



The Lip Biting is Over!

The MAT graduates received their degrees over the weekend. The ceremony had several touching moments during which speakers shared stories of tense moments and thoughts of despair, but mostly of the bonding of friends and the confidence to move forward. Another touching moment was when Mary Bowen, who is retiring at the end of July, was given flowers as her "certificate of graduation and appreciation."



From Student to Mentor

Kolene James, formerly of records and registration, is replacing Janice Jackson as the new Native & Rural Student Center coordinator. "I wanted to continue building on the solid foundation that the students, faculty, staff, Juneau community and Janice Jackson helped form," said Kolene. "The students of UAS have been so awesome in their participation both on and off campus. I plan to continue what we have already started and pursue new activities that continue to bring students and the Juneau community together."

Kolene has many new ideas, including working with students to raise an Eagle totem "so that we have balance with both representations of the Raven and Eagle clans here in Southeast Alaska," she said.



Kolene James, Native & Rural Student Center coordinator

Staff Council Nominations

Nominations for all UAS Staff Council positions are being accepted through Friday July 11th for its annual elections. Positions include: President, Vice-President, Secretary and Members-At-Large from Sitka, Ketchikan & Juneau. To nominate oneself, e-mail a brief letter-of-intent and a one-paragraph bio-statement to: robert.sewel@uas.alaska.edu.

Health Science Providing Workforce Development

UAS Health Sciences has received a grant in the amount of \$67,000 from the Alaska Dept. of Labor and Workforce Development to pay tuition, fees and books for selected "youth students" enrolled in the Certified Nurse Aide Training, and related coursework. The grant applies to students in both Juneau and Sitka.

PINs for UA Online

If you need a PIN reset for access to your UA Online account, you can contact either Nancy Woods (6507) or Barbara Gillespie (6479) in the payroll office.



King of the Hill

Shontay Delalue King has accepted the position of Director of Admissions and replaced Bill Stenberg as of June 21st. Bill has accepted a position at The Franciscan University in Clinton, Iowa. For the past year, Shontay was the Academic Advisor and Coordinator of the Dual Enrollment Program. She came to UAS from the University of Maine where she was Assistance Director of Admissions and Coordinator of African, Latino, Asian, and Native American Recruitment. Shontay received her Bachelor's in Communication and her Master's in Education, both from the University of Maine, Orono, in 2000 in 2003 respectively.

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"Admissions is really the front door of UAS. We have to invite students in and help them transition to their various programs, and get them resources that they need on campus," said Shontay of her role as Admissions Director. "One of the first things I want to do is help the campus community understand the role of admissions and how crucial it is to the whole operation of the University."

What excites Shontay most about her new position is getting the word out about the variety of options available for students. "Whether it is a first year student looking for that first class toward a Bachelor's degree, or whether it is a student who is going to excel in the technology or career fields, such as automotive and diesel, or whether it is a Bachelor's graduate wishing to enter the Master's in Teaching; it's my job to help people understand what UAS has to offer. We have a great location and great academic programs."

Vision Plan Network Doctors

All regular faculty and staff employees will move over to the new VSP vision plan beginning July 1, 2004. After that date, vision claims should be submitted to VSP and not to Blue Cross. For information, go to their website at www.vsp.com

Here are the VSP network doctors for UAS:

Juneau: Robert Breffeilh, Gordon Preecs, Jill Geering, James Matson, Forrest Messerschmidt, Christine Tasso, Michael Bennett.

Ketchikan: Robert Breffeilh, Gordon Preecs, Erik Christianson, Rick Swearingen.

Sitka: Wayne Hagerman.

New Tandem Kayak at the SAC

The SAC announces the acquisition of a new tandem kayak. The Wilderness Northstar is the new two-person ocean kayak with plenty of storage, larger cockpits, excellent stability. There are excellent rental rates for all your kayaking, camping and outdoor activities with special lunchtime rates available. Contact Toby at 465-1220 for more information.

Faculty and Staff

Lawrence Lee Oldaker, emeritus professor of education and chair of the Alaska Professional Teaching Practices Commission, participated at the 76th annual conference of National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, June 6-9, 2004. Lawrence will also present another unrecorded historical civil rights paper questioning the efficacy of a planned federal action, "Are We To Discard the 'Suitable' (Racially Integrated) Military Dependent Schools on the Fiftieth Anniversary of Brown?," at the 22nd annual meeting of the Standing Conference on Organizational Symbolism, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada on June 7-10, 2004.

Rhonda Hickok and **Joe Nelson** recently attended the 17th International Conference on The First-Year Experience. Studies have shown that in the 1st year, students develop attitudes and beliefs that stay with them. This makes the 1st year one of the most critical years the university has on influencing positive behaviors

Chris Washko is the new Residence Hall Coordinator for Housing. He will be in Banfield Hall beginning July 1st. He is coming from Galena, where he served as the Residence Life Manager.

Elise Tomlinson newest oil paintings will be on exhibit at the Friendly Planet's Loft Gallery (next to the Silverbow on 4th St.) for the month of July, with an opening reception held during First Friday on July 2nd from 4:30 - 7:30 PM. The opening is free to the public and everyone is invited to attend. Live music from 5:00 - 7:00 PM.

A preview of the work can be seen on Elise's "Works in Progress" gallery at: www.elisetomlinson.com/in_progress.html

Employee Anniversaries – June

Kristi Allen, 3 years; Sara Caldwell, 2 years; Jeri Cary, 8 years; Jan Crichton-Anderson, 26 years; Julia Guthrie, 11 years; Brendan Kelly, 22 years; Shirley Kaltenbach, 4 years; Paul Kraft, 3 years; John Pugh, 17 years; Matt Olsen, 3 years; Alicia Ristau, 2 years; Lillian Sinnhuber, 1 year; Steve Tada, 8 years; Lynn Uhl, 2 years.

Ketchikan: The goal of the Fisheries Technology program, which was passed at the Board of Regent's meeting held in Sitka on April 15-16, is to develop well-rounded fisheries technicians with an emphasis on practical skills as well as academic knowledge of fish and invertebrate culture, fisheries habitat analysis, fish stock assessment and wild stock management.

UAS Ketchikan Assistant Professor of Fisheries Technology Kate Sullivan says the program is unique in the state. "This 2-year programs provides hands-on training for students for jobs that directly assist in the management of the varied fishing industries in our state. Students have had to go south for this training in the past," Sullivan says.

Sitka: Marnie Chapman, Sitka Biology Faculty, attended the 18th Annual Human Anatomy and Physiology Society Conference in Calgary Alberta on June 12-17th. Last year Marnie was appointed to the Curriculum Committee Task Force, which is revising the HAPS Course Guidelines to better reflect changes in teaching technologies. It is the most authoritative document for faculty teaching this topic in the United States and Canada.

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