



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.

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 that taught the participants research methodology. Students took fieldtrips to the Mendenhall Glacier and rafting trips down the Mendenhall River to apply what they learned in the classroom.

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.



Hatfield-Evans Receives First Student Employee of the Month Award

To recognize the value and reliance that UAS places on student workers, UAS created the Student Employee of the Month award. The employees are nominated by supervisors and selected by a panel that crosses departments. The first award went to Nathan Hatfield-Evans, a student assistant for the IT Department on January 30.

Chancellor John Pugh presented Nathan with a framed certificate during a ceremony in the Lake Room. As part of his award, Nathan also received a \$50 gift certificate that can be used in the Mourant Cafeteria or the UAS Bookstore.

Sitka hospitality training program



The Alaska Hospitality Alliance, in partnership with the Sitka Education Consortium and UAS, conducted a one-week intensive hospitality training program from March 12th through the 17th. The course was designed with hospitality professionals to give students real-world knowledge and skills needed to enter a career in the lodging industry. It also taught soft skills such as guest service, professionalism and career exploration.

Learning Language by Creating Multimedia



Alaskan Learners gathered at UAS on Feb 17 and 18 to participate in a Language Teachers Technology Workshop, which was organized by Sealaska Heritage Institute, Juneau School District, and the University of Alaska Southeast.

Twenty-two participants, ranging in age from 20 to 80-years old, learned to program interactive computer games that will help users learn four Alaskan languages: Tlingit, Haida, Unangam Tunuu (Aleut), and Deg Xinag Athabascan. Students incorporated audio, images, and the text of both their target language and English. The first person to get their program working was 65-years old.

The 14-hour workshop brought together students from four UAS courses and many visitors including: Ben Young, Lance Twitchell, Jessica Chester, Linda Belarde, Jordan Lachler, Josie Shangin, Hans Chester, Mary Foletti, Ray Imel, Alice Taff, and Linda Schrack, Nora Dauenhauer and Lance Twitchell.

School of Management Congratulates Tony Harbanuk!

Winner of the Fall 2006 UAS Business Plan Competition

Tony Harbnuk is the winner of the Fall 2006 UAS Business Plan Competition for his entry Alaska ImageworX. Tony submitted the business plan for his real-work company. Alaska ImageworX produces fine art photographs of Southeast Alaska's scenery, wildlife, and people as well as multimedia products such as DVDs and digital photo CDs for Southeast's commercial and tourism markets.



College Goal Sunday Events



Financial Aid Director, Barbara Burnett, helps a future college student with the FAFSA.

College bound Southeast high school students came to locations in Juneau and Sitka the Sunday after the Super Bowl to participate in College Goal Sunday. The college preparation event was hosted by the University of Alaska Southeast and the Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education to assist students with the Free Application for Federal Student Aid; commonly known as the FAFSA. Approximately 100 high school students braved the Southeast sun to take advantage of the assistance being offered to complete form that is needed when applying for federal aid. Sitka participants were offered short writing workshops to help students prepare for scholarship application essays.

Financial Aid Director Barbara Burnett worked with the media services staff to create three on-demand financial aid seminars, hosted by Gerry VanBooven of the Northwest Education Loan Association. The three video streams are "Paying for College," "Financial Life 101," and "Winning Scholarship Strategies." They are available on the Financial Aid webpage. It has proved a great resource for students.

Diesel Department and the International Union of Operating Engineers Local 302

The UAS Diesel Department signed an articulation agreement with the International Union of Operating Engineers Local 302. The agreement will allow students to enter into the union's apprenticeship program after completing a 28-credit occupational endorsement. 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.