An Alaska Native Studies program providing career preparation & professional development rooted in Alutiiq culture and values
Project Overview

- DOE Title III, 2011-2016
- Extensive community planning & Native org. partnerships
- Project Goals:
  - Establish Native Student Services
  - Develop new Alaska Native Studies courses & programs
  - Faculty & staff trainings
  - Facility renovations & special events
  - Bring culture onto campus
Native Student Services

• Designed to increase Native Student retention & completion
• Advocacy & Mentorship services
• Student Tracking/intervention
• Reduction in Native student withdrawals from 23.7% to 10.8% (59% drop!) between Fall 2012 and Fall 2013

• Mentors:
  Peggy Azuyak
  Candace Branson
Alutiiq Language OEC

- 6 courses developed
- Most available by hybrid/distance
- 54 students have taken classes
- In final approval stage for Assessment & Accreditation
  - Planned program launch in Fall 2014
Plans for Program Development

• Community Project Coordination (CPC) Occupational Endorsement Certificate (OEC) In Planning
  • Regional Employer Survey (2013) to determine workforce development needs
  • “Corporate U” model for AK Native Entities
  • 9 – 1cr. intensive courses (9-month)
  • Cross-MAU collaboration/delivery
    • UAA – AKNS (Maria Williams)
    • UAF – Rural Development (Ralph Gabrielli)
  • Professional/workforce development for regional Native non-profits & Corporations
### KoC's AKNS Program in Context

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