

Future Educators of Alaska 2010 Student Gathering



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Welcome

Welcome FEA High School Students,

It is a pleasure to welcome you to the 7th Annual Statewide Student Gathering in Anchorage, Alaska! We hope you have had a wonderful, productive year in your FEA Clubs, and that this event will be fun for you as well as increase your interest in the education profession.

The 2010 Student Gathering presents an opportunity for you to learn more about the education profession by touring the University of Alaska Anchorage campus, meeting other students from around Alaska also participating in FEA Clubs, and networking with educators and leaders!

During this event, you will start planning for post-secondary education and learn about what options are available to you after high school. You will hear from students who are currently enrolled at UAA, educators who have taught in rural Alaska for many years, and from teachers who are currently seeking employment in Alaska schools. This fun three-day event will encourage and support your interest in the education profession and provide you with the tools and resources to pursue a career in teaching.

This year, many people and programs have come together to make this event possible: UAA School of Education, Native Student Services, Alaska Native & Rural Outreach Program, Alaska Native Science & Engineering Program; UAF School of Education, Rural Student Services; Alaska Teacher Placement; UAS PITAAS Program; and Interior-Aleutians Campus.

Thank you to all of these individuals who volunteered their time and energy to make this Student Gathering possible, and to the many advisors and coordinators for all of your hard work and dedication. It is because of all of you that FEA is making a difference and succeeding in our goal to *grow our own educators!*

Thank you,



Sonta Hamilton Roach

Director, Future Educators of Alaska





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Inspiring you to be a Leader, a Graduate, an Educator

E *Educator Posters*

Michael Baldwin | St. Paul, Pribilofs

Mr. Baldwin earned his Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education from the University of Alaska Fairbanks. He started as a teacher's aide, then was a Head Start teacher for 4 years and is now teaching his first year of teaching elementary. Mr. Baldwin believes it is important to never give up on any student. Students require discipline, structure and freedom to maximize their learning. It is imperative that teachers teach for meaning, and teach students to their own surroundings. Mr. Baldwin advice is to understand who your students are before you teach them, not all kids are the same, or learn the same.

Pauline Kookesh Duncan | Sitka, Sitka Borough

Born and raised in Alaska, Pauline is a member of the Eagle Bear Clan and Valley House of Angoon. She is the wife of Al Duncan, mother of five children: Melonie, Lisa, Al, Paul and Crystal Duncan. She is grandmother of eight grandchildren: Mitchell Alec, Ashton, Marlis, Alyse, Nyla, Tristian, and Emma. Pauline taught first grade in the Sitka School District and retired after 27 years of teaching. She has authored multiple books including: a children book, a history book, a nature book, and a traditional Native cookbook. Pauline earned awards recognizing her for outstanding contributions educating the young and old. Pauline continues to devote time and energy to her family and children in the community of Sitka. Her other hobbies include Ravens Tail and Cedar Bark weaving.

Mary Huntington | Shaktoolik, Bering Straits

Mary Huntington grew up in Shishmaref and attended Mt. Edgecumbe High School beginning her sophomore year. She received a Bachelor's of Education degree in Elementary Education from the University of Alaska Fairbanks. She is beginning work on a Master's Degree and is currently finishing up the Secondary Licensure Program at UAF. Mary has been teaching for the Bering Strait School District for 7 years. She is married to Harley Huntington of Koyukuk, has two children: Rod, 8; Harley 4, and two stepchildren: Dakota 14, Jared, 10. Mary is the daughter of Rich and Rachel Stasenکو of Shishmaref.

Christopher "Petu" Koonooka | Gambell, Bering Straits

Born in Nome, Alaska, Mr. Koonooka decided to become a teacher in the third grade so he could help future students continue to speak their language. After high school he continued his education at the University of Alaska Fairbanks. He earned a bachelors degree in Yupik and Eskimo studies then moved to Gambell, Alaska where he has been teaching for seven years. Mr. Koonooka's dedication to teaching comes from knowing that knowledge is passed through generations by teaching students to own and appreciate their ancestry. Mr. Koonooka's advice for students is to, "Never forget who you are and where you came from."

Wassillie Myers | Pilot Station, Lower Yukon

Has been teaching for 15 years and still feels like he's still learning what it mean to be a true educator. He earned his post-secondary education from University of Alaska and Sheldon Jackson College. In 1995 the started teaching in Russian Mission, but transferred to Pilot Station in 1997 where he has remained teaching to this day. Wassillie tries to teach his students dedication and determination, telling them "You never know what you can achieve until you try."

Nita Rearden | Kotlik, Lower Kuskokwim

Although Nita is now a retired teacher, she continually teaches young children and adults. She is currently developing cultural art kits for LKSD as a Literacy Arts Specialist. Nita was born and raised in Kotlik to late Frederick Prince and respected mother, Pauline Hunt. She married Michael Rearden and raised four college graduates, Stefan, Spencer, Sara, and Sterling. Nita is now a grandmother to two wonderful students, Kyle (11) and Kayla (9). Nita loves to sew, subsist Native foods, berrypick, hunt, camp, yuraq, teach, and do crafts on her leisure time. She also feels that learning a variety of skills is important to her to pass on knowledge.





Willie Hensley was born in Kotzebue, about 40 miles above the Arctic Circle. His family lived on the Noatak River delta and lived a traditional subsistence lifestyle of hunting, fishing and trapping.

Hensley is a founder of NANA Regional Corporation and served as a director for 20 years. He also founded Maniilaq, the regional non-profit representing the Tribes in the Kotzebue region, and was involved in the formation of the Alaska Federation of Natives and served as executive director, President and Co-Chairman. Hensley wrote a paper at the University of Alaska in 1966 titled “What Rights to Land have the Alaska Natives: The Primary Issue,” which encapsulated the land claims issue and provided

the background that many Native Alaskans needed to take action to begin the land claims process.

Hensley graduated from George Washington University in Washington, D. C. Following graduation, Hensley was elected to the Alaska State House of Representatives where he served four years and was elected to the Senate for a four-year term. He is currently a member of the Board of Directors for Koahnic Broadcasting, a member of the Board of Trustees of Charter College and a member of the Board of Trustees of the First Alaskans Foundation.

Hensley recently published his autobiography, *Fifty Miles from Tomorrow: A Memoir of Alaska and the Real People*.



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Wednesday, April 14

OPENING DAY

Time	Event	Location	Details
<i>Morning Schedule of Events</i>			
9:00 AM–2:00 PM	Accuplacer University Placement Test	Concierge Desk for Shuttle to the UAA University Center	<i>The Accuplacer Test is a free and optional test for Seniors that helps students gauge college readiness. Brown bag lunches will be provided to students taking the Accuplacer test. Please bring valid Id.</i>
<i>Afternoon Schedule of Events</i>			
11:45 AM–1:30 PM	Advisory Committee Meeting	Endeavor Room	<i>FEA presents and discusses the year's progress, program updates and partnerships. Lunch is provided to attendees.</i>
3:00 – 5:00 PM	Registration Opens	Endeavor Room	<i>Students have the opportunity to apply to the University of Alaska Anchorage. Please, submit Media Release Forms at this time.</i>
<i>Evening Schedule of Events</i>			
7:00– 7:30 PM	Opening Ceremony	Aft Deck Ballroom	<i>Keynote Speaker William L. Iggiagruk Hensley author of Fifty Miles from Tomorrow.</i>
7:30 – 8:30 PM	Recognizing Educators Poster Exhibition <i>Fifty Miles from Tomorrow Book Signing</i>	Aft Deck Ballroom	<i>Alaska Native Educators are highlighted in the debut of six new FEA Posters. The 2010 Poster Series represent educators from the Lower Yukon, Lower Kuskokwim, Bering Straits, Sitka and the Pribilofs School Districts.</i> <i>Author Willie Hensley will sign copies of his autobiography (complimentary of FEA).</i>
8:30 – 9:00 PM	Ice Cream Social & Ice Breakers	Aft Deck Ballroom	<i>Join FEA and PITAAS for tasty treats and fun ice breaker games. Have ice cream and make some new friends.</i>



T Thursday, April 15

STUDENT-LED WORKSHOPS & UNIVERSITY TOUR DAY

Time	Event	Location	Details
<i>Morning Schedule of Events</i>			
8:00 – 9:00 AM	Breakfast	Fore Deck	<i>Hot Breakfast Buffet</i>
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Student-Led Workshops	Endeavor Room, Resolution Room, Adventure Room	<i>Endeavor Room Club Education of UAA will be facilitating Resolution Room PITAAS of UAS will be facilitating Adventure Room PITAAS of UAS will be facilitating</i>
<i>Afternoon Schedule of Events</i>			
12:00 – 1:00 PM	Lunch	Fore Deck	<i>Join us for a Fried Chicken Buffet and wear your FEA T-shirt for the Seventh Annual Student Gathering group photograph.</i>
1:00 – 1:30 PM	Shuttle to UAA	Hotel Lobby	<i>Please wear proper outerwear and wear comfortable walking shoes for the UAA tour.</i>
1:30 – 2:00 PM	University of Alaska Anchorage Welcome	The Den, UAA Student Union	<i>Welcome address by UAA School of Education Dean Mary Snyder along with Assistant Professor Paul Ongtooguk.</i>
2:00 – 3:15 PM	Scavenger Hunt “Operation UAA Campus”	UAA Campus	<i>Student groups will be provided with a scavenger bag and a camera to document their hunt. Sites to be visited are: Alaska Native Science and Engineering Program (ANSEP) Building, Student Bookstore, Information Desk, Athletic Center, Native Student Services (NSS) and the Learning Center.</i>
3:15 – 4:00 PM	Scavenger Hunt Debrief College Student Panel	The Den, UAA Student Union	<i>Students will present findings from scavenger hunt and Karla Booth, Alaska Native & Rural Outreach Coordinator, will lead a panel discussion for students and will answer questions about college classes, life and preparation.</i>
4:00 – 4:15 PM	Walk to East Hall	UAA Campus	<i>Please be aware East Hall is in a separate section of campus removed from the main academic buildings.</i>
4:15 – 5:00 PM	Barbecue Dinner	East Residential Hall	<i>The Department of Education will host a BBQ dinner at East Hall, which is specially reserved for education majors. Past FEA students and other UAA students will join us for a casual get together and tour of the residential hall.</i>
5:10 – 6:20 PM	Shuttle bus to Hotel Captain Cook	East Hall Parking Lot	<i>Shuttle bus will be returning to the hotel promptly at 5:10 PM.</i>



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Friday, April 16

BREAKOUT SESSIONS & JOB FAIR DAY

Time	Event	Location	Details
<i>Morning Schedule of Events</i>			
8:00 – 9:00 AM	Breakfast	Quarter Deck	<i>Continental Breakfast</i>
9:00 AM–12:00 PM	Breakout Sessions		
	Technology to Rock your World: Dr. Andrew Page	Quarter Deck, Technology Workshop	<i>UAA Professor Dr. Andrew Page will led an exciting presentation of new computer applications.</i>
	Preparing for College: Barbara Morse and Kathleen Yarr	Crows Nest Room 3, College Workshop	<i>PITAAS Coordinators Barbara Morse and Kathleen Yarr will help students with preparing application essays, professional resumes, recommendation letters and financial aid forms.</i>
	For the Rights of All: Ending Jim Crow in Alaska Documentary: Jacque Tagaban and Charles McKenry	Crows Nest Room 4, For the Rights of All Workshop	<i>PITAAS Director Jacque Tagaban and UAS Student Charles McKenry will lead a workshop discussion after the showing of film of Native Alaskan struggle to gain citizenship & equal rights.</i>
	Indigenous Children’s Literature Review: Martha Stackhouse, Nita Rearden and Erin Tripp	Crows Nest Room 5 Literature Workshop	<i>Ilisagvik College Coordinator Martha Stackhouse, ANEA Member Nita Rearden and UAS Student Erin Tripp will explore teaching and critiquing children’s literature about Alaskan Natives.</i>
<i>Afternoon Schedule of Events</i>			
12:00 – 1:00 PM	Lunch	Quarter Deck	<i>Deli Lunch and resource presentations by RAHI, RSS and PITAAS partner programs</i>
1:30 –3:00 PM	Alaska Teacher Job Fair Scavenger Hunt	Ball Room	
3:00 – 4:00 PM	Closing Session	Quarter Deck	<i>Join us for a our farewell festivities including a dance performance and a presentation by Native Alaskan String Figures author David Nicolai.</i>



Anchorage Downtown Sightseeing

Downtown Visitor Information Center

Staff can provide maps and information about Anchorage. Open daily, year-round. 4th Ave. & F Street

Imaginarium: Science Discovery Center

Exploratory exhibits and hands-on experiences at this science discovery center. www.imaginarium.org

Alaska Museum of Natural History

Information about prehistoric Alaska, a collection of Alaska fossils and artifacts and educational programs about Alaska's unique geological, cultural, and ecological history. (907) 274.2400

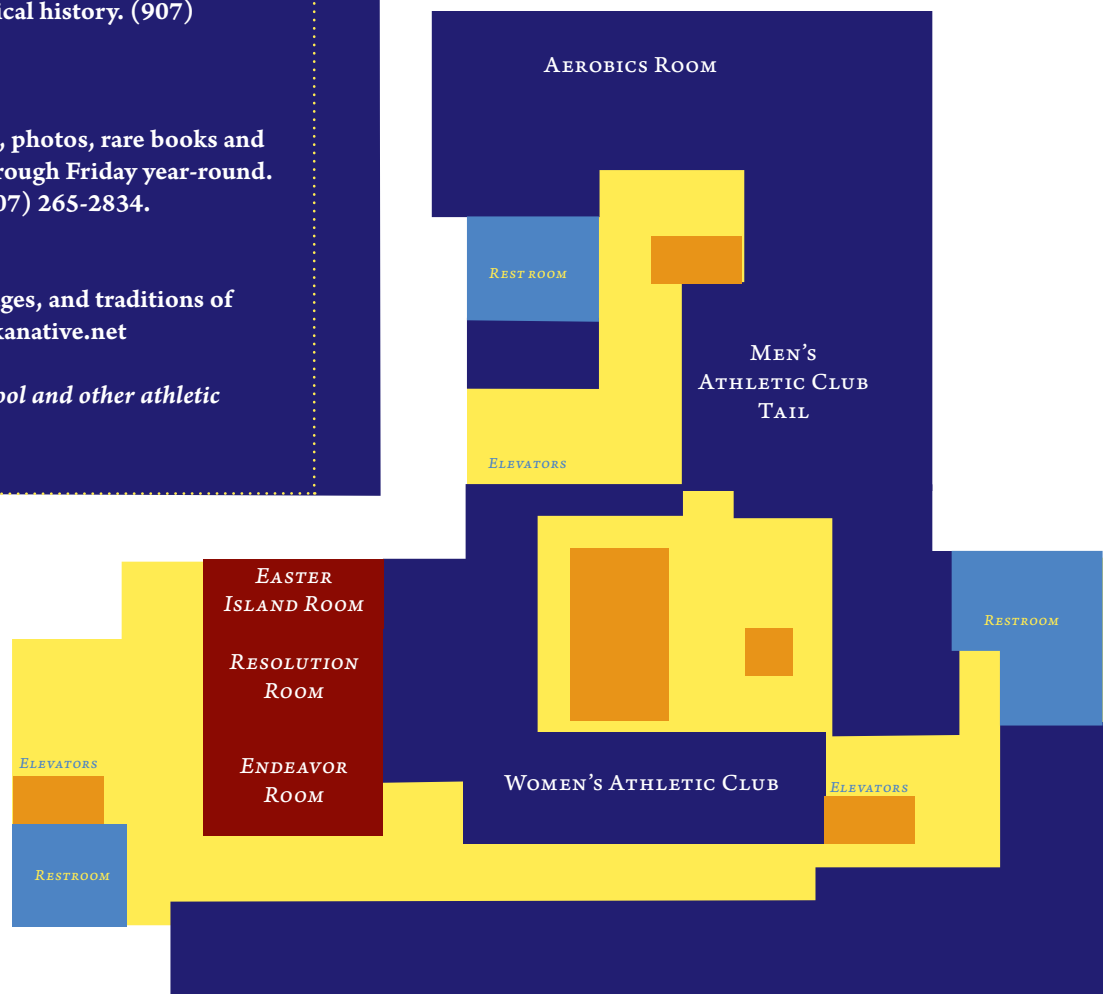
Alaska Heritage Library Museum

Displays of Native baskets and artifacts, photos, rare books and paintings. Open Noon – 4p.m. Mon. through Friday year-round. Northern Lights Blvd. and C Street. (907) 265-2834.

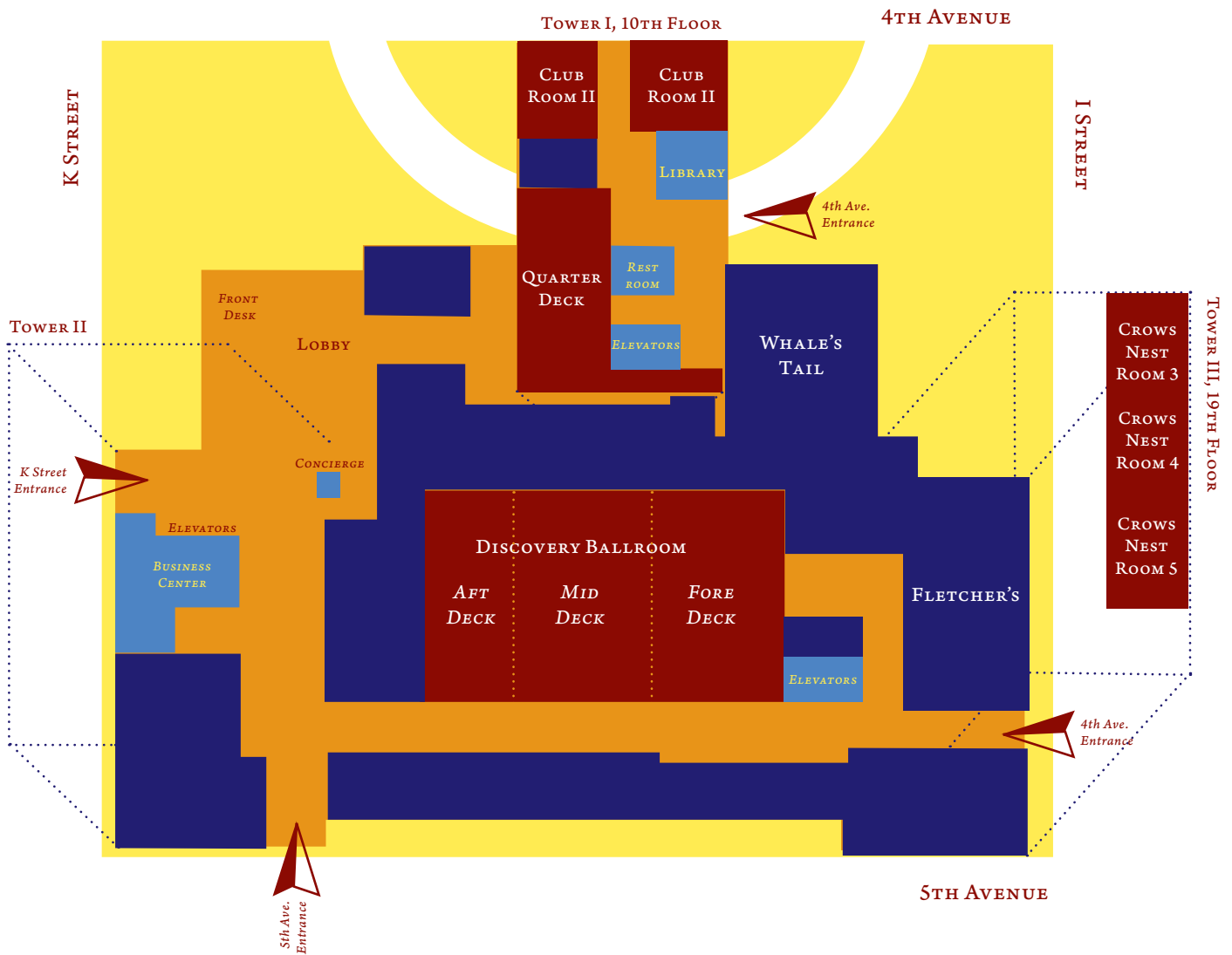
Alaska Native Heritage Center

Experience the diverse cultures, languages, and traditions of Alaska's indigenous peoples. www.alaskanative.net

Note: Students have access to the hotel pool and other athletic facilities if accompanied by a Chaperone.



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