

Dr. Pearl Kiyawn Nageak Brower (Iñupiag/Chippewa/Armenian) is the 2019 Recipient of the First Alaskans Institute Smokehouse Gala Young Native Leader Award. The Young Native Leader Awardee is a leader who has shown through dedication they are working to help Native peoples and our community with significant and profound purpose. The others awardees were Nelson Angapak, receiving the Howard Rock Alaska Native Leader Award and Governor Walker, receiving the Friends of First Alaskans Ted Stevens Award

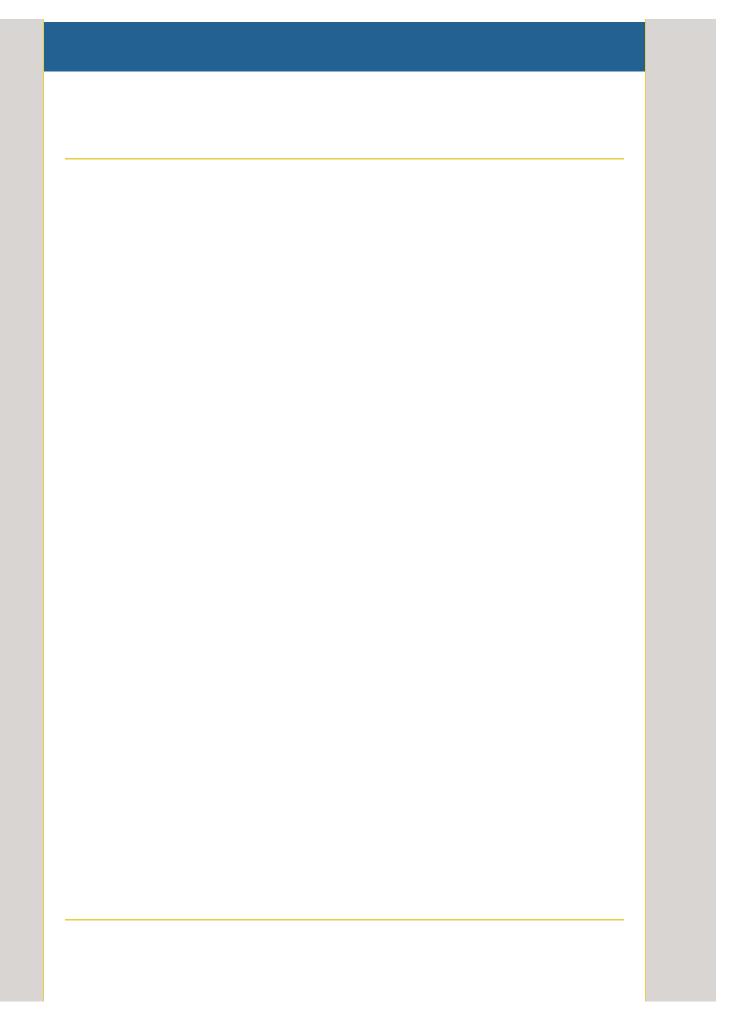
Pearl holds a Ph.D. in Indigenous
Studies with an emphasis in
Indigenous Leadership and a
master's degree in Alaska Native and
Rural Development from the
University of Alaska Fairbanks. She

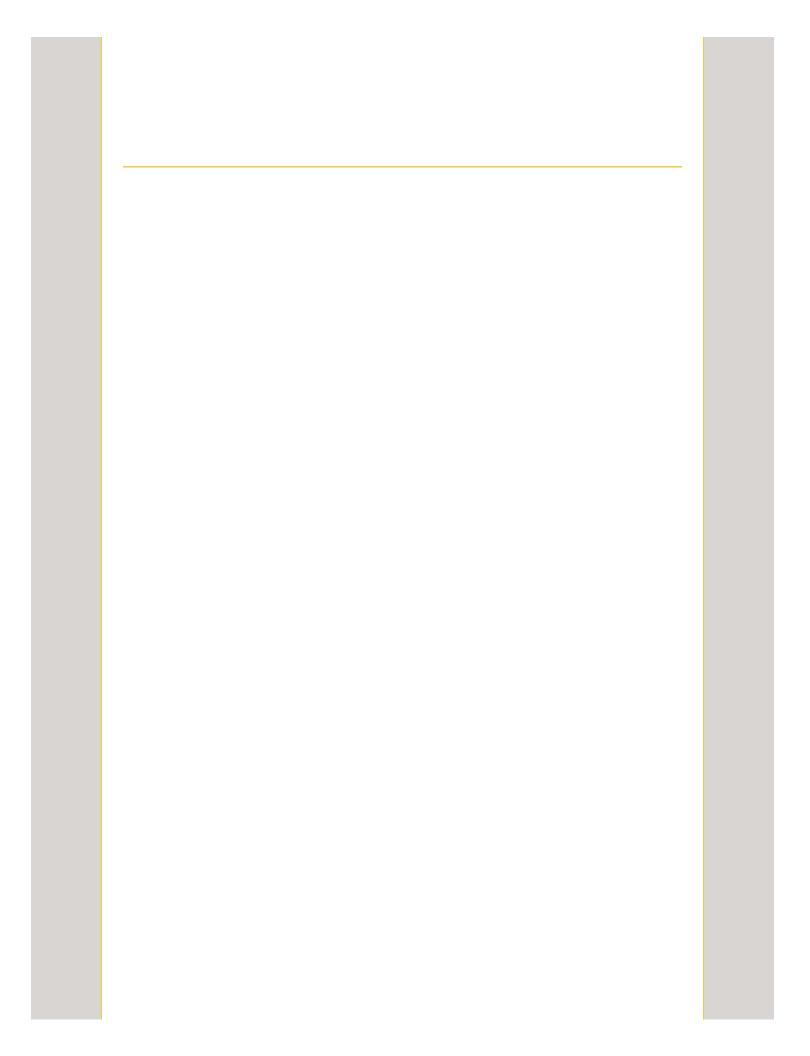


has been with I isa vik, Alaska's first tribal college, since 2007, and has served as its President since 2012. Prior to working for I isa vik, she managed an education and culture grant for the North Slope Borough and served as the Museum Curator of the Iñupiat Heritage Center.

Congratulations Dr. Pearl Kiyawn Nageak Brower!

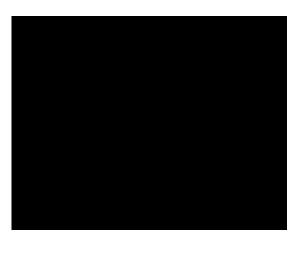
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Happy New Year to all of you from all of us at the Center for Cross-Cultural Studies!

Now is the beginning of the spring semester, 2020, and spring semester registration is still open. Classes begin the week of Monday, January 13th, so check to make sure that you know when your courses start during that week. As you move into the semester, please remember the following:



- All students who began their program in the fall semester are required to hold a full committee meeting and provide an annual review report, to be reviewed by the Graduate School Dean, before the May 15th deadline (and this deadline doesn't change from year to year).
- All MA students who began their program in August 2019 should have their graduate advisory committee in place by this month (January), or by May 2020 at the latest. All PhD students who began their program in August 2019 should have their graduate advisory committee in place by May 2020. It is very important to have your graduate advisory committee in place within one to two semesters of beginning the program to ensure success and necessary guidance and advising). If you have not formed your graduate advisory committee yet and you need assistance identifying potential members, work with your interim adviser to help form your committee.
- All forms for the Annual Review of Graduate Advisory Committee and the Appointment of Graduate Advisory Committee can be found under 'forms' on the graduate school website ().

On another note, our MA and PhD programs continue to be under a special program review (along with other programs) by the UA administration. We have a review meeting on February 14th which will be attended by Theresa John and me, and one PhD student. Since I announced this review last semester, no further information about UAF's and CLA's restructuring of programs and departments has been passed down to us. As information is shared to me, I will pass it on to you, our students, staff, faculty, and supporters.

And most importantly, our hardworking, efficient, effective, and friendly administrative assistant, Crystal Frank, has been offered and chosen to accept a new job with the First Alaskans Institute (

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needs are completed fully and successfully. It is unlikely that Crystal's position will be refilled, and as the alternate procedure for administrative services is put in place, we will share the new processes with everyone. Also, this is likely the last issue of this newsletter until we have access to another administrative assistant within CLA.

And finally, as a reminder, for those students who have Incomplete Grades in past courses, please remember that your work must be completed and graded before the established deadline to avoid the incomplete grade (I) does not turn into an F. Don't let these deadlines slip by!

I wish all of you a successful spring 2020 semester, and remember that when you have any questions about your progress, expectations, classes, research, writing, etc., your graduate committee advisor (chair of your graduate advisory

FM1 section via audio conference, distance delivered FE1 section via on-campus, in-person UX1 section via web-based

Register on UAOnline at

UAF Coursefinder:

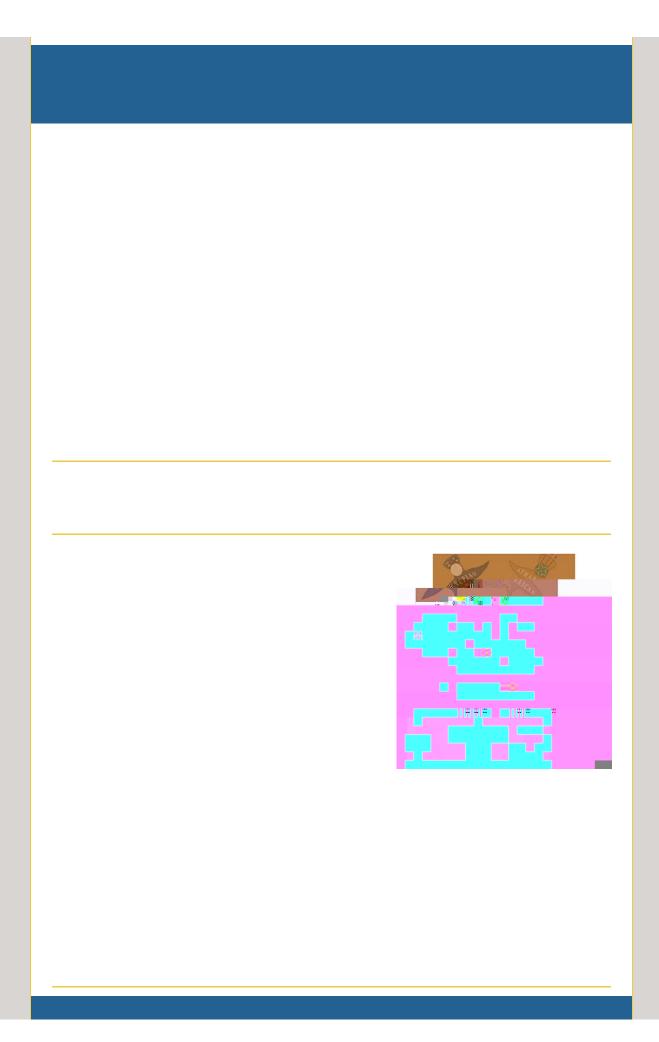
If your having trouble registering, it's best to submit a signed paper form to the Registrar's office for processing. You can find the graduate add/drop form on the UAF Registrar's website.

Also contact your graduate committee or interim advisor for assistance with registering.

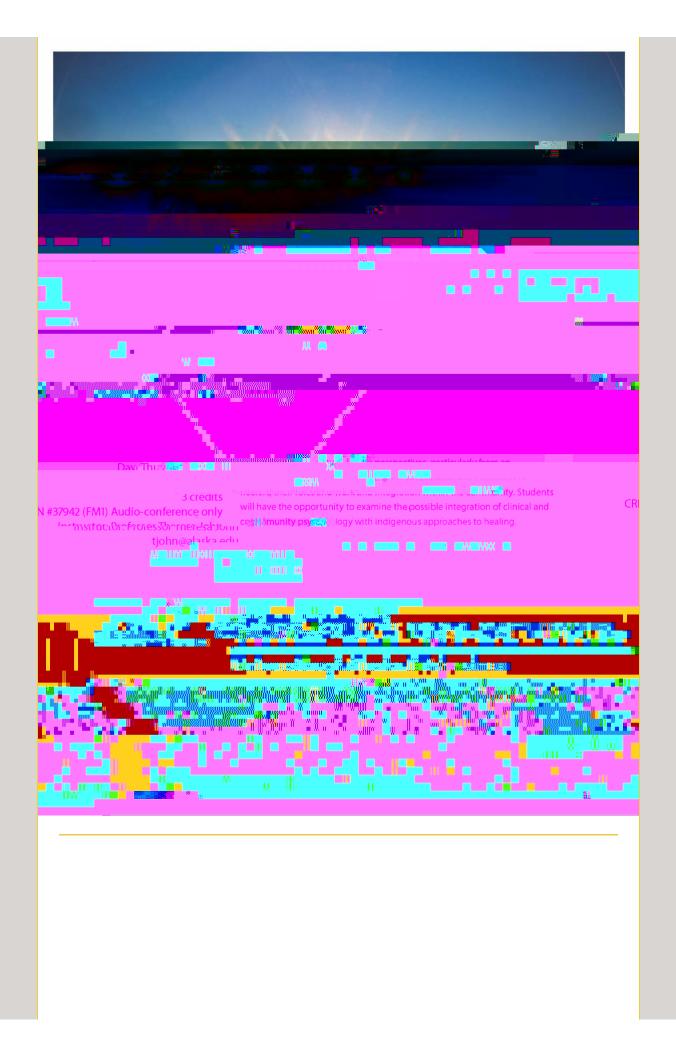
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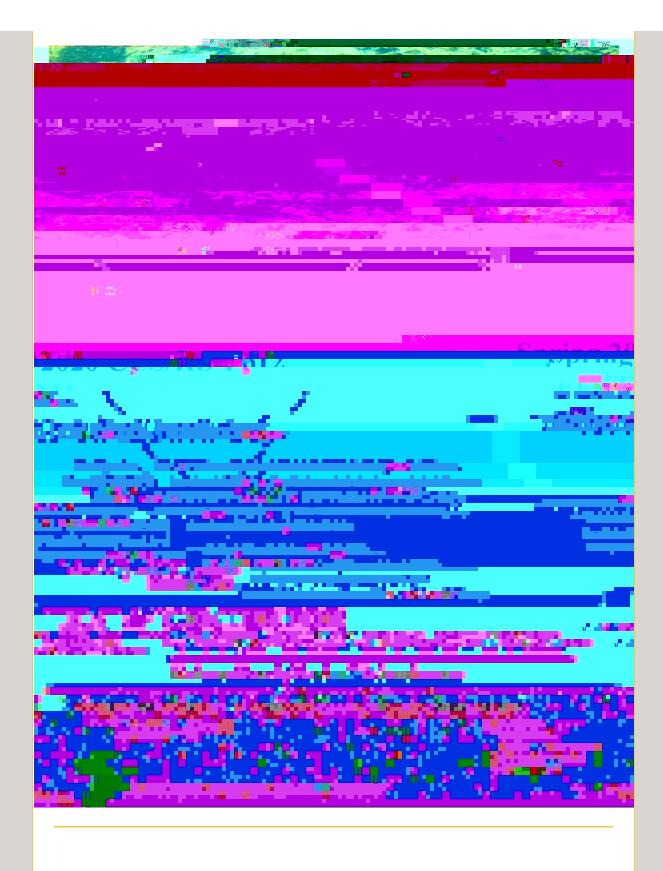


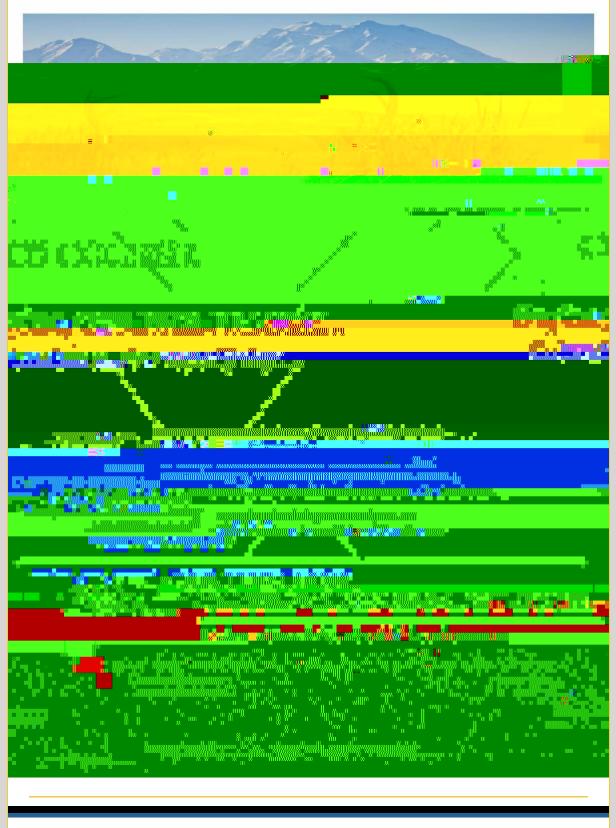
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- Residence Halls opens at 8AM
- Last day of WINTERmester instruction and finalsOrientation for new students
- First day of instruction; late registration begins







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