



University of Alaska Fairbanks  
Rural Student Services

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**REACH OUT** Newsletter

# 2009 BLAST-OFF



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**Come to our BLAST-OFF Celebration  
Thursday, September 3, 2009 at 5:00pm  
RSS Gathering Room in Brooks Building**

**Meet Friends!**

**Fun!!!**

**Door Prizes!**

**Welcome to a New Year at UAF!!**

**Yes! You paid the athletic fee to ALL UAF athletics events!  
So, HOW DO YOU USE IT?**

The fee, which is capped at \$96 per semester, gives free admission to all home athletic competitions for all Fairbanks area students (Fairbanks Campus or Tanana Valley Campus sites) enrolled in 3 or more credits. Post-season competition is excluded. Transportation shall be provided from the UAF campus for all UAF Athletic events held at the Carlson Center.

**How do I get my tickets?**

Tickets are available to students one hour prior to the start of competition. Admission will only be guaranteed until the start of the event. Students must use the designated student entrance and a valid Polar Express card is required for entry. Tickets are limited to one per valid student ID.



**FREE City Bus Service for UAF Students!**



Use your UAF Polar Express student or employee ID card as your free bus pass!

Schedules and routes can be found online at:  
<http://www.co.fairbanks.ak.us/Transportation/BusScheduleInformation/>

**Welcome to 2009-10!**

**RSS Needs Sophomores!**

In the fall RSS will start the second year of our peer mentoring project. The RSS advisors know that starting college can be pretty tough even with the support of everyone at UAF. We developed the mentoring project as a way to help smooth the transition and provide incoming freshmen with a structured, one-on-one support system.

We are looking for continuing students who will be sophomores in the fall of 2009 (in your third or fourth semester at UAF) to be mentors for new freshmen. To be a mentor, we need you to be a student with a GPA of 2.0 or higher and a full-time student enrolled in 12 credits or more. Living on campus would also be a plus.

Mentors meet with their freshman mentee once a week throughout the academic year. In the beginning of the semester, we hope that you will be able to guide your mentee through some of the UAF process – take them to the financial aid office if they need it, make sure they find RSS and meet their advisor, etc – and find their way around campus. After that you will incorporate your mentee into the normal things you do, like going to a Nanooks game, going off campus to shop or go to the movies, playing pool at the Wood Center, and so on.

If you are interested in helping a freshman transition to college life apply to the RSS mentor project. Pick up an application from Colleen Angaiak at RSS or give her a call at 474-6623 or email her at [fnba@uaf.edu](mailto:fnba@uaf.edu). She'll be able to answer any questions you might have.

**RSS NEW HOURS**

**Rural Students Services  
new hours of operation,  
Monday-Thursday**

**8am-6pm**

**Friday 8am-5pm**

**Call 907-474-7871**

**Or**

**1-888-478-1452 (Toll Free  
within Alaska)**

**To schedule an appt with your  
advisor or if you have  
questions.**

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

**The RSS Gathering Room hosts the following tutor groups:  
 AISES math and science tutors-Every day...stop by to see the schedule  
 UAF Writing Center tutors-Monday thru Thursday 2:00-4:00PM**

## September 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3 <b>5pm BLAST OFF</b>  1st day of classes	4	5
6	7 LABOR DAY UAF HOLIDAY-RSS CLOSED 	8 1pm ANSEP	9 <div style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: yellow; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">Career Services Student Job Fair</div>	10 1pm AISES	<b>11 5pm Positive Connection Night: 08-09 PCN slide-show</b>	12
<b>13</b>	14	15 1pm ANSEP	16 Career Services law school consortium	17 1pm NABL	<b>18 5pm Positive Connection Night: Native Games</b>	19
20	21	22 1pm ANSEP	23	24 1pm AISES	<b>25 5pm Positive Connection Night: Eskimo Baseball (weather permitting)</b>	26
27	28 <div style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: yellow; padding: 2px;">Career Services Engineering &amp; Geosciences Career Week Sept 28th—Oct 2nd</div>	29 1pm ANSEP	30			

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  
 IYDG-Inu-Yupiaq Dance Group