

News **NOTES**

UAS SITKA CAMPUS

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In Juneau



Student Government Association Students visited with local legislators to lobby for University funding at the 2008 Legislative Affairs Conference. Peggy Wilson invited the students to stop by for a chat.

Safety Training held at Sitka Campus

Supervisors, faculty and staff updated their safety training Tuesday, January 29. Dan Garcia, from the Juneau campus, offered several sessions to accommodate the need for specific safety issues pertinent to each group.



Natural History Seminars

With the closure of Sheldon Jackson College reaching the one year mark, UAS has picked up some of the programs that had been offered through SJ. One of these is the popular Natural History Seminar Series. Kitty LaBounty is spearheading the continuation of these popular free lectures by well known experts on a variety of topics. **The next program, on wolves, is Thursday, February 28.**

Construction Tech Program underway

The condensed "Fishermen's Term" at UAS has worked well for the Construction Technology program.



Cold Climate Coastal Construction was offered in late January and had nine students. Two students completed the course to satisfy requirements for adding a residential endorsement to their general contractor's license. Another student (one of Pat Hughes' from Mt. Edgecumbe) took the course to complete requirements for an occupational endorsement, our very first! Construction II is currently underway with six students. UAS is exploring the feasibility of putting the Cold Climate Construction course on line so students who have completed the other three requirements for the OE can finish it from where ever they live.

Health Sciences

The Sitka campus continues to expand its programs designed to prepare Alaskans for health careers. The FY 09 budget contains a request for a Health Sciences Assistant Professor (CNA/PCA) at the Sitka Campus. This request funds one faculty position to deliver the Personal Care Attendant (PCA) courses at the local level and provide distance-delivery of PCA bridge courses for students who want to obtain a CNA license. Sitka Campus has offered Certified Nurse Aide (CNA) training with adjunct faculty and local nursing staff from SEARHC/Mt. Edgecumbe Hospital, Sitka Pioneer Home, and/or Sitka Community Hospital.

Given steady and increasing demand, two years ago through temporary grant funding the program was expanded to include a full-time faculty. With the demonstrated success of the program, this request replaces the one-time grant funds with on-going funding. It is important to note that legislators have indicated their intention to require credentialing for these positions which will continue increasing demand for consumer directed home health care education.

Faculty Art Show set for March

UAS Sitka Campus art faculty will be showcased from March 6-April 4 in the Atrium on campus. Pottery, drawings, paintings, and silver and wood carvings will be featured. An opening reception will be held Thursday, March 6 from 6-8pm.

Harbor Master courses meeting needs



Three online courses are currently being offered as part of the Career Training for Ports and Marinas: Facility Safety, Marine Structures and Materials, and Oil Spills: Prevention, Preparedness and Response. There are eight more courses to develop in the 11 course sequence. Each non-credit course takes 15-20 hours, with a 3-month time period to complete. Certification will ultimately be granted by professional organizations in this specialized field.

UAS Sitka campus currently has 27 registrations across the three courses. The students hail from Dutch Harbor, Kodiak, Haines and Sitka. Each course costs \$150. More information on this training is available on the UAS website:

http://www.uas.alaska.edu/sitka/coed/ports_marinas.html

or by calling 907-747-7778 (toll free: 1-800-478-6653, ext. 7778).

College Goal Sunday

Staff from UAS Sitka's Student Services were part of the nationwide College Goal Sunday event. Students and their parents attended a "help" session to learn how to apply for college funding through the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).



L to R: Cynthia Rogers (*Student Services Mgr.*); Robin Sullivan (*Academic/Technical Facilitator*); Sandra Burgess (*Advising Assistant*); and Bob Love (*Student Recruitment*).