

UAS Ketchikan Cup O News February 2019



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“I KNOW I CAN” WITH FAWN MOUNTAIN 2ND GRADE STUDENTS

Student Government President Kevin Parrish and Vice President Deja Kolean visited Fawn Mountain Elementary School on January 17 to talk with second graders about how important it is to attend college and encourage them to follow their goals and aspirations. The children’s book “I Know I Can” inspires young students to dream big about their futures by introducing college in a fun way through an entertaining story and classroom activities.

UAS LIBRARIANS HELP KAYHI AP ENGLISH STUDENTS WITH RESEARCH PAPERS

Kayhi English teacher Rebecca Bowlen brought her AP English class to the campus library to do a research paper of their choice last month. They were required to find materials in the library that supported their research. They gained new skills in navigating the UAS Campus Library databases and using the library catalog to find books in the collection. Some of their topics included: teenage dating violence, abortion, abuse in juvenile detention, and prejudice in our judicial system. They came back to the library to share their papers. Bowlen has been bringing her AP English classes to the campus library for a number of semesters. The collaboration is an excellent way for students to learn how to write research papers and gives them an introduction to the UAS Ketchikan Campus.



FACULTY & STAFF DAY 2019

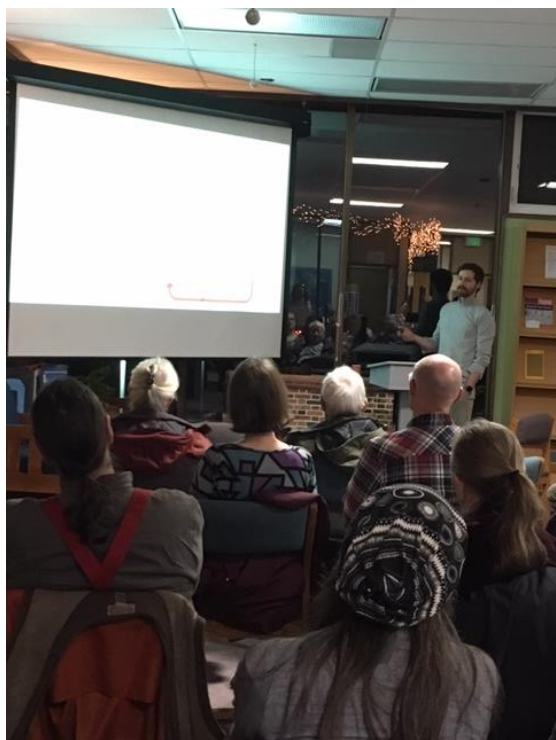


“Have you been to Guam?” seemed to be the question of the day at the Faculty & Staff Spring Start Up Day in January. Three of the five Maritime Training Center faculty said “Yes, they have been to Guam,” thanks to their varied careers in the maritime industry. UASK’s Spring Start Up was held at the newly renovated UAS Maritime Training Center and included an overview by each of the MTC faculty. They discussed their careers in the maritime world and how and why they each started teaching.

Along with backgrounds of Ken, Larry, Mariah, Mike and Neil, tours and demonstrations of the facility and equipment were part of the day-long meeting.



ASK UAS: “WELCOME TO THE RNA WORLD” PRESENTED BY MATTHEW PAWLUS



The Campus Library hosted its first Ask UAS presentation of Spring Semester 2019 with Dr. Matthew Pawlus’ presentation: Welcome to the RNA World. Thirty students and community members came to learn more about the RNA World Hypothesis and the origins of life on Earth. He opened with a light-hearted quiz called “Dead or Alive”, where audience members had to look at everyday pictures and answer whether or not they are living things. Dr. Pawlus explained that the RNA World Hypothesis poses the theory that all living things are the product of chemical reactions between non-living things. He also discussed how if scientists are going to start looking for life on other planets that they may have to consider changing their definitions of what is alive.

Everyone enjoyed refreshments and conversation at the conclusion of this fascinating presentation. Please stay tuned for our next Ask UAS with Dr. John Radzilowski and Dr. Brandon Chapman presenting: *Revisiting America’s Founding Documents* on

February 21st at 6:30 pm in the Campus Library.



PROFESSOR NEIL NICKERSON'S PRESENTATION AT MARIE DRAKE PLANETARIUM

Assistant Professor of Maritime Transportation Neil Nickerson gave a presentation on celestial navigation on the 15th of January in Juneau. Speaking to a large group, Neil educated Juneau residents on how mariners use “skymarks” to navigate. His presentation was just a small taste of what students learn in his Celestial Navigation class. Read the full article here: <https://www.juneauempire.com/news/the-art-of-celestial-navigation/>

STUDENT AWARDED URECA GRANT

Current UAS-Ketchikan undergraduate student Kelsey “Etalia” Greenstreet was selected as an Undergraduate Research and Creative Activity (URECA) award recipient for 2019. The URECA program funds undergraduate research by selecting from applications that propose a research project created by the student and facilitated and supported by a faculty mentor. Etalia, who is an Alaska Native Languages and Studies student with experience learning the Haida language will be extending a study she has been doing as an Independent Study since summer 2018. She is documenting, through interviews across southern Southeast Alaska, Haida cultural traditions and knowledge of seasonality in hunting, fishing, and gathering activities, along with the naming and practice of different seasonal ceremonies and rituals. Assistant Professor of Anthropology Brandon M. Chapman is the faculty mentor for her ongoing Independent Study and the URECA award.

MEET PROFESSOR...KEN HORN!

Assistant Professor of Power Technology and Welding Ken Horn has been teaching at UAS Ketchikan for the last 12 years. Originally from Bremerton, Washington, Ken started welding 45 years ago as a freshman in high school. He joined the Navy as a Seabee where he used his welding talents as a steelworker for 12 years. His last station, Adak, Alaska is what originally brought him to Alaska. While there, he also ran a commercial fishing boat, crabbed in the Bering Sea for two seasons, and guided hunting trips. Ken has worked for Dakota Creek Industries, Alaska Ship & Dry Dock and at the Coast Guard base in Ketchikan as a lead welder – where he traveled all over Alaska and as far as Guam as part of his job. His biggest accomplishments so far in his life are raising 5 kids and teaching welding. Some surprising facts about Ken are that he’s a really good singer (he took 3rd place in the State of Alaska Colgate Country Showdown), he co-owns an oyster farm, he’s an avid mushroom hunter, and was a State of Alaska National Officer for the VFW. Ken loves teaching welding and especially enjoys the moment he sees a student truly “get” the welding process. His goal for the spring semester is to make it through the semester with the largest number of students that he’s ever taught at one time (37 students). This semester he is teaching two nights per week at Vigor Alaska in addition to his regular line up of welding courses. On January 26,



Ken was awarded the Rotary 2000 Vocational Award of Excellence. Here is an excerpt from the Ketchikan Daily News Article on his award:



“Priscilla Schulte, campus director of the University of Southeast Ketchikan campus, introduced Ken Horn as winner of the vocational services award. Horn, a welder for more than 40 years, has taught at UAS Ketchikan, at local shipyards and for the U.S. Coast Guard, as well as mentoring high school teachers in Ketchikan and Craig. He regularly donates his time and equipment for school events and programs. “He has truly inspired a new generation of welders since he began teaching,” said Schulte. Horn recently helped a local Boy Scout earn a badge by teaching him the basics of welding. In addition to this, he’s donated metal artwork to various fundraisers in the community, including a metal mermaid for the Ketchikan Theatre Ballet and artwork for the Marvin Scott scholarship fundraiser. One of his students is now a welding inspector at a

shipyard and another was inspired to start his own skiff building business. “He is a natural ambassador for the vocational trades, he is an enthusiastic about his trade and encourages all of his students of any age to learn a trade and use that to reach each of their individual career goals,” said Schulte. When accepting the award, Horn said the “truth of the matter is I truly truly love teaching. And it's probably been the best time of my life at the university teaching; wherever I'm teaching. And I encourage everybody to get their kids into the trades,” he said to much applause.”

OF NOTE

Ketchikan experienced an unusually high tide the morning after the Super Blood Wolf Moon on January 21. Photo courtesy of Assistant Professor Ken Horn.



ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

March 11 - 15

March 15

March 30

12:00pm

Spring Break (No Classes)

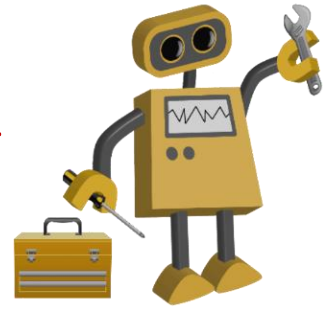
Campus Closed (Spring Break)

Ketchikan Interdisciplinary Student Symposium

TECH TIP OF THE MONTH

“Six Ways to a Better Tech-Life Balance” by Mary Loverde

It is easy for us to get swept up into the 24/7 fear of missing out syndrome. Here are six ways to help you achieve a better tech-life balance:



1. Establish person **tech-life balance policies**. Take a look at what you value and set some policies to help you stay connected to what's most important.
2. **Create new habits**. Just like our other cravings we can change our habits to lessen the urge to get a hit.
3. Maximize your device's efficiency with **adequate memory**. Waiting for downloads is a frustrating time-waster and can be avoided by simply upgrading with more memory.
4. **Pick sleep over technology**. That last 30 minutes at night of Instagram, e-mail, or LinkedIn cannot compete with the benefit of a half hour more sleep each night.
5. Look UP. Seriously, every once in a while just look up and see **what is going on in the REAL world** that is right in front of you.
6. Stop taking yourself so seriously. We need to understand that when we let go of some of our technology, **other ideas will come into clearer focus**.