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University of Alaska Southeast Faculty and Staff Newsletter

Teacher Education Programs Accredited

The Unit Accreditation Board of the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education met the second week in March 2005 and voted to grant national accreditation to University of Alaska Southeast teacher education programs. While this is no surprise in light of the recommendation of the site visit team last October, the UAB decision brings the efforts at initial accreditation to success and closure.

Congratulations to all participants in the accreditation process and to the many stakeholders.

Women in Sports Talk

HoopTime and the University of Alaska Southeast are proud to present Two-Time All American Collegiate Women's Basketball Player and University of Alaska Fairbanks Women's Basketball Head Coach Lynne Andrew speaking on Women in Sports and Title IX from noon until 1 p.m. Thursday, April 21, in the Mourant Lake Room. UAS students, faculty and staff are invited to attend. No host lunch. No admission fee, but reservations requested. Call the UAS Development office at 465-2848 or email rsvp@uas.alaska.edu.

UAS MBA Program Seeks Applicants

The UAS MBA program is currently accepting applications for admissions for the Fall 2005 cohort. This entering cohort will be the inaugural group to participate in the UAS online MBA program following its restructuring to respond to current trends in Alaska's economy and projected managerial needs of Alaska business. Designed as a specialized MBA in Service Management, the program focuses on high demand and high growth industry sectors, (retail management, health industry management, and leisure and hospitality management), which account for roughly 60 percent of projected job growth in Alaska over the next decade. The program is designed mainly for participants who have several years of managerial experience, although outstanding applicants will always be considered even if their background is different. The deadline for applications for Fall 2005 admission is May 1, 2005. Early application is encouraged. Exceptional applicants may be granted early admission.

Alumni Golf Tournament and Cruise

UAS Alumni & Friend's Gustavus Golf Tournament will be held from 9:30 a.m. until 8:30 p.m. Sunday, May 22. The cost is \$125 for current Alumni Association members. Join Alumni Association members as they take an Allen Marine charter from Auke Bay to Gustavus for an 18-hole golf tournament and a day of fun. Great prizes will be awarded, including Alaska Airlines West Coast Travel Vouchers. There are opportunities available for corporate sponsorships and teams. Call 465-2848 or email development@uas.alaska.edu for more information.

Retirement workshop April 20

A representative of Lincoln Life, one of the University of Alaska's vendors for the pension plan and optional retirement plan, will be in Juneau Wednesday, April 20 to meet with campus employees. Phil Younker Sr. of Younker and Associates of Fairbanks will do retirement workshops at the Juneau campus at 10 a.m. in Egan 113, and again at 12:15 p.m. in Egan 109. Younker will also be available for individual appointments before and after the workshops. Feel free to drop in, or to arrange an appointment in advance call 1-800-478-6393.

Pillars of American Freedom Series

UAS Student Government and Wells Fargo Home Mortgage is co-sponsoring the Pillars of America Freedom Series and luncheon with speaker Ret. Navy Cmdr. Scott Waddle. The luncheon is April 20 at 11:30 in Centennial Hall; tickets are available at Hearthside Books. Cmdr. Waddle was the nuclear submarine commander that surfaced his submarine and hit a Japanese fishing vessel, which killed several students. His talk focuses on "Doing the Right Thing".

BBQin' and Dancin' on the Menu

The "Year End BBQ" will begin at 3 p.m. Friday, April 29, in the Mourant Courtyard. The Faculty, Student and Club of the Year will be announced. There will be games, BBQ, Sumo wrestling, and music, so stop on by. A Moulin Rouge Dance, the last dance of the year, will be held later in the evening, beginning at 9 p.m. at the Student Activities Center.

UAS Blood Drive

UAS is hosting a Blood Drive on Tuesday, April 19 in the Lake Room. Please RSVP to reserve a time slot. Time slots begin at 9 a.m. and continue until 4 p.m. Be sure to eat a good meal prior to donating. For more information contact Anna-Mariah at 465-6528.



UAS Theatre

UAS Theatre presents *Landscape of the Body* by John Guare, a play produced by University of Alaska Southeast and Perseverance Theatre. The production runs from Thursday, April 14 to Saturday, April 16, beginning each evening at 8 p.m. in room 113 of the UAS Hendrickson Building. *Landscape of the Body*, a bizarre murder mystery that reveals a startling portrait of the American Dream gone awry, is performed by students of the University of Alaska Southeast. Cost: Pay-What-You-Can.

Century Mark for Health Services

UAS Health Sciences is happy to announce that the 100th Health Sciences student was admitted during March, and that 16 of those admitted are Native students. To date, there have been 63 admissions to the Certificate in Pre-Nursing Qualifications and 38 to the AAS in Health Sciences. To learn more about the program, visit: <http://www.uas.alaska.edu/healthscience>.

Faculty and Staff

Wayne Houtcooper, Ph.D. participated in the Pacific Rim Forum 2005 as part of the CrossSound, Inc. concert schedule in the RevillaLegato Ensemble performing "*The Raven Suite*" featuring Fred Ho.

Jan Straley will be attending an invitational workshop on The Ecological Role of Killer Whales in the North Pacific Ocean April 19 to 21, 2005 in Seattle, Wash. The workshop is sponsored by the Marine Mammal Commission.

Professor of Anthropology and Sociology **Dr. Priscilla Schulte** has been invited to teach a course as part of the 2005 National Chautaugua Short Course Program. The program is geared toward college teachers as part of the Faculty Development Program of the University of Pittsburgh, Council of Chautauqua Field Centers, which is supported by the National Science Foundation Division of Undergraduate Education.

Dr. Schulte will also teach Alaska Native Cultures of Southeast Alaska from May 23 to 26. The course focuses on a study of the archaeology and ethnography of Southern Southeast Alaska. For more information about or registration for this course, contact Priscilla Schulte at (907) 228-4545.

Matt Heavner presented the poster "New Acoustic Methods Developed for Improved Management of Southeast Alaska Bats" at the Western Bat Working Group in Portland, Ore. held March 30 to April 2, 2005. The paper reported on work done with **Edwin Knuth** (ENVS student) and **Michael Glista** (2004 REU student).

Eran Hood presented work done in collaboration with **Matt Heavner** in "Mountain climate and snowpack data acquisition using a wireless network in Southeast Alaska" at the 2005 meeting of The Association of American Geographers, held April 5 to 9, 2005, in Denver, Colo.

Dominic Shallies, an ENVS student, presented his work with **Eran Hood** and **Edwin Knuth** (ENVS student) at the Western Snow Conference in a poster "Testing the Crocus Snow Model in a High-Latitude Maritime Snow Climate Using Remotely Collected Data" held April 11 to 14, 2005 in Great Falls, Mont.

Emily Wall had **Andrea Trincado** (former UAS student) and **Scott Foster** (former UAS information officer) "visit" her web-based, distance Advanced Composition course to talk about their experiences as professional writers. Both of them logged onto her "Blackboard" site and answered student questions about writing and offered advice about publishing non-fiction in Alaska.

Three UAS students placed at the UAA "They Came, They Saw, They Conquered" competition. **Rikki Gelston**, a PITAS student, placed third in Oratory; **Rose Natkong**, a Woonch.Een student, placed second in Storytelling and third in Language; and **Lyle James**, a Woonch.Een student, placed first in Language, third in Storytelling, and third in Dramatic Declamation.

Geology 301 Geomorphology students **Daniel Bleidorn**, **Yvonne Hakkinen**, **Michael Hekkers**, **Penny McClain** and **Carol Thilenius**, traveled to Sitka April 10 to 11 with support of a UAS Student Government travel grant and Alaska Space Grant funds for a field excursion to Kruzof Island to study volcanic and coastal landscape features. The UAS students joined with faculty and students in **Kitty Labounty's** Alaska Naturalist course and another course in digital photography. **Polly Bass**, a science faculty from Sheldon Jackson College and the Juneau Icefield Research program, also joined the excursion. UAS natural science faculty **Marnie Chapman** and **Cathy Connor** talked about intertidal biology and geology.

March Anniversaries

Linda Blefgen, 2 years; Michael Ciri, 19 years; Rebecca Fitzpatrick, 4 years; Ivan Hazelton, 12 years; Andy Holt, 4 years; Randall Nutting, 8 years; Marsha Squires, 2 years.

New Hires

Lavina Jack has been hired as a fiscal technician I in the Business Office.

Levie Cumlat has been hired as a Crafts & Trades II in Facilities Services.

Valiantsina "Valentena" Jimmerson is the new temporary administrative assistant at the School of Business front desk position.

Employee Assistance Program

Don't forget the Employee Assistance Program is only a phone call away, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. For counseling services for employees and their families call Magellan Behavioral Health at (800) 478-2812. You and your eligible dependents can receive up to six visits to a counselor per incident or issue free of charge.

Ketchikan Events

UAS Ketchikan Campus Library held a book sale April 7 and 8 to prepare for the upcoming remodel of the Ziegler and Paul buildings. The book sale made over \$1,000 for the Friends of the Library Association in Ketchikan. Books continue to be weeded from the collection and will be on sale until the library is packed up after finals week.

UAS Ketchikan hosted a Networking Summit followed by an ITS quarterly meeting April 7 to 9, 2005. The Networking Summit focused on distance delivery methods for the four levels of networking courses that are offered statewide. Specifically, discussion centered on sharing resources and the co-delivery of courses. Twenty five representatives from all over the UA system attended the summit. The second meeting was a statewide meeting of the University of Alaska Information Technology Services (ITS) State-wide Committee. The ITS Committee meets each semester at different university campuses to collaborate with faculty teaching similar courses as well as to solicit feedback from local employers. At this meeting, the Ketchikan Job Service, Ketchikan General Hospital, Ketchikan Public Utilities, Cape Fox Corporation and the US Coast Guard participated in an employer panel which will help evaluate technology training needs currently and in the near future at the University.



CIOS Faculty Rick McDonald shares a laugh with Cisco Academy Global Field Quality Assurance Manager Jackie Barker



Krissy Smith, AEYC-SEA's Family Child Care Provider of the Year

Sitka Events

On March 18, 2005, the Association for the Education of Young Children-Southeast Alaska chapter presented the Family Child Care Provider of the Year Award to Wrangell's Krissy Smith (known at UAS as Kimmie) of Krissy's Playland. Krissy, AEYC-SEA's Family Child Care Provider of the Year, represents an amazing example of the profession of family child care in her community. Not only does she inspire and challenge other educators, but she is involved with parents as well. She began her career in 1997 by opening a home childcare. In just eight years, totally through distance delivery methods in her "spare time," this Family Child Care Provider of the Year obtained her Child Development Associate credential, her Associate of Arts Degree in Early Childhood Education, and is close to completing her Bachelor of Liberal Arts through UAS.