



University of Alaska Fairbanks  
Rural Student Services

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## REACH OUT Newsletter

### *Message from the RSS Director: Debbie Toopetlook*



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!

Join us for our [RSS Open House](#)

to

welcome in a new semester!



Thursday, Jan 21st

at 5:00 PM

RSS Gathering Room

Brooks Building

# January 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1  <b>RSS CLOSED</b>	2
3	4 RSS Opens	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18  <b>RSS CLOSED</b>	19 <b>Res Halls Open</b>	20 <b>New Student Orientation</b>	21 <b>First Day of Classes</b>  <b>5PM RSS OPEN HOUSE</b>	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29 Deadline for late registration and fee payment	30
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All events in the Gathering Room are open to the public and encourage all students to attend. Stop by for more events posted every day at RSS!

ANSWA=Alaska Native Social Workers Association  
 ANESA=Alaska Native Education Student Association  
 AISES=American Indian Science & Engineering Society  
 ANSEP=Alaska Native Science & Engineering Program  
 NABL=Native American Business Leaders

## The University of Alaska Fairbanks (UAF) chapter of the American Indian Science & Engineering Society (AISES)

The AISES Regional Conference will be held on March 5th and 6th 2010 in Fairbanks, Alaska at the Princess Hotel. AISES is currently requesting donations and volunteers to assist in printing conference materials, student travel, lodging assistance, and conference venue costs. Participants will come from 14 other college chapters, high school chapters and members of the Fairbanks community. Presenting at and supporting this exceptional group of American Indian and Alaska Native students is a unique opportunity for education and recruitment for any organization.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact UAF AISES at (907) 474-7871.

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### RSS Student Spotlight ~ Elizabeth Felker

Elizabeth is from Crooked Creek, Alaska. She is in her fifth year at UAF as a Biological Sciences student. She completed an internship at the Happ Lab on the Fairbanks campus. During her internship, Liz learned the importance of being efficient with research. Liz is currently involved with AISES and ANSEP.



Liz's motivation to do well in school is to understand and use the materials she learned to be able to apply to her life. Her biggest challenge while attending UAF is assignments and exams. Her suggestion for applying for scholarships is to find the scholarships that apply to you and complete the application before the deadline.

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### **EMAIL ADDRESS UPDATE!**

If you have a Google email account from UAF or a new email address, please submit your new email address to [fyrss@uaf.edu](mailto:fyrss@uaf.edu). We want to make sure that you stay connected with Rural Student Services.

Thank you.



## INTERNSHIPS & SCHOLARSHIPS

### **Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium Internships & Scholarships**

ANTHC offers (5) undergraduate and (5) graduate scholarships of \$5000 for full-time students who are Alaska Native or American Indian permanent Alaska residents. For application and deadlines call 1-800-684-8361 or email [anthceducation@anthc.org](mailto:anthceducation@anthc.org).

### **American Indian Graduate Center Fellowships & Financial Assistance**

These are monetary awards made to American Indian and Alaska Native graduate or professional degree-seeking students. Check out their programs at [www.aigcs.org](http://www.aigcs.org) or call toll free 1-800-628-1920.

**Deadline: June 1, 2010.**

### **Morris K. Udall Foundation 2010 Internship and Scholarship Program**

The Morris K. Udall Foundation invites you to learn more about our Native American Congressional Internship Program and Undergraduate Scholarship Program.

**The Internship Program** is a ten-week summer internship in Washington, DC, for Native American and Alaska Native students who wish to learn more about the federal government and issues affecting Indian country. The internship is fully funded: the Foundation provides round-trip airfare, housing, per diem for food and incidentals, and a stipend at the close of the program. Interns work in congressional and agency offices where they have opportunities to research legislative issues important to tribal communities, network with key public officials and tribal advocacy groups, experience an insider's view of the federal government, and enhance their understanding of nation-building and tribal self-governance. The complete application package must be received by **January 29, 2010**, at the Udall Foundation.

**The Morris K. Udall Scholarship** is awarded to college sophomores and juniors pursuing careers related to Tribal Public Policy, Native Health Care, or the Environment. In addition to the \$5,000 financial award, Udall Scholars also get to attend the Udall Scholar Orientation and are immediately plugged into a growing and active alumni network. Tribal public policy includes fields related to tribal sovereignty, governance, law, education, justice, natural resource management, cultural preservation and revitalization, economic development, and other areas affecting Native American communities. Native American health care includes health care administration, social work, medicine, research, and other disciplines. The Foundation must receive application packets by **March 2, 2010**, but individual institutions may have earlier deadlines. Interested students can contact their campus' Udall Faculty Representative for more information.

We encourage you to visit our website at [www.udall.gov](http://www.udall.gov) to learn more about the internship and scholarship opportunities. On the website, you'll find videos about both programs, tips for applying, and Alumni Mentors you can contact with any questions you might have.

Interested students may contact Colin Ben, Internship Contractor, at [crben02@yahoo.com](mailto:crben02@yahoo.com) or Mia Ibarra, Scholarship Program Manager, at [ibarra@udall.gov](mailto:ibarra@udall.gov).

**Alyeska Pipeline Service Co. Internships** for 12-weeks next summer. Fields include engineering, business, IT, project management, safety, process technology, law & natural sciences. See <http://www.alyeska-pipe.com/Employment/InternshipOpportunities.asp> for full information.

**Deadline: February 15, 2010.**

**Truman D. Picard Scholarship** Intertribal Timber Council for Native American students in natural resources. \$2000 award. Application at [www.itcnet.org](http://www.itcnet.org) or call (503)282-4296. **Deadline: January 30, 2010.**

UAF is an affirmative action/equal opportunity employer and educational institution.

### **Golden Valley Electric Association Scholarships**

GVEA household members can apply for scholarships at [www.gvea.com](http://www.gvea.com). **DEADLINE: February 5, 2010.**

### **University Scholarships**

There are TWO sources of scholarships that students can apply to for UAF student scholarships.

1. **UAF Privately Funded Scholarships** are administered by the UAF Advancement Services office and students can apply online at [https://ssl.uaf.edu/giving/forms/scholar\\_app.html](https://ssl.uaf.edu/giving/forms/scholar_app.html). **DEADLINE: February 15, 2010.**
2. **UA Foundation Scholarships** are administered by the statewide university system for all UA students. Students can apply online at <http://www.alaska.edu/foundation/scholarships/>. **DEADLINE: February 15, 2010.**

### **Bristol Bay Native Corporation Education Foundation**

2010-11 academic year scholarships are available. Be reminded that one must be an eligible shareholder of BBNC in order to apply and the Education Foundation selection committee reviews only once a year for these scholarship categories. (There is one exception and it is for the "Pedro Bay Scholarship" category where one must be an eligible Pedro Bay Corporation shareholder; see eligibility criteria for details.)

Applications have to be ***complete and received*** (not postmarked) by the **deadline date of April 2, 2010.** The scholarship program is competitive and limited by budget, therefore some eligible applicants may not be awarded a scholarship and there is no guarantee of funding.

You may also want to contact the *Bristol Bay Native Association* Higher Education Program to request an application for their scholarship program. Write to them at P.O. Box 310 Dillingham, AK 99576 or call them at 1-888-285-2262 (in-state) or 907-842-2262.