

Yuut Elitnaurviat

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Special points of interest:

- Women in Construction Trades Training is coming up in Spring 2011.
- Food Safety Management training is scheduled to be taught at Yuut.
- Yuut application is now available online.
- Yuut Driving Academy now offers Permit Class, Defensive Driving Course, Road Test, and Driving Lessons.

Come by our office or check our website for more information!



Students working in the new tool room



Instructor Dennis Dishion presents a certificate to a completer of the Construction Technology Core Class



Life-vest storage built by students



Instructor Richard Gianloci trains students in the Yuut shop

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A Great Semester

Yuut Elitnaurviat offers many different trainings throughout the year and Fall 2010 was an especially successful semester for the Construction Trades Academy. This semester, Yuut trained a total of 40 students in three classes: two Construction Technology Core sections and one Boilers, Burners, and Residential Oil Heaters section. Thirty seven students successfully completed their training and received their certificates. This 92.5 percent completion rate is an increase over the 80 percent completion rate of the 2009-2010 academic year. Like previous classes, this semester's students had hands on training in projects such as building the Yuut shop's tool room and constructing life-vest storages for YK Delta residents (see pictures). - Le La



Our mission is to prepare local people for local high wage jobs.

Yuut Elitnaurviat Now Offers Driver's Education

The Yuut Driving Academy (YDA) is the only state approved Driving School, Third Party Road Tester, and Defensive Driving Course administrator in all of Southwest Alaska. The YDA is a program within parent organization Yuut Elitnaurviat, which aims to get residents of the YK Delta higher-wage jobs by helping them receive their Alaska Driver Licenses. According to a 2009 independent statewide study by Baranof Consulting & Associates of Anchorage commissioned by the Construction Education Foundation, workers with Driver Licenses are one of the top

three demands by

employers. When contacted, local businesses Bethel Car Rental, Alaska Airlines, and Napa Auto Parts all confirmed that they do not hire employees without Driver Licenses.

The YDA offers numerous courses to help students through all the stages of getting a Driver License. For residents who are having a hard time passing the DMV's written test, a Permit Class is taught in the evenings at Yuut Elitnaurviat. The test not only covers information from the Alaska DMV manual, but includes help with identifying road signs, and taking a multiple choice test. One local graduate of the YDA had failed the test more

than ten times before taking the YDA's permit class. She went to the DMV the day after she took it, passed the test, and received her learner's permit.

As the only organization in Southwest Alaska authorized to teach a state-approved Defensive Driving Course, the YDA already offers monthly classes, and is willing to hold more if there is greater demand. Drivers with points on their record can take the class once a year, and remove two points from their record by doing so. With approval from the court system, first time offenders can even have a citation removed from their driving record upon course completion. Even if you don't have points on your license, many insurance companies will give discounts for customers who take a Defensive Driving Course. "This is an amazing resource which used to be offered only in Anchorage, and we hope that more people in the community take advantage of it." A Driving Academy representative is quoted as saying.

- Jeremy Osborne



*Right: Wesley Alexie
Left: Kira Polk*



"Appreciation to all the effort from Yuut employees in helping us to learn what needs to be learned and giving us motivations in order to further our education, regardless of age or gender", said Construction Technology Core Student, Herbert Brink.

VPO Training Academy at Yuut Elitnaurviat's Facility

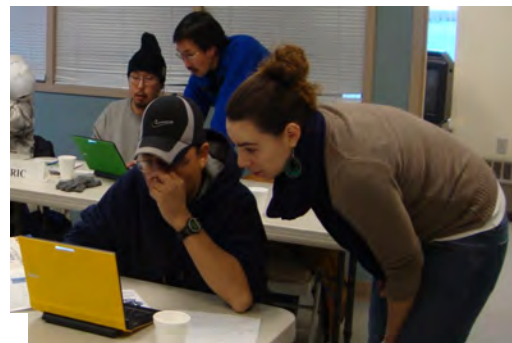


News from the Career Department

Hello from the Career Guide Department! It's nice to sit down and write this update on what we've been doing. The Yuut Career Guides have been very busy for the last few months – traveling to villages, presenting to groups around Bethel, and going into Anchorage to attend training.

All three of the Career Guides have been getting Yuut's name and mission out to villages in the Delta. Jackie is our travel queen, having been to seven villages, registering people in AKCIS and ALEXsys, doing presentations and, of course, meeting with people one on one for advising sessions. I had the opportunity to attend a Career Exploration/Ski weekend in McGrath in November, and she spent a day with 60 youth from the Iditarod School District. Elia traveled to his home village, Napaskiak, where he presented to the seniors in the school on post-secondary options. It was great for the students to see such a positive role model from their village encouraging them to finish high school and to think about their future careers.

Career Guides also continue to do presentations in Bethel. Yuut's Construction Technology Core class gets three weekly sessions with the Career Guides to learn more about Job Readiness, how to hone their workplace skills, and enter a resume into ALEXsys. Additionally, we are doing weekly classes on Career Exploration for the Adult Basic Education students who are working towards their GEDs through Kuskokwim Campus. Recently, Elia and I were fortunate enough to attend the 20th Annual BIA Tribal Provider's Conference in Anchorage. The conference was a great opportunity to network with others who are working towards employment for their clients, both local and statewide. Elia and I hunkered down in the room that had all the Workforce Development sessions, and took away lots of information and contacts. - Bethy Whalen



Bethy Whalen and Elia Larson, Career Counselors, helps students write resumes.

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- City of Bethel
- Orutsararmuit Native Council
- Lower Kuskokwim School District
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- Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corporation

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DHAT Graduation



Left to right: Chelsea Shoemaker, Corrina Cadzow, Erik Linduska, Fredella Sharp, Bonnie Johnson, Phylicia Wilde, Alison Kaganak.

After a two-year-training, Class III students in the Dental Health Aide Training Program (DHAT) had their graduation ceremony on December 10, 2010. Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corporation sponsors Alison Kaganak from Scammon Bay, Phylicia Wilde from Mt. Village, and Bonnie Johnson from Unalakleet; Eastern Aleutian Tribes sponsors Chelsea Shoemaker from Sand Point and Erik Linduska from King Cove; Council of Athabaskan Tribal Governments sponsors Corrina Cadzow from Ft. Yukon; and Bristol Bay Area Health Corporation sponsors Fredella Sharp from Manokotak. All students are committed to giving back to local communities by working and proving dental care within Alaska's regions. DHAT and Yuut Elitnaurviat will be welcoming six students of Class IV to Yuut Dental Training Clinic in January 2011.

Tentative Training Schedule for Spring 2011

January	Personal Care Attendance
	Women in Construction Trades
	Construction Technology Core and Construction Math
	Boilers License
	Driving Permit Class
	Defensive Driving Course
February	Residential Plumbing Level 1
	Driving Permit Class
March	Defensive Driving Course
	Residential Carpentry Level 1, Part 1
April	Residential Electrical Level 1, Part 1
	Residential Carpentry Level 1, Part 2
May	Residential Electrical Level 1, Part 2



Yuut Elitnaurviat (Yuut) is a 501(c)(3) Corporation dedicated to providing training and education opportunities for the people of the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta Region. Yuut offers culturally relevant and regionally responsive training programs, in response to the suffering regional economy and high unemployment rate.

Building programs that combine intensive academics and on-the-job training, Yuut is the first regional vocational center to grace the tundra of Western Alaska.