



University of Alaska Fairbanks
Rural Student Services

January 2009

REACH OUT Newsletter

To our returning students, **WELCOME BACK**. To our new students, **WELCOME**. We are excited to work with you this spring and I am hoping you will take advantage of the academic, social, and personal support that RSS offers; after all, access without support is not a real opportunity. Upon registering for classes, you have access to an amazing educational journey and your potential and ability to gain knowledge by being a student at UAF makes your educational experience a time worth remembering. Consider utilizing resources that are available to you at UAF such as your academic advisor, tutoring, supplemental instruction, student clubs and social gatherings. We are glad you have joined our RSS family and we hope you will succeed in your educational journey. Let us use this renewed sense of energy during this spring semester to help us reach our own successes. See you at the RSS Open House where you can make connections and discover ways to strengthen the journey!



Debbie Toopetlook, RSS Director

Join us for our [RSS Open House](#) to welcome in a new semester!

Thursday, Jan 22nd at 5:00 PM
RSS Gathering Room
Brooks Building



Byron Mallott visits RSS!
January 27, 2009
4:15-5:30pm
RSS Gathering Room
Join us

Mr. Mallott is Clan Leader of the KwaashKiKwaan clan of the Raven tribe of Yakutat and serves on the board of directors of Sealaska Corporation. From 1972 to 1992, Mr. Mallott was variously a director, chairman, and president and chief executive officer of Sealaska Corporation, the largest of the 12 land-based regional corporations formed under the Alaska Native Clams Settlement Act.



How were your grades last semester?

UAF has revised its Student Academic Progress (SAP) policy for financial aid eligibility. This is how it can affect you:

Brand new student from Fall 2008:

your grades and student status will not be reviewed until May 2009. If you earned 75% of the credits you registered for and a 2.0 gpa Fall 2008, then you met SAP.

Continuing Student from Fall 2008:

If you were on financial aid probation, your grades and academic record were reviewed during winter break. If you did not meet SAP your financial aid eligibility for Spring 2009 will be affected.



RSS advisors reviewing grades

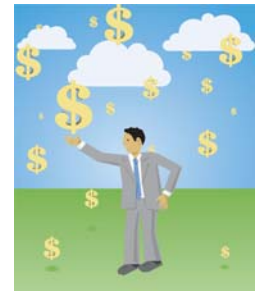
If you do not meet SAP two consecutive semesters, you could be academically disqualified in May. This removes you from your degree program at UAF; you may continue taking courses as a non-degree student for up to 9 credits per semester but you will not be eligible for financial aid. Once you have improved your grades you can re-apply for admission into a degree program.

Business Career Week

February 16-20 Wood Center

Guest Speaker: Bud Fackrell, Denali-The AK Pipeline

Schaible Auditorium



Have you applied for your **Alaska Permanent Dividend** for 2009?

If not, **APPLY NOW** on their website [http://](http://www.pfd.state.ak.us/)

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by January 31st to be eligible for the early direct deposit in October.

The absolute final deadline to apply is March 31st!

Student Job Fair

January 28 & 29



11am-2pm
Wood Center

