



University of Alaska Fairbanks
Rural Student Services

December 2009

REACH OUT Newsletter

Season for Believing...


*Believe in your success as you enter
FINAL EXAM week...Prepare, relax and allow
yourself to show your instructors what you know.*



*The Staff of Rural Student Services wishes you a
joyous and restful holiday break!*

*Have a wonderful New Year and we'll see
you back for Spring Semester on January 21st!*

December 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 1PM ANSEP	2	3 1PM AISES	4 5PM PCN: "Ode to the Polar Bear" Performance by Allison Warden	5
6	7	8 1PM ANSEP	9	10	11 5PM PCN: Holiday cookie decorating, card mak- ing, & movie	12
13	14 Last Day of Instruction	15	16	17	18	19
FINAL EXAMS						
20 Res Halls Closes @ noon for Winter Holi- day	21	22	23	24	25 	26
CAMPUS CLOSED DECEMBER 21st THROUGH						
27	28	29	30	31		
JANUARY 3, 2010. Offices reopen on January 4th.						

ANESA: Alaska Native Education Student Association meets every other Friday at 4PM in the RSS Gathering Room. Questions? Contact club advisor Professor Beth Leonard at 474-1588 or bleonard@alaska.edu.

AISES: American Indian Science & Engineering Society meets every other Thursday at 1PM in the RSS Gathering Room. Questions? Contact club advisor Frank Chythlook at 474-5152 or fachythlook@alaska.edu

IYDG: Inu-Yupiaq Dance Group practices every Wednesday at 6PM and Saturday at 4PM unless they are scheduled on those days for a performance. Questions? Contact club advisor Deb Toopetlook at datoopetlook@alaska.edu

NABL: Native American Business Leaders meets every other Thursday at 1PM in the RSS Gathering Room. Questions? Contact club advisor Carol Murphrey at 474-6616 or cmurphrey@alaska.edu.





End of Semester Checklist...

- ⇒ **Confirm housing assignment** for Spring 2010 with Residence Life. If NOT continuing in your housing contract for Spring, you **MUST cancel by November 30th** to avoid penalties.
- ⇒ Double check with your instructors for the **time and location of your final exams**. We wish you the best of luck on your finals!
- ⇒ Contact your scholarship agencies to find out exactly what they need from you for your **renewal funding for Spring 2010** (letter of intent, transcripts, grades?). You can access and print your grades and unofficial transcripts from your UAOnline account. If you need OFFICIAL transcripts they require a \$7 fee, see details at:
<http://www.uaf.edu/reg/transcripts/>
- ⇒ Worried about the possibility of earning **less than 12 credits or less than 2.0 GPA**? Stop in and talk with your advisor about your eligibility and options for housing and financial aid for next semester. It makes sense to have all the information you need in order to make your decisions once grades are posted.
- ⇒ Once you register for Spring 2010 classes you are **financially obligated for payment** by the January 29th deadline. If you do not attend it is YOUR RESPONSIBILITY to drop your classes on UAOnline by January 29th. If you have any doubt that your financial aid will be here on time, take steps early to set up a payment plan with the Business Office.
- ⇒ Plan to return Tuesday, January 19th when the Residence Halls re-open and **begin classes on Thursday, January 21st**.

Santa's Clearing House has been a Fairbanks tradition for over 50 years. Each year the residents of Fairbanks volunteer time and give donations to help out those in need during the holiday season with food & gifts for families and seniors in our community.

*Clearing House Opens **November 27, 2009**

*Accepting donations of new and like-new toys. All toy donations needed by Tues., Dec.15, to give Santa time to sort and put together gift boxes.

*ALWAYS NEEDED-Quilts, blankets, hats, gloves scarves, new hygiene products, unopened board games, craft items or sets, movie passes, basketballs, footballs, puzzles for all ages, and gift cards of \$10-\$20.

*As always, CASH DONATIONS are gratefully accepted! Donations may be mailed to: P.O. Box 70710, Fairbanks, AK 99707-0710.

*We do not accept clothing or shoes.

*We will begin accepting referrals for holiday food & gift boxes starting **Monday, November 30**.

For more information contact Nava at 459-7511.

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.

RSS Student Spotlight ~ Jimmy Mills



Jimmy is from Noatak, Alaska. He is in his fifth year at UAF as a Geography student. He completed one internship at Red Dog Mine this past summer. Jimmy is currently involved with AISES and the Inu-Yupiaq Dance Group.

He recently traveled to Oregon to represent UAF at the National AISES conference. Jimmy uses scholarships and personal finances to assist with the cost of college. His biggest challenge while attending UAF is homesickness. His suggestion for applying for scholarships is to apply even if you do not receive the funding and to follow the instructions on the application.

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INTERNSHIPS & SCHOLARSHIPS

CITC Alyeska Match Scholarship for Spring 2010

This section 29 scholarship offers supplementary matching financial aid to eligible Alaska Natives in engineering, safety, IT, process technology, quality assurance and project manager programs. Scholarship awards are awarded first come, first completed basis. **Deadline: December 1st** See <http://www.citci.com> or call toll free 1-877-985-5900.

Ford Foundation Diversity Fellowships fund graduate students to increase the diversity of the nations college faculties. **November 2nd & 9th deadlines.** Contact infofell@nas.edu or (202)334-2872 for more info. <http://www7.nationalacademies.org/fellowships/>.

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.

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 or call toll free 1-800-628-1920.

Deadline: June 1, 2010.

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

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 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 or Mia Ibarra, Scholarship Program Manager, at 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.

Women's Opportunity Scholarship Soroptimist International offers awards for women with primary responsibility for supporting family while in college. Application and two reference forms must be sent to: SI Fairbanks, Charlotte Bowen, 116 Kelsan Way, Fairbanks, AK 99709. Applications at UAF Women's Center (112 Eielson Bldg) or visit www.soroptimist.org. **Deadline: December 15, 2009.**

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

Golden Valley Electric Association Scholarships

GVEA household members can apply for scholarships at 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. **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.**