



Soundings

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Current elementary education students will complete their MAT this month.

New bachelor degree

Beginning this fall, freshmen will be able to enroll in the Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education degree program. The Board of Regents approved the new degree for UAS, UAA and UAF on June 8. In addition the regents also authorized a new UAS certificate in Outdoor Leadership that will also begin in the fall.

The Elementary Education degree will lead to an Alaska Type A certification. Students, who will take 127-128 credits, will be assessed relative to national and state standards. The degree also features a yearlong internship, strong content preparation, the integration of technology and the opportunity for a special education credential.

Students in the 30-credit Outdoor Leadership credential program will receive intensive training in outdoor activities with a heavy emphasis on personal and group safety, planning and team building. Courses in rock and ice climbing, hiking, sea kayaking, etc. will be taught by recognized experts.

Accounting faculty hired

George Masek has been hired as assistant professor of accounting. He received his MBA from the University of Notre Dame and passed all four parts of the CPA exam on his first sitting. Since 1999 he has been teaching accounting at the College of Saint Scholastica in Duluth, Minnesota. From 1996 to 1999 he was chief financial officer for Ted Jordan Consulting and from 1992 to 1996 he was a tax consultant for Price Waterhouse.

Salary grid

The Board of Regents approved, effective July 1, 2001, a 1.5 percent increase to the salary grid for non-exempt and exempt staff provided in University Regulation, as recommended by the President. The last across-the-board grid adjustment occurred in 1994 according to Robert Sewell, UAS Staff Council president. "This represents an important step forward," he said, "in beginning the process of grid improvement."



Students took part in the ropes course earlier this week.

College Bound Institute

More than a dozen high school students complete the two week long College Bound Student Leadership Institute this Friday. During the second week students volunteered at the Day at the Lake fishing event and local agencies such as the Glory Hole, Trail Mix, Meals on Wheels, etc. On Monday they spent the day at the SAGA ropes course. An awards presentation takes place June 15 at noon. "There's been a lot of progress over the past two weeks," according to Kim Testin a housing summer intern who is working with the students. "You can just see them working together as a team, developing themselves as leaders. Everything is starting to fit together." Institute photos are available at <http://photos.yahoo.com/cbleadershipak>



Marjorie Fields teaching during the Institute.

Early Childhood Institute

About 40 Alaska students are attending the Early Childhood Institute on the Juneau campus through next week. These students take most of their early childhood classes by distance delivery, but come to campus two summers to meet with faculty and other students. In addition to UAS faculty, two national experts will also provide instruction.

STAR Weekend

New students and their parents will be on the Juneau campus starting Friday to attend the early orientation and placement weekend. Students and their families will have a chance to take placement tests, meet with their advisors, register for classes and attend community events. Pam Webster is coordinating the weekend.

Staff Council Elections

"I want to encourage you to take part in the UAS Staff Council," Chancellor John Pugh wrote in a UAS memo. "One way is to run for one of six positions open in this month's election." Those interested should contact Mona Yarnall by June 20. Ballots will be distributed on June 25th and should be returned by June 29th.



ARCTIC Summer Institute

The two-week Alaska Reform in the Classroom through Technology Integration and Collaboration (ARCTIC) two-week summer institute started this week and continues through next. About 40 teachers and administrators, representing nine different Alaska school districts, are attending. The Institute, showing how to use technology as a tool in the classroom to improve learning, is funded through a federal grant. Most participants live in Banfield Hall and eat on campus.

Flukes Flying

The staff/faculty softball team is tied for first in their co-ed division after beating the first place team 14-12 in their last game. "The bases were loaded when we got the last out," Mona Yarnall said. The Flukes have a 5 and 2 record. They play June 18 at Savikko Park #3 at 5:50 p.m.; June 25 at Dimond Park #1 at 8:10 p.m. and July 2 at Dimond Park #3 at 7:00 against UAS student team, the Spartans.

Housing hire

Amy Bridgers has been hired as the new Residence Hall Coordinator, replacing the faculty-in-residence at Banfield Hall. Bridgers has been a hall director at Western Carolina University where she supervised two buildings, 800 students and 16 staff. She also has run a summer Academic Success Program for 60 conditionally accepted university students. Bridgers joins the housing staff August 1. The new position is funded by a FIPSE grant.

Housing needed

The Juneau campus housing office is looking for fall rentals for single and family students. There is still room in Banfield for first time freshmen, but the apartments are filled and have a wait list. "If you have an apartment or a room to rent or know any of your friends that might," Tish Griffin said, "please call the housing office at 465-6528."

Tullis's new job

Former Juneau Residence Life manager Timi Tullis has been hired as grant administrator/service learning coordinator. She begins part-time July 1 and full-time August 1. Tullis will help create resiliency through intentional student life in a joint project with the Galena City Schools, Lower Kuskokwim School District, Mt. Edgecumbe, UAF, the Association of Alaska School Boards and UAS. As service learning coordinator she will help develop service projects for students.

Juneau campus

Farewell: Iris Cortes, Juneau Activities, is leaving campus to return with her family to Puerto Rico. A farewell potluck brunch for her, June 28th at 10 a.m., is being hosted by Student Government in the Mourant Student Lounge. All are welcome.

E-mail: Training by Computer Services will be June 21 from 2 - 3 p.m. in Whitehead 102.

Alumni: The annual meeting will be held June 18 at 5:30 p.m. at the Mi Casa Restaurant.

Bookstore: Closed for inventory June 28 and 29. There is an inventory reduction sale June 25 - 27.

Investment: Fidelity offers an investment strategy workshop June 22 from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. in Novatney 102 and individual consultations from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Novatney 108. To schedule an appointment call 1-800-542-7131.

Help a student: Brenton Netz, a California student planning on attending UAS this fall, needs a place to park his camper van. Anyone able to help should call housing at 465-6528.

Faculty/staff

Jonathan Anderson, Juneau Public Administration, will present "Public Administration and the Meaning of Life," at the Public Administration Theory conference in Leiden Netherlands June 21-23.

Bob Baker, Ketchikan math, has had a paper he presented last August on "The Mathematics Syllabus and Adult Learners," published in Community College Journal of Research and Practice.

Diane Meador, Juneau financial aid, attends the Western Association of Financial Aid Administrators Summer Institute for New Aid Professionals in Boise the week of June 24th.

Barbara Burnett, Juneau financial aid and president of the Alaska Association of Financial Aid Administrators, also attends the Institute for the executive council quarterly meeting. She will be at the Education Assistance Corporation's Advisory Board's meeting in Minneapolis, June 13-15.

Nellie Petkova, Juneau Financial Aid, was married on May 19, and now uses the name Nellie Fluty.

JUNEAU CALENDAR

Friday, June 15

- College Bound Institute awards, noon, Lake Room
- STAR weekend begins, continues through Sunday

Monday, June 18

- Alumni annual meeting, 5:30 p.m., Mi Casa Restaurant.
- ARCTIC second week begins
- Early Childhood Institute second week begins
- Flukes softball, 5:50 p.m. Savikko Park #3
- Summer Session II begins

Wednesday, June 20

- Deadline for Staff Council nominations

Thursday, June 21

- E-mail training, 2 p.m., Whitehead 102

Friday, June 22

- Fidelity Investment workshop, 10:30 a.m. Novatney 102.
- Fidelity personal consultations, all day, Novatney 108

Monday, June 25

- Staff Council election ballots distributed
- Flukes softball, 8:10 p.m., Dimond Park #1

Thursday, June 28

- Farewell brunch for Iris Cortes, 10 a.m. Mourant Student Lounge
- Bookstore closed for inventory

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Juneau regent appointed

Marlene Johnson of Juneau has been appointed to the Board of Regents by Governor Tony Knowles. Johnson, born and raised in Hoonah, was a founding board member of Sealaska Corporation and served as chair from 1982-92. She has been active in Huna Totem Corp, Tlingit and Haida Central Council, Rural CAP and was named Citizen of the Year by AFN in 1995. Regent Elsa Froehlich Demeksa, who was appointed to the board in 1997, is also from Juneau.

Regents

The summary of actions taken at the June 7-8 Board of Regents' meeting is available under "Minutes" at www.alaska.edu/bor Also on the web site are updated lists of regents and committee assignments.

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