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UAS Ketchikan Successful Shipyard Training Program to Expand

The federally funded Alaska Shipyard System for Education and Training project continues its record-breaking success. With training and education programs provided by UAS Ketchikan, the Ketchikan Shipyard now qualifies to bid on more State and Federal projects. The latest, awarded in conjunction with Lockheed Martin, is a special Navy project to build a prototype landing craft for the Anchorage Port Authority that will run from Anchorage to Point McKinsey.

Many of the Shipyard employees have been promoted or received raises as a result of their training from UAS. The Shipyard has had no layoffs in the past 18 months and expects to grow to in excess of 300 employees. The success of the Ketchikan Shipyard is attributed to the support of Sen. Ted Stevens and the education and training provided by UAS Ketchikan.

UAS is currently working on establishing another apprenticeship program, the Marine Production Specialist, to train students in every production aspect at the shipyard. This will be a registered program with the U.S. Department of Labor. A Title III grant has been approved to fund the program.

Juneau Enrollment Day a Success

The second Enrollment Day, which was held on Aug. 3, exceeded staff expectations and numbers of students registered from the June 20th event. E-Day is a way of streamlining the admissions process for local students. "We assisted 40 students yesterday and registered 38," said Karen Donovan, who recently replaced Lori Klein as Student Resource Center Director. "The success is attributed to the collective talents of the Records team, the Help Desk team, Financial Aid, Career Education representative, Student Ambassadors, Admissions, Enrollment, Student Resource Center, Student Housing and the Learning Center."



A special mention went to new Learning Center manager John Bilderbeck, Vicki Orazem and staff who administered placement tests over a 14-hour period, while overcoming technical issues (on the Compass end) of the placement testing mechanism. "They put in a 14-hour day to ensure placement testing got done," said Donovan. "And it was only John's third day of employment at UAS!"

Special thanks went to Demma, Becky, Claudia and Trisha for staying past 9 p.m. to ensure all the students were assisted.

Cody, Makin' Students Count!

Cody Bennett presents his Make Students Count Award. The plaque is awarded to members of the UA-wide staff who is best able to teach students to count. Correction, the award goes to the staff member who most consistently meets students' needs and demonstrates extra effort in assisting students.

Cody was honored by President Hamilton at the recent Board of Regents meeting in Fairbanks. The IT Services staff also honored Cody's achievement with a staff reception. Only two staff members through out the UA system are awarded annually, so this truly is a special honor!



The Few, the Proud, the REU Students



Nine students were selected from a pool of 104 to conduct research with UAS biology faculty. The opportunity attracted applicants from Delaware to Alaska. The students are funded by a grant from the National Science Foundation's Research Experiences for Undergraduates in marine biology. Mentors include Brendan Kelly, Beth Mathews, Ginny Eckert, Matt Kirchhoff (ADF&G), David Tallmon, Matt Heavner, Nicola Hillgruber, and Chris Siddon. During the 10-week intensive program students will conduct field and laboratory research on a wide range of topics including ringed seals in the arctic, larval dispersal, intertidal recolonization by *Nucella* snails, bioacoustic monitoring of harbor porpoise, distribution of marbled murrelets, intraspecific competition in chum salmon, and the bioacoustics of bats.

The students will present the results of their research during a seminar from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. on Thurs., Aug. 11 in the Egan Lecture Hall. Schedule on page 2.

For more information on the NSF, REU program visit <http://www.jun.alaska.edu/uas/biology/projectswithapp.htm>.

Student Research Seminar

Research Experiences for Undergraduates in Marine Biology at UAS

Thursday, August 11, 2005, 9:30AM to 3:30PM, Egan Lecture Hall

9:30AM	Introduction and Welcome	Dr. Brendan Kelly
9:45AM	Nightly foraging patterns of bats on Prince of Wales Island, Alaska	Liz Mallott
10:10AM	Does size matter?	Laurinda Marcello
10:35AM	Influence of environmental factors on harbor porpoise distribution in Auke Bay, Alaska	Jennifer Saulus
11:00AM	Coffee Break	
11:30AM	Photo-indentification of harbor porpoises (poster)	Jennifer Scott
11:45AM	Methods for collecting juvenile dungeness crabs in Southeast Alaska	Dani Morgan
12:10PM	Growth and distribution of juvenile dungeness crabs around Juneau, Alaska	Mistee Vinzant
12:35PM	Lunch Break	
2:00PM	Imposex and survival of an intertidal snail in Auke Bay, Alaska	Teagan Ward
2:25PM	Inferences from fish-holding behavior of marbled murrelets in Southeast Alaska	Chris Millow

Faculty and Staff

Lawrence Lee Oldaker, emeritus professor of education, presented "Up Close and Personal: Three States' Program Approval" at the annual convention of the National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification (NASDTEC), San Antonio, Texas, June 6, 2005. He also presented "State Legislative Excess: Cornucopia of Ideas or Barrier to Improvement," a paper on education law and public policy at The Oxford Round Table, St. Anne's College in the University of Oxford, Oxford, England, July 10-15, 2005.

Jim McCauley recently joined the Alaska Training/Technical Assistance Center (ATTAC) team as an Environmental Trainer and assistant professor for the Environmental Technology Department at UAS. He moved to Sitka from Olympia, Washington where he worked as the Surface Water Specialist/Regional Engineer for the Washington Department of Health. Jim has been a professional engineer since 1984.

Assistant Professor of Business **Tim Ewest** of Ketchikan successfully completed an eight-week Six Sigma quality management discipline course.

Elise Tomlinson's paintings will be on exhibit at the Heritage Coffee on Second St., across from Wells Fargo Bank, for the month of Aug. The Show includes 10 new paintings.

Save the Date for the Rec. Center Grand Opening

The Charles Gamble Jr. - Donald Sperl Joint Use Facility will celebrate its Grand Opening on Sept. 10th with activities planned from 1 to 4 p.m. and a ribbon cutting to be held at 2 p.m. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

Jocks Needed

Players are needed for the faculty and staff vs. student co-ed basketball game, which will take place on Tues., Aug. 30th from 7-9 p.m.

Flag football players are also needed for the following dates:

Sept. 18 & 25th from 1-3 p.m.

Oct. 2 & 9th from 1-3p.m.

Sept. 15th for the big Non-Homecoming game at Adair-Kennedy Field.

Contact Deb Twemlow at 796 - 6545 if you are interested.



Photo: Bonnie Elsensohn

Sitka

Farewell Potluck for Dave Felland

UAS Sitka Campus held a Farewell Potluck for Dave Felland who returned to the Midwest. The attendees were sparse, due to many people being off contract, but the table was laden with a delicious assortment of goodies to tempt those on hand. New hires Annette McConnell, Jim McCauley, Glenda Rice, and Celeste Kanzig had an opportunity to meet some of their fellow workers.

The UAS Holiday Closure Schedule

Dec. 23, 26, 27 are paid holidays.

Dec. 28, 29, 30 are annual leave or leave without pay

Jan. 2, 3 are paid holidays

Chancellor Pugh has asked supervisors to try to accommodate employees wishing to take additional leave time.

IT Factoid of the Month

As of July 30th, 2,421,942 messages were received from outside UAS in 2005. 70% or 1,691,336 of those messages were identified as spam. 30% or 730,606 of those messages were "good" email.

Progress on Behavioral Health Certificate

UAS Health Sciences recently presented to the Alaska Behavioral Health Initiative Review Committee information on FY 05 progress and the FY 06 plan for the coming Residential Services Training Program (RSTP). To view progress and the year ahead, visit our website at: <http://www.uas.alaska.edu/healthscience/programs/CBHTplan.htm>.

New Staff

John Bilderbeck, manager of the Learning Center.

Jon Bower, lab manager for the geology and GIS programs.

Lily Chenhall, instructional technician on the Ketchikan campus.

Lana Clark, library assistant in the Egan Library.

Tara Connolly-Prosser, instructional technician, Ketchikan campus.

Candace Conwell, financial aid technician.

Karen Donovan, Director of the Student Resource Center.

Dan Garcia, health and safety manager in Facilities Services.

Gina Gonzales, custodian in Facilities Services.

Heather Hadley, administrative assistant in the Center for Teacher Education.

Jodi Harris, grants coordinator in Administrative Services.

Tekla Helgason, administrative assistant on the Ketchikan campus.

Naomi Hooley, financial technician in the Business Office.

Valiantsina Jimmerson, administrative assistant in the School of Business and Public Administration.

Celeste Kansig, fiscal technician, Sitka campus

Wayne Maston, cook in Food Service.

Annette McConnell, fiscal technician, Sitka campus.

Phil Paramore, assistant manager of Recreation Center.

Glenda Rice, purchasing technician, Sitka campus.

New Faculty

Deborah Barnett, assistant professor of Biology on the Sitka campus.

Mariah Coe, assistant professor Psychology.

Kathy DiLorenzo, assistant professor of Public Administration.

Richard Dauenhauer, President's professor of Native Language and Culture.

Jil Dumisnel, assistant professor of Mathematics.

Chuck Greeson, assistant professor of CIOS-Programming.

Tim Kochanski, assistant professor of Economics.

Sarah McFarland, assistant professor English.

Diane Mille, assistant professor of Health Sciences on the Sitka campus.

Sanjay Pyare, assistant professor of Geographic Information Systems.

Thomas Regele, assistant professor of Spanish.

Anselm Staak, assistant professor of Accounting.

July Anniversaries

Susan Barlow, 9 years; Julio Bevegni, 11 years; Ulysses Bohulano, 6 years; Christina Bradley, 23 years; Barbara Burnett, 22 years; Roxy Felkl, 9 years; Marsha Gladhart, 1 year; Kim Stewart Greinier, 2 years; Delores Graver, 3 years; Carol Griffin, 24 years; Carol Hedlin, 21 years; Lynne Johnson, 6 years; Anna-Mariah Kelly, 3 years; Rod Landis, 10 years; Elizabeth Mathews, 8 years; Carol Prentice, 2 years; Judith Regan, 21 years; Brooke Schafer, 2 years; Lynn Shepherd, 5 years; Valerie Stearns, 13 years; David Walker, 5 years; Bernice Tetpon, 1 year; Alison Caputo, 1 year.



The UAS Fourth of July float, "Spouting Off," took two second-place awards in the Juneau 4th of July Parade, in the categories of Best Use of Theme and Most Alaskan. The Float also won "Most Creative" in the Douglas Parade. The 10 ft tall by 16 ft wide whale's tail was made of wood, chicken wire and paper mache. The planning, creation and marching crews consisted of students, faculty and staff from almost every department on campus. There were more than 20 walkers who accompanied the float through the parade route. The walkers wore shirts with a logo commemorating the University's 50-year anniversary on the front and a book title from the most 100 most controversial books list on the back.