiring educator I love the opportunity RAHI provides to work with students and share my passions (like Pokemon ^_^), with new groups of young Alaskans.

Christopher Clement, Sitka:

The combination of my own positive experiences with RAHI as a student alumni. I also enjoy working with rural students and providing a positive impact in their academic and social lives.



John Nelson, Nome:

Supporting students is what brings me back to RAHI each year. I want to ensure that every student has a positive and fun experience. I love making people laugh.

Jake Nelson, with John:

I love to get work with John and hang out with all

Special recognition and thank you to the Yearbook Team:

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Bridget Nalam,
David Kokrine,
Denaë Ulak, and
Megan Contreras,

Digital Yearbook Team:

Damien Emelianoff
Daphne Mueller
Naomi Hernandez

lead by TC Isabella Booth.

FINALS



BEST OF RAHI - CLASS OF 2017

Most likely to help clean the kitchen: Leanida Polushkin

Most likely to cry at graduation: McJun Nobleza

Most likely to make others laugh Charles Wolgemuth

Most likely to be running around: David Wilcox

Most likely to become a professional wrestler: Harding Black

Most likely to travel around the world: Ana Stringer

Most likely to win The Voice: Taylor Burkett

Best smile: Nicole Patkotak

Most random: Damien Emelianoff

RAHI's Drama Llama: Charles Wolgemuth

Most likely to change the world: Brian Conwel

Best transformation: Jayna Wolgemuth

Best Snapchat stories: Charles Wolgemuth

Most likely to come back to RAHI as a TC: McJun Nobleza





Kayci Andrews
Mountain Village

My next step is to attend Kuskokwim campus then transfer to UAF, major in Math for Secondary Education, to teach in the high school of my hometown.



Katie Beans
Saint Mary's

My next step is to attend UAF and major in Secondary Education with an emphasis in Math.



Harding Black
Selawik

My next step is to graduate high school & attend college at either the Hawaii Pacific University or Southern Oregon University to study Dentistry.



"Kayla"
Margaret Booth
Kotzebue

My next step is to prepare myself for the Marines then go to college at UAF and study whatever I have in my mind set to.



Tirzah Bryant
Galena

My next step is to receive my Private Pilot's license. After high school I'll attend UAF to get my degree in Wildlife Biology to become a pilot for the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service.



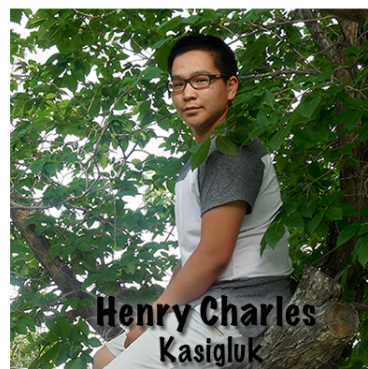
Taylor Burkett
Nenana

My next step is to attend college, earn a Master's Degree in English and teach in rural villages to be a positive role model to village kids.



Jawn Carl
Kipnuk

My next step is to attend UAF & study Elementary Education so I can be the BOSS.



Henry Charles
Kasigluk

My next step is to graduate high school and attend UAF to further my education.



Annalise Contreras
Nome

My next step is to attend UAA and hopefully go abroad and shadow / work with other pediatricians around the world.



Megan Contreras
Nome

My next step is, graduate college with my Bachelors degree in Elementary Education and teach



Brian Conwell
Unalaska

My next step is to finish high school and go to college for either Business, Political Science or Pre-law. After college I hope to attend law



Damien Emelianoff
Wainwright

My next step is to go to PBI and study Theology in order to help become a missionary



Tanya Hall
Noatak

My next step is to graduate high school, attend UAF or UAA to study Elementary Education and become an elementary teacher in my hometown.



Naomi Hernandez
Uqtiaqvik

My next step is to finish high school, get accepted to Brigham Young University (BYU) and figure out what I want to do for a career.



Julie Jackson
Nome

My next step is to graduate high school then attend UAF to study business so I may eventually get my degree in accounting



Kylee Jackson
Ketchikan

My next step is to go to college, get a degree in Childhood Education then become a teacher.



Elena Jacobs
Bethel

My next step is to receive my private pilot's license. After high school I'll attend UAA to pursue a Bachelor of Science degree and commercial pilots license.



David Kokrine
Fairbanks

My next step is to graduate high school with awesome grades and get accepted into the University of Alaska Fairbanks.



Cassidy Kramer
Kotzebue

My next step is to finish high school and get into a good physical therapy program.



Miriam Kulowiya
Savoonga

My next step is to re-apply for RAHI then attend college. I have high hopes to become a nurse, but I also want to take theater classes and act in comedy.



Jonathan Le
Unalaska

My next step is to graduate high school, attend Alliant International University in San Diego, CA and major in Forensic Psychology.



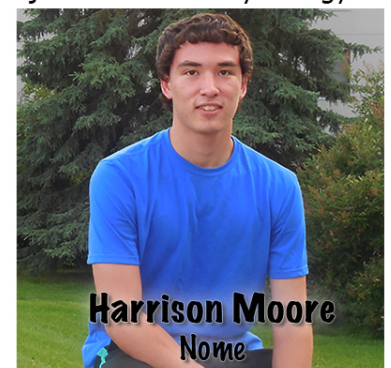
Dalton Macar
Galena

My next step is to return to school in Galena & resume Aviation classes. Not sure what I'm gonna do in college



Annie Masterman
Bethel

My next step is to attend UAS and study Marine Biology to build up knowledge & experience in order to



Harrison Moore
Nome

My next step is to attend UAF or go out of AK to study engineering. I'll become either a mechanical, structural



Daphne Mueller
Utqiagvik

My next step is to attend UAF and become an environmental engineer and make a positive impact on our environment.



Bridget Nalam
Unalaska

My next step is to attend Pacific Lutheran University study medicine in order to become a pediatrician.



McJun Nobleza
Utqiagvik

My next step is to finish high school and join the Armed Forces or go to college for Music Education.



Miya Page
Noatak

I plan on attending UAF to major in Education to eventually become a teacher in my village.



Nicole Patkotak
Anchorage

My next step is to figure out which college is best for me to either pursue becoming a pilot, mechanic, or the other fields I am interested in.



Leanida Polushkin
Homer

My next step is to attend Kachemak Bay Campus during my high school senior year in order to receive my bachelor's degree as early as possible.



Ana Stringer
Utqiagvik

My next step is to study environmental science in college then return to the Arctic to help combat the many environmental issues facing the region.



Misty Sundown
Scammon Bay

My next step is to finish high school then attend UAF. I have no idea what I want to be but I know I'll help my community in the future.



June Tuluk
Chevak

My next step is to get my bachelor's degree in Elementary Education at the University of Alaska Fairbanks.



Karlton Tuluk
Chevak

My next step is to go to Oregon State University, study Pre-Public Health to become an EMT-1 or 2. I'm pursuing



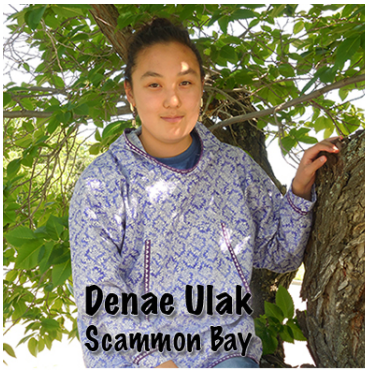
Regina Tuluk
Chevak

My next step is to study for Accounting at UAF and become either a public or financial



Alyssa Tungul
Unalaska

My next step is, major in Cellular Molecular Biology at Seattle University or Pacific Lutheran University. Then I hope to attend



Denae Ulak
Scammon Bay

My next step is to attend UAF this coming fall to get my major in Pre-Nursing.



Samantha Wade
Wainwright

My next step is to attend UAF after graduating from Mt. Edgecumbe High School. With my passion for helping others I plan on becoming a doctor.



David Wilcox
Sitka

My next step is to attend the College of Southern Idaho to prepare for an eventual career in sports medicine.



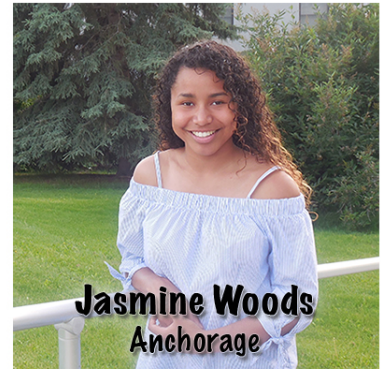
Charles Wolgemuth
Utqiagvik

My next step is, return to Barrow and be a good role model, then attend Columbia College in Chicago to study drama and become an actor.



Jayna Wolgemuth
Utqiagvik

My next step is to go to college and study Biology with an emphasis on pre-dentistry.



Jasmine Woods
Anchorage

My next step is to successfully graduate from High School, then pursue a degree in bioengineering or biomedical sciences.

Rural Alaska Honors Institute's Class of 2017

