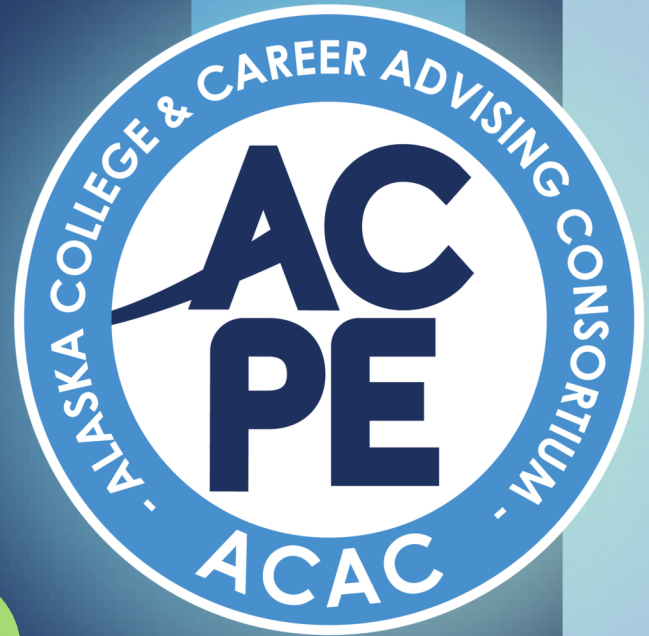


# ACAC

## Newsletter



### ACAC Partner Spotlight

#### UAF Rural Student Services



Established in 1969, **Rural Student Services (RSS)** program within the University of Alaska Fairbanks (UAF) is committed to responding to student needs by providing quality services to rural and Alaska Native students who expend positive effort in the pursuit of higher education and its opportunities.

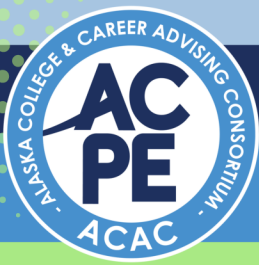
RSS provides cross-cultural, comprehensive advising:

- Degree planning
- Registering for classes
- Applying for financial aid
- Housing and meal plan options
- Declaring a major
- Exploring careers
- Wellness
- Academic coaching and support



In addition to advising support, RSS offers a variety of activities and programs designed to help rural and Alaska Native students exercise their cultural traditions on campus. RSS is a gathering place for students, a study area, and a setting for events that celebrate UAF's Alaska Native community. Events such as Positive Connection Nights (PCNs), offer a fun, positive way to start off the weekend with food and friends in a community atmosphere.

Discover more at [uaf.edu/ruralss!](http://uaf.edu/ruralss!)



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### Alaska's Workforce Future Plan



Alaska's Workforce Future Plan is a statewide, partner-driven initiative led by the Alaska Safety Alliance (ASA) and the Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development (DOLWD) to address workforce shortages across all industries.

Built from extensive stakeholder input, the Plan identifies goals, and tasks select state agencies to continue collaborative efforts to help meet the state's workforce challenges. Outlined as goals and strategies, they include enhancing career awareness and pathways for young Alaskans to consider the many good jobs available in the state, expanding training programs and apprenticeships, retaining and attracting new Alaskans by improving access to postsecondary education, and marketing Alaska's employment opportunities beyond Alaska.



Learn more at [alaskasafetyalliance.org/workforce/plan!](https://alaskasafetyalliance.org/workforce/plan!)



### ACPE Refinance Loan (REFI)

The **Education Refinance Loan (REFI)**, offered by ACPE, is Alaska's student loan debt solution. There are no hidden costs, no fees, and no prepayment penalties. With the REFI loan individuals can consolidate their education loans into one monthly bill with 24/7 online account access. Currently rates are starting at 4.60% APR. Eligibility requirements include:

- Be an Alaska resident (primary borrower only), or
  - Be a previous borrower, cosigner or beneficiary of an education loan with ACPE, or
  - Be a graduate of a high school or postsecondary institution physically located in Alaska;
- Have at least \$7,500 in qualifying education loan(s), in good standing
- Have a minimum FICO credit score of at least 680 or higher; and
- Have a debt-to-income (DTI) ratio of 45% or less if refinancing more than \$125,000, or have a cosigner who meets the FICO and DTI requirements.



For more information, visit [acpe.alaska.gov/REFI!](https://acpe.alaska.gov/REFI!)