

UAS KETCHIKAN

Cup O' News October 2018

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SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE 2018

This year, Ketchikan had the honor of hosting Southeast Conference. During the conference, UAS Ketchikan hosted UA President Jim Johnsen and UAS Chancellor Rick Caulfield among others at the unveiling of the UAS Maritime Training Center. SE Conference attendees toured the facility and learned more about the maritime programs we offer and the new technology installed during the renovations.



OF NOTE

University of Alaska Southeast Maritime Training Center has been awarded a five-year contract from the U.S. Coast Guard to provide Basic Fire Fighting training to U.S. Coast Guards personnel. UAS Maritime Training Center is the only United States Coast Guard approved maritime training center in the region and employs three USCG-approved full-time faculty members, who will teach fire safety, prevention, and live fire drills.

MEET PROFESSOR...NEIL NICKERSON!



Assistant Professor of Marine Transportation Neil Nickerson has been teaching Maritime Transportation at UAS for 10 years. Before UAS, Neil was in the Coast Guard and was stationed in Hawaii, Guam, San Diego along with other places. He was also stationed in Juneau and Kodiak, which made him realize how much he loved Alaska and convinced him to move here permanently after retirement. Besides the Coast Guard, he also had maritime-based careers with Crowley Towing and the Alaska Marine Highway. When Neil isn't teaching, he enjoys being outdoors. He runs a charter boat business during the summer that takes groups sightseeing, whale-watching, fishing, and more! He is also very passionate about surfing (yes, you CAN do that in Southeast Alaska), and his personal motto is "*una ola más*," which is Spanish for "One More Wave." His goal for the next few semesters is to continue to work on getting more maritime classes online to reach communities without a physical UAS campus. Alaska Marine Safety Education Association (AMSEA) recently honored Neil with a Life Saver Award for all the classes he's taught on marine safety and first aid to commercial fishermen, recreational & subsistence boats, youth and more. Neil's favorite thing about teaching at UAS is being able to pass on his knowledge, expertise, and passion for all things maritime to his students, it's very rewarding for him to see his former students on the dock putting their education to work!

NEW TRAVEL SYSTEM

Just when you were getting use to the TEM travel system, UA is replacing it in the coming months with a new vendor Concur. Most travelers will see little to no differences, but there are some unique features that will make reimbursements quicker and more convenient. Training has started for travel coordinators. Training for all users will begin in January 2019. In addition to the new system, UA is offering faculty and staff individual travel cards that can be used to pay for hotel, car rentals and other business expenses that is automatically paid off by the university at the end of each month. No more having to pay off the card yourself and wait for reimbursement. Plus you can earn AK Air miles with the UA travel card just like you do with a personal AK Air credit card. Watch for more details on both programs in the coming months.

FOOTBALL FRIDAYS

Do you have a favorite football team? On Fridays we would like to invite students, faculty, and staff to show some team spirit by representing their favorite team! Don't like football? That's okay too, choose to represent your favorite team from another sport! Join in and participate if you like... GO TEAM!



FUN FACT



Divas & Dinos is a fun, unique fundraiser hosted annually where contestants strut their stuff to earn revenue for Ketchikan's community theatre, First City Players. The Diva and Divo is chosen by who generates the most revenue for the organization, this year the 2018 Divo was our own Bill Urquhart, Associate Professor of Sociology! Congratulations Bill!

ASK UAS "PLAY-IT'S NOT JUST FOR KIDS!"

Thirty-one students and community members gathered in the Campus Library to experience Adjunct Professor of Humanities, Clare Bennett's presentation: "Play—It's not just for kids!" As people filed in, it became clear that this wasn't going to be the typical Ask UAS some of them were used to. The chairs were all set in a circle and there was plenty of space in the center of the room for people to move around. Bennett explained that it's not just enough to understand how play is beneficial to human beings on an intellectual level. It is much more fun to play and see for oneself. So, the audience was then on their feet to play games!



One game involved making animal shapes out of different arrangements of people. Another game had participants rushing around to make groups of twos, threes, or fours to construct various poses. At the end, there were lots of smiles and all the snacks were happily devoured. Thank you, Clare, for bringing play to the Campus Library!

ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

Oct 8 11:00am-1:00pm Indigenous Peoples Day
Sense of Place Indigenous Peoples Day Celebration
UAS Ketchikan Campus Library. Enjoy Alaska Native foods, art, and culture. Free and open to the public! Door Prizes

Oct 25 Ask UAS: "Seaweed Farming in Alaska" Presented by Gary Freitag

Oct 31 Halloween



Jan 8 Save the Date! Faculty and Staff Development Day



TECH TIP OF THE MONTH

Do you have an old VHS or audio cassette that you would love to use in a class, but can't because you don't have the right equipment? Tech services can help! They're your one-stop-shop for audio and video conversion! They have the ability to convert VHS tapes, audio cassettes, floppy drives, and zip drives into useable DVDs. Call or email John Long for more information.

