

JUNE 2019

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cup o' news



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MEET PROFESSOR...BILL URQUHART!



Associate Professor of Sociology Bill Urquhart has been with UAS Ketchikan full-time since 2009. Bill is a fourth generation Ketchikanian who grew up commercial fishing with his family. After high school, Bill headed to Oregon State University to pursue a degree in civil engineering, but quickly changed course once he took a sociology class. He fell in love with the subject. He was drawn back to Alaska by his wife and his doctoral research on school violence and bullying. Bill's favorite thing about teaching is when his students get excited about a project or research study that makes them connect their lives and experiences to larger social forces. One of his goals for the upcoming fall semester is to help each of his advisees map out a graduation plan. When Bill isn't teaching, he enjoys spending time with his family outdoors fishing and hiking. His personal

motto is "Learn Weil" from his Scottish Coat of Arms which resonates with his clan chief's motto "Mean Weil, Speak Weil, Do Weil." Some interesting facts about Bill are that he enjoys playing the bag pipes (his children are currently learning to play as well) and he used to be a boxer!

OF NOTE

Welcome to our new Registration & Business Office Assistant Tessa Nelson! Tessa's start date is Monday, June 10. Take a minute and stop by the front desk to say hi!

Congratulations to Kate Govaars for receiving the UAS Ketchikan Staff Excellence Award this year.

Don't forget, anyone who hasn't taken their personal day only have until June 21st to use it. It doesn't roll over, so don't lose it.

Please note, the UAS Maritime Training Center will be closed June 1 – August 3, 2019. The main campus is open all summer Monday-Friday 8:00-5:00. The Campus Library is open Monday-Friday 9:00 - 3:00 as well.

In May, UAS advisors from each campus attended an advising retreat on the Juneau campus. Advisors were able to meet with relevant departments to discuss current and upcoming issues that affect each campus, as well as the university as a whole. The team developed a plan to implement recent training and, as always, continued making progress on refining and improving the student experience.

ASK UAS: “CELEBRATING WILDFLOWERS”

BY BARBARA MORGAN

Forty-five people came to the last Ask UAS presentation of the semester. Barbara Morgan, UAS Ketchikan Instructor of General Studies, gave a very informative presentation titled “Celebrating Wildflowers.” She talked about wildflower species that grow around Ketchikan.

Wildflowers can be found in a wide variety of environments including the beach, the muskeg, the forest and the alpine. Barbara’s presentation included beautiful color photographs and helpful descriptions of each plant, including fun tidbits about how common they are and whether or not they are edible. Stay tuned for Ask UAS when it resumes in September 2019!



ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

July 4 - 5

Campus Closed for 4th of July holiday

TECH TIP OF THE MONTH: SUMMER TECH TIPS

Summer sun always means lots of fun, but you have to be careful when it comes to your cellular device!

1. **When your phone overheats:** Take your phone out of direct light and extreme temperatures. Overheating can cause serious damage to your phone. Prevent your phone from overheating by turning it off when you aren't using it and exit out of apps that drain your battery.
2. **Your phone takes a dip:** Put your phone in a water tight bag while going near water or buy a waterproof phone case. If your phone still magically finds its way into a body of water, immediately turn it off and use a cloth or cotton swab to try to dry it out. Get a bowl of uncooked rice and place your phone into it for a night or few days. The rice will absorb the moisture and you might be able to save your phone.
3. **Problems with screen visibility:** No one is a fan of that washed out screen when you're outside. Try out an anti-glare screen protector. They are available online, through your wireless carrier or at any tech store.

