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University of Alaska Fairbanks students talk about what they like about the university

Interviews with students: Eric, Dave, and Monica

Unidentified interviewer

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Eric reads the introduction materials about the University of Alaska Fairbanks.

[00:15:00] The interviewer asked Dave questions about coming to the university. Dave said he had heard about the university when he was growing up in Alaska. He said the university is personal and you are on a first name basis with just about everyone you meet. One of the things that brought him to the university was the fire department. It had always been an interest of his. He talked about the strengths of the university. It is personable place. He feels he has a very good education at the university. He would recommend UAF because you can get a very good education here. He grew up in a small town and he felt the university is geared toward the individual. He would rate his education as high. It was well rounded. He said there was a welcoming atmosphere. He was able to learn more about being a fire fighter. He said the university doesn't just give you an education it gives you a lifestyle. Learning goes beyond the classroom.

[00:22:30] The interviewer asked Monica what the primary reasons were for her choosing the University of Alaska Fairbanks. Monica said the real strength is being taught by professors as opposed to other universities where graduate students teach the classes. She feels the faculty cares about teaching. They do a good job and the class size is small. She is asked why she would recommend the university. Monica talked about the size and lack of personalization at other universities, not breaking the budget by going to UAF, and the diversity here. The interviewer asked about the faculty. Monica said over the years the university has emphasized teaching. She feels there is a great deal of student faculty interaction. She likes the diversity of students at the university. She is impressed at the degree of seriousness among the students. She thinks you learn just as much outside the classroom as you learn in the classroom. The environment outdoors is unique and it is a good community. She feels the attitude toward education has changed in the last few years and it has become much more serious. The students are getting a quality education. She feels the quality of your education depends on who is teaching you.