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University of Alaska Southeast Faculty & Staff Newsletter

March 19, 2007

UAS Helps Alaska's Middle, High School Students Gain the EDGE

The Experiential Discoveries in Geoscience Education project is an initiative of UAS faculty to help Alaska's middle and high school teachers design exciting curriculum that will help students meet the state's Earth science performance standards. The project is funded by the National Science Foundation.



On Friday, March 16th the EDGE cohort of 14 teachers and 18 students gathered in the UAS Egan Classroom Wing for a science symposium that showcased the student GIS-based projects. The following day, the high school students participated in the Southeast Alaska Regional Science Fair at UAS Egan Library.

Those events were the culmination of a year-long series of workshops, courses, and projects. EDGE participants learned research methodology and took fieldtrips to the Mendenhall Glacier and rafting trips down the Mendenhall River to apply what they learned.

The EDGE program was organized by UAS Associate Professor of Geology and Environmental Science Cathy Connor, UAS Research Assistant Professor of Environmental Science Sonia Nagorski, UAS Assistant Professor of Physics and Astronomy Rosemary Walling, UAS Education Professor Marla Brownlee, and UAF Associate Professor of Geology Anupma Prakash.

Applications for a new cohort of EDGE teachers and students is currently being solicited for the 2007-2008 iteration of this program. Interested teachers can contact .

All of Our Featured Stories

Spring Dinner and Auction

UAS Alumni & Friends Spring Dinner and Auction on April 6!

The UAS Alumni & Friends Spring Dinner and Auction takes place on Friday, April 6 in the Egan Library. Come to campus for the Alumni Association's largest event of the year, raising money for student scholarships and other alumni programming.

Tickets are only \$30 per person and include dinner. Seating is limited.

6:00 pm - Reception & No-Host Bar

7:00 pm - Dinner

8:00 pm - Auction and Door Prizes

Featuring the following fabulous items:

- 7-Day Princess Cruise for 2 to Mexico or the Caribbean
- 2 Alaska Airlines travel vouchers (good anywhere Alaska Airlines flies)
- 1-week stay in a Hawaiian condo
- 1-week stay in home on golf course (2 hours N of Las Vegas in St. George, Utah)

For tickets or more info contact the Alumni Office at 796-6569 or alumni@uas.alaska.edu

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The UAS Diesel Department signed an articulation agreement with the International Union of Operating Engineers Local 302. Signing for the Union was Betty J. Dibble of the Alaska Operating Engineers /Employers Training Trust and for the University was Kristy Smith, UAS Career Education Administrative Manager.

The agreement will allow students to enter into the union's apprenticeship program after completing a 28-credit occupational endorsement.

Anyone wanting information on the new program should contact Chuck Craig at 907-796-6129, email chuck.craig@uas.alaska.edu or Mike Bell at 907- 796-6129, email mike.bell@uas.akaska.edu.

March anniversaries

Dyan Bessette, 1 year; Linda Blefgen, 4 years; Michael Ciri, 21 years; Levie Cumlat, 2 years; Ivan Hazelton, 14 years; Andy Holt, 6 years; Lavina Jack, 2 years; Wendy Karchut, 1 year; Robert Love, 1 year; Randall Nutting, 10 years; Gaby Pfaff, 1 year; Marsha Squires, 4 years.

New hires

Tamara Rice, administrative generalist, School of Education.

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.

Investment workshops scheduled

Lincoln Life representative Chris Keyes will be on the Juneau campus to give individual investment advice for employees concerning their pension, optional retirement plan, or tax-deferred annuity investments. He will be available from 8-5 on March 26 in Egan 115 and March 27 in Egan 116.

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1. The Edison Project- Marketing compact fluorescent light bulbs across Alaska.
 2. School of Management Alumni & Friends- Developing a chapter dedicated to SOM students and alumni.
 3. UAS Retail- Developing a project to help to grow UAS branded apparel & merchandise sales. ♦
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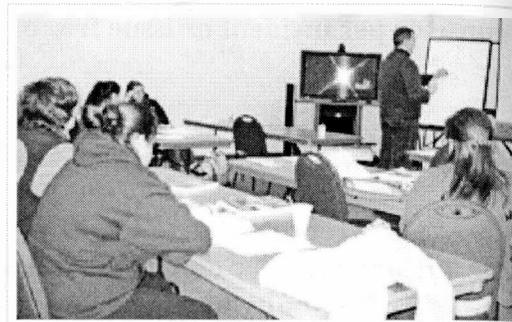
UAS Production Services has produced a catalog of over 80 DVDs of the lectures and events offered on campus. Every production is posted online as it is completed at www.uas.alaska.edu/media/productions.

Each video can be watched, free of charge, via the Real Streaming links on the website, and DVDs can be purchased from the UAS Bookstore for \$7.50 each.

SITKA

Sitka hospitality training program March 12-17

The Alaska Hospitality Alliance, in partnership with the Sitka Education Consortium and UAS, Sitka Campus, conducted a one-week intensive hospitality training program March 12-17. The course taught an introductory curriculum, giving students real-world knowledge and skills needed for a career in the lodging industry. It also taught soft skills such as guest service, professionalism and career exploration.



Sitka Wellness Campaign

A potluck luncheon of healthy foods brought out new recruits for the new Wellness Campaign at UAS Sitka Campus.

Following up on the successful "Walk Off the Holidays" where participants logged a total of 10,807,469 steps, the wellness committee hopes to do even better this spring when walking will be a bit more attractive. This program got underway March 5 and lasts until the week of May 7. It will include walking breaks, nutrition brown bags, office yoga and a weekend walking club.



Faculty and Staff

The latest news of our Faculty and Staff.

Jonathan Anderson was the opening presenter at the Anti-Essentialism in Public Administration Conference on March 2-3 in Ft. Lauderdale, sponsored by Florida Atlantic University. Jonathan's paper was "Innocence, Blame and Accountability: Avoidance and Sense-making in Public Administration"

Jason Ohler served as keynote speaker for the Illinois' state-wide educational technology conference. His presentation was titled, "Then What? The past, present and future of educational technology" and was followed by three sectionals about literacy, digital storytelling and student new media production.

Hayes a Finalist for Kiriya Prize

Ernestine Hayes is a finalist for The Kiriya Prize for Nonfiction for "Blonde Indian: An Alaska Native Memoir".

The Kiriya Prize was established in 1996 to recognize outstanding books about the Pacific Rim and South Asia that encourage greater mutual understanding of and among the peoples and nations of this vast and culturally diverse region. The Prize consists of a cash award of \$30,000, which is split equally between the fiction and nonfiction winners.

Karen Mitchell to Speak at National Convention

The Conference on College Composition and Communication (CCCC) is pleased to announce that former UAS adjunct, Karen Mitchell, will be speaking at the 2007 CCCC Annual Convention.

Mitchell, of Miami University of Ohio, will be presenting during the session, "Many Voices, One Work: Multigenre Texts and the Construction of Identity." Mitchell's presentation is titled "Skipping Stones: Theorizing Identity in Multigenre Works." This session presents possibilities for multi-genre theory, construction of multi-genre autoethnographies by first-year writers, and use of such texts to explore African American identity through performance.

The session will be held from 9:30 AM to 10:45 AM on Friday, March 23, 2007.

Each year the CCCC Convention draws college faculty members from around the world. They gather to hear award-winning keynote speakers, attend presentations by colleagues on the latest innovations in education, and network to gain knowledge of best practices in the field. The 2007 CCCC Convention will be held March 21–24, 2007, in New York, New York.

For more information, or to register for the Convention, visit <http://www.ncte.org/cccc/conv/>.

Juneau Business Roundtable on Climate Change

Saturday, April 21st from 9am – 3:30pm at Eaglecrest Ski Area

Keynote speaker:

Auden Schendler, Aspen Ski Company

Managing Director, Community & Environmental Responsibility

Sponsors:

Jeanne A. Williams

AEL&P

Juneau Economic Development Council

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