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CAMPUS INSIGHTS

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A New and Improved HR

For all who have interest in a new, improved Human Resources operation—get ready, we are about to get started. You may have already heard that our new HR transition leader, John Duhamel, is on board. After a brief orientation, he will begin the redesign process.

Together with statewide, UAF plans to establish small teams to evaluate current HR processes and identify those most in need of help or that have the most problems. We will create a short list of the top priority processes, get it approved through our advisory group, and with the help of our consultants, get down to the rewarding work of redesign. This is the fun part, where after some training you actually get to lay out a new process. Our goal for every process will be great service to customers, while keeping ourselves honest so we stay within rules and the law, in the fewest and easiest steps possible. Not so sure that sounds like fun? I think you will be surprised.

Our redesigned HR Website is up. You can access it at www.alaska.edu/hr/ where you will find opportunities to provide ideas, comments and suggestions, or you can read the most recent announcements or review new processes as they are created. Currently suggestions come as e-mail, but we're setting up a web form so comments can be sent without a name attached.

We think you will find these changes will result in a more effective and efficient HR function.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

UAF is launching a national search for a new director of CES. Tony Nakazawa, who lead CES since 1997, recently accepted a faculty position with SNRAS and will be stationed in the Mat-Su Valley. Pete Pinney, associate dean of academic affairs of CRCD, will serve as interim director of CES.

UAF has a policy regarding pets on campus. To review the policy visit www.uaf.edu/safety/safety_policy.html.

The SNRAS forestry science program recently underwent an extensive program review that led to renewed accreditation from the Society of American Foresters. The Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities reaffirmed UAF's accreditation in January. UAF's next review will take place in 2011.

UAF's 2006 United Way Campaign raised more than \$60,000 for local charities. Thank you to all who helped make it happen!

Martin Stuefer, GI, is one of the authors of "Glacier Perito Moreno, Patagonia: Climate Sensitivities and Glacier Characteristics Preceding the 2003/04 and 2005/06 Daming Events" recently published in the *Journal of Glaciology*. To view the article visit www.igsoc.org/journal/53/180/.

Pat Holloway and Grant Matheke, Georgeson Botanical Garden, will be guest speakers at the 2007 Alaska State Master Gardener Conference taking place March 16–17 at the Fairbanks Princess Riverside Lodge. The conference is open to the public. For more information contact Virginia Damron at 451-8478.

Michele Stalder has been promoted to associate director for Student and Enrollment Services for TVC.

The Wood Center front desk is now selling balloon bouquets for special occasions or balloons for information tables. For more information call 7034.

Read about UAF staff, faculty and students who participate in the Alaska state sport of dog mushing in the latest online feature story at www.uaf.edu/news/featured/07/dog_drivers/.

The 11th annual Science Potpourri takes place April 14 in the Natural Science Facility from noon–5 p.m. If you or your group is interested in participating contact Marlys Schenider at 6287 or Jeff Drake at 7077.

Read about Amy Tidwell, UAIPY presidential postdoctoral fellow and UAF alumna, and how you can help change lives at www.uaf.edu/giving/annual/.

The Summer Sessions 2007 catalog is available now and registration begins Feb. 19. More than 300 courses will be offered, including 18 travel programs. For more information contact Summer Sessions at 7021, summer@uaf.edu or visit www.uaf.edu/summer/.

The Alaska Summer Research Academy takes place July 9–20 and registration is now open. The Academy is for students in grades 8–12 and this year is offering an adult K–12 teacher module in conjunction with the camp. For more information visit www.uaf.edu/asra/.

The Alaska Sea Grant Marine Advisory program held the inaugural Alaska Young Fishermen's Summit in Anchorage in Jan. 25–26. The conference provided leadership training opportunities for fishermen under 40.

The Rasmuson Library is now offering the ListenAlaska audio book catalog that allows you to download digital audio books. For more information contact 7482 or fyref@uaf.edu.

Freshman progress reports are due Feb. 23. For more information visit the academic calendar at www.uaf.edu/catalog/.



EVENTS

The Banff Mountain Film Festival takes place Feb. 18 at 6 p.m. in the Davis Concert Hall. Tickets are \$8 for students, \$10 for others and are available at the Wood Center front desk. For more information call 6027.

NPR's *Talk of the Nation: Science Friday with Ira Flatow* is holding a live broadcast June 8 at 10 a.m. in the Davis Concert Hall, hosted by Summer Sessions. Tickets go on sale Feb. 19 at Wood Center, The Alaska House, Artworks, and New Horizons Gallery and are \$10 for general admission and \$5 for student, senior and military. For more information call 7021.

Student Activities presents Beyond the Axis of Evil film festival running through March 7. The festival showcases movies from North Korea, Iran, Iraq, Cuba and Syria. The next movie is *Marooned in Iraq* Feb. 19 in the Pub and Feb. 21 in the Hess Rec. Center at 7 p.m. Admission is free. For more information visit www.uaf.edu/activity/.

The Science for Alaska Lecture Series final 2007 lecture, "Dynamic Glaciers of Southeast Alaska" by Chris Larsen, GI, takes place at 7 p.m. in the Westmark Gold Room, presented by the GI. Lectures are free and open to the public. For more information call 7558 or visit www.scienceforalaska.com.

Coral Howe, CES, is facilitating an information session about small business start-up ideas for food-related products Feb. 24 from 10 a.m.–noon at Barnes and Noble Bookstore. For more information call 1512.

CEM is hosting the annual Engineering Open House Feb. 24 from 10 a.m.–4 p.m. in the Duckering Building. There will be interactive activities for all ages.

The Mountain Goats in concert, presented by the ASUAF Concert Board and Student Activities, takes place Feb. 24 at 8 p.m. in the Pub and Feb. 25 at 7 p.m. in the Wood Center Carol Brown Ballroom. Tickets are \$10 students, \$15 others for the Pub and \$5 students, \$10 others for Wood Center. For more information visit www.uaf.edu/activity/.

Craig Coray, UAA, presents a lecture on the music of Nuvendaltin (Nondalton) in southwest Alaska with some of the earliest recordings made in Alaska Feb. 28 at 7 p.m. in the Eva McGown room, 217 Fine Arts. Coray will also present a special Music at One event, Alaska Native Myths in Story and Song, March 1 at 1 p.m. in the Davis Concert Hall. Admission is free. For more information call 7555.

CRCD Health Programs is hosting the second annual Innovations and Excellence in Teaching, Celebrating the International Polar Year and the Adult Learner conference Feb. 28–March 2. For more information visit www.uaf.edu/crcdhealth/.

The 2007 Festival of Native Arts, Shape Our Visions Through Native Eyes, is dedicated to Angayuqaq Oscar Kawagley and takes place March 1–3 with the main performances and a native craft fair each night from 6 p.m.–midnight. For more information visit www.uaf.edu/festival/.

The Office of Information Technology presents the first Instructional Technology Day March 2 from 9 a.m.–4 p.m. in Wood Center. Presentations throughout the day will include cool technology, instructional tools, computer security and more. Door prizes will be awarded, along with a great technology grand prize. You must be present to win. For more information contact Michael Scott at 1994 or itday@alaska.edu or visit www.alaska.edu/itday/.

The 2007 Winter Carnival will be held March 2–3, with events happening throughout each day. Spring UAF Trails Day takes place March 3 as part of the carnival. Head out to the Ski Hut for free ski rentals and lessons. For more information call 6026.

The museum's 21st annual Chocolate Bash will be held March 31 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$50 and available by calling 7505.

GRANTS & AWARDS

The Development Office received a District VIII bronze award for fund-raising and special audience publications from the Council

for the Advancement and Support of Education for its We Change Lives, You Make it Happen brochure.

Annie Duffy, UAF alumna, received a \$12,000 Rasmuson Foundation Individual Fellowship Award.

DEADLINES

Feb. 19, 2007: Nominations for the Usibelli Distinguished Teaching, Research and Service awards are due. For more information visit www.uaf.edu/provost/.

Feb. 22, 2007: Nominations for the Marion Boswell Award, the Joel Wiegert Award and the Gray Tilly Memorial Award are due. Nomination forms are available at the Wood Center front desk. For more information call 7037.

Feb. 23, 2007: Applications for the 2007 Global Change Student Research grant competition are due. For more information call 5415 or 5818 or visit www.cgc.uaf.edu.

Feb. 23, 2007: Applications for the Alaska EPSCoR Summer 2007 undergraduate research awards are due. For more information visit www.alaska.edu/epscor/.

March 1, 2007: Graduation with Leadership Honors applications are due. For more information visit www.uaf.edu/leadership/rec/.

March 2, 2007: Nominations for seats on the Committee on the Status of Women are due. For more information contact Sheri Layral at 7964 or fysenat@uaf.edu.

March 2, 2007: Nominations for the UAF Exceptional Student Employee Award are due. For more information call 7596 or visit www.uaf.edu/career/.

March 15, 2007: All application materials for May 2007 graduation and a \$50 fee are due. Applications can be found at www.uaf.edu/reg/forms/graduation.pdf. For more information call 7523.

March 20, 2007: Proposals for the People's Endowment grants are due. For more information contact 6402 or fygive@uaf.edu.

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