

# Some ABC's

## in education

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Many students from across Alaska will be traveling this spring, visiting places in other parts of the state or in the Lower 48. If students from your community are planning for a special trip, have them consider coming to Fairbanks during the week of March 10-14 for the "Festival of Native Arts."

The Festival is a great tradition of the University of Alaska Fairbanks (UAF) campus and is the result of hundreds of hours of volunteer work by University students, staff and instructors. Student Jim Stevens is the Chairman of this year's Festival.

The high school students who come to the Festival would have the unique opportunity to see examples of dancing, singing, arts and crafts, and story-telling from Native groups representing all parts of the state. There are many organized programs, demonstrations, and lectures which emphasize the Native arts.

While the high schoolers are on campus, arrangements can be made for visits to University classes, to sample University dormitory life, and to learn what it is like to be a University student in a residential campus setting. This experience could be especially important for high school juniors and seniors who are thinking about additional schooling after high school graduation. For high school freshmen and sophomores, some guidance on high school preparation for college could be given to ensure that they will be ready for college-level academic work.

The visiting students could also visit Tanana Valley Community College (TVCC) to learn about their interesting and varied two-year programs; many college students combine TVCC and UAF coursework. Similar visit might also be made to the Hutchison Career Development Center which provides career education programs at the secondary and adult levels.

A visit to Fairbanks for the "Festival of Native Arts" in March could benefit students from your community in many ways. Let us know if we can help with some of the advanced planning for such a visit.