We are looking for motivated students who are looking toward a career in Mining. This exciting opportunity offers high school seniors and juniors a chance to learn about the industry and advance toward a career with financial help along the way.

In Spring 2015 the University of Alaska Southeast will be offering Introduction to Mining Occupations and Operations. This course will be a face-to-face high school course, taught by our new Director of Mining. This course will also be broadcast from our Juneau campus to our AKLN/Tech Prep students across the state of Alaska. The campus class will be open to all Juneau-Douglas, Thunder Mountain, Yaakoosge, Raven, and Idea students. Full university tuition will be paid for each student. There is no cost to the student.

The AKLN/Tech Prep distance course will be open to interested students in the southeast and across Alaska as a synchronous AKLN course. AKLN course fees and UAS Tech Prep fees will be paid for each of these students. There is no cost to the student or school district.

This opportunity is open to a total of 70 students. Tuition will be covered for 20 local Juneau students (high school or homeschool), 30 distance learning students in southeast Alaska (including Johnson YC), and 20 distance learning students from across the state.

Sounds too good to be true doesn’t it? So what’s the catch?

1. Students must fill out a scholarship application form.
2. Students must fill out a registration form.
3. Students must have parent approval and understand they are creating a college transcript.
4. A counselor, principal, dean, or superintendent must write a letter of recommendation.
5. There must be a school official to oversee class attendance and computer supervision at the school site for those students taking the class as AKLN/Tech Prep.

Class Specifics

1. Introduction to Mining Occupations and Operations – 3 Credits (3 + 0)
2. Dates: January 26th – April 15th
3. Time: 4:15 pm – 6:00 pm
4. Egan 104

The most exciting part of this invitation is this: From this class of 70 students, 12 will be chosen to attend the Mine Academy held June 1, 2014 - June 12, 2014 at the Center for Mine Training on our Juneau campus. The majority of the cost for this two week training, 80%, will be paid by scholarship for these 12 students. Students who don’t have family/friends in the area will be able to stay in campus housing.
for only $22 per night. Transportation to and from class and mine trips will be arranged and paid for as part of the program.

At the Mine Academy students will take their MSHA safety training classes, they will learn maneuvers and driving skills in our simulator, they will have an opportunity to job shadow at a mine, and they will meet with HR personnel. Due to the nature of the class it will be limited to those students who are 18 years of age by June 1, 2015.

Moving forward, and in cooperation with the mines, there are other opportunities for these students.

- Summer internship at the mine.
- Scholarship available for course work toward a degree program.
- Job opportunities.

This program has been successful for UAS and for our students. Students who have started in the Introduction to Mining Occupations and Operations course are now
(1) in our mine/diesel programs with a full tuition scholarship
(2) currently employed at Hecla-Greens Creek and Kensington mines

If you know of a student who you think would benefit from this program, please pass along the attached packet of information. If you have any questions, please feel free to call we are always here to answer your questions.

Please remind students of the deadline, December 5th. All required information must be back to UAS (c/o Kimberly Szczatko), by 5 p.m. on Friday, December 5, 2014.

Thank you for spreading the word to your students.

Sincerely,

Kimberly Szczatko
Tech Prep Regional Coordinator

P.S. I look forward to working directly with each of you.