



Alaska Native Business Management



2015 Leadership Panel Participants: Daniel Mitchell, KPMG, Robert Snigaroff, Denali Advisors, LLC, Gail Schubert, BSNC, Sheri Buretta, Chugach Alaska Corporation, Sharon Lind, UAA and Jason Metrokin, BBNC

Alaska Native Business Management Minor at UAA

By Jamey Bradbury, Copywriter, Corporate Communications, CIRI

The University of Alaska Anchorage (UAA) now offers the first-ever minor in Alaska Native Business Management.

Since the 2014 fall semester, the new minor has presented students with an in-depth look at how Alaska Native Corporations have diversified into successful state, national and global companies. The minor employs targeted education, hands-on training, research and technical assistance to grow the next generation of Alaska Native corporate and nonprofit leaders.

"As of 2015, UAA has over 2,000 Alaska Native and American Indian students," says Sharon Lind, term assistant professor for UAA's College of Business and Public Policy. "We have more Alaska Native students than any other university, so this program makes sense here."

The Alaska Native Business Management minor is comprised of five required courses totaling 13 credits and an additional five elective credits that are focused on Alaska Native topics.

Concepts covered in the required courses include Alaska Native corporation business practices, leadership and business management.

For the spring semester of 2016, classes will include Alaska Native Organizations, Indigenous Leadership, and Inside the Boardroom of an Alaska Native Organization.

The Alaska Native Business Management minor is targeted at undergraduate bachelor degree-seeking students. The curriculum is valuable for anyone seeking to do business with Alaska Native organizations and is available to all UAA undergraduate students, regardless of their major.

"We have a strong interest in these classes by Alaska Native students," Lind says. "Additionally we are starting to see a very strong interest from our accounting students. Those majoring in accounting know they will probably start their careers in an audit firm, and it is to their advantage to have knowledge in this area before joining that firm."

Alaska Native Business Management *Preparing our Future Leaders*

- > Alaska Native Business Management Minor at UAA
- > Spring 2016 Classes
- > Alaska Native Organizational Management Advisory Committee
- > The Alaska Native Studies Conference at UAA

You can now declare the Alaska Native Business Management minor using UAA's Declaration of Minor Form.

If you are interested in volunteering, sponsoring or participating in this new area, please contact Sharon Guenther Lind at UAA CBPP.

Spring 2016

- ⇒ BA A202 Alaska Native Organizations
- ⇒ BA A402 Indigenous Leadership
- ⇒ BA A403 Inside the Boardroom of an Alaska Native Organization

Course details on Page 2.

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Alaska Native Business Management Spring 2016 Classes

- **BA A202 Alaska Native Organizations** – 3 credits, meets Tuesday and Thursdays 5:30 p.m. to 6:45 p.m., Course Reference Number 37075
- **BA A402 Indigenous Leadership** – 3 credits, meets Wednesdays, 5:30 – 8:15 p.m., Course Reference Number 37078
- **BA A403 Inside the Boardroom of an Alaska Native Organization** – 1 credit, meets March 25 and April 1st all day both days, Course Reference Number 37079.



BA A201 Fall 2015 Class

Intro. to Alaska Native Business—BA A201 is offered every fall. This class provides students with an introduction to ANCSA and the Alaska Native corporation. It includes a variety of leaders from various organizations. It will be

offered again Fall 2016. This course is team taught and designed through a partnership with KPMG LLP.

Pictured above: 2015 students with Sam Cole, President of Aleut Management Services.

Attention MBA and MPA Students:

Did you know that a portion of your elective credit requirements can be met with 400 level courses? Consider taking **BA A402 Indigenous Leadership** or **BA A403 Inside the Boardroom of an Alaska Native Organization** this spring to meet your elective requirements. Be sure to talk with your advisor about your individual program needs.

Other Students:

BBA students must meet upper-division standing to register for BA A402 and 403. Non-BBA students, including non-degree seeking can have the pre-requisite requirement waived.

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Bringing leaders into the classroom

Below: Bruce Anders, VP & General Counsel, Cook Inlet Region, Inc. discusses corporate governance with students.



SAVE THE DATE

The **Alaska Native Studies Conference** will take place April 14—16, 2016 at UAA. The conference theme

Wellness & Healing: Indigenous Innovations & Alaska Native Research

The conference will include panels on **Alaska Native Business**. Register today!

<http://alaskanativestudies.org>

CBPP Alaska Native Organizational Management Advisory Committee:

- Kathryn A. Black - Attorney - Birch Horton Bittner & Cherot
- Michael Bourdukofsky, - COO – UAA Alaska Native Science and Engineering Program
- Sheri D. Buretta – Chairman of the Board - Chugach Alaska Corporation
- Annette Evans-Smith - President and CEO - Alaska Native Heritage Center
- Sarah Lukin - Chief of Staff - Pt Capital
- Daniel J. Mitchell - Managing Director and Primary Recruiter - KPMG LLP
- Kim Reitmeier - Executive Director - ANCSA Regional Association

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