

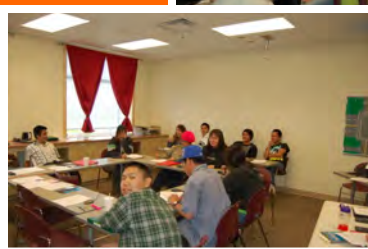
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The test might have changed...

...but the work goes on!

For the past two years, the Adult Basic Education (ABE) Center, a partnership between Yuut Elitnaurviat and the University of Alaska Fairbanks, Kuskokwim Campus, has been preparing for the restructuring of the GED exam on January 2, 2014.

Yuut Elitnaurviat received a grant from the Alaska Native Education program in 2010, which funds twelve village-based GED facilitators. The grant also has funded nine week-long intensives this year in Writing and Math. The goal of the intensives has been to

help village-based students finish their GED studies before the testing system changes in 2014. The result of these efforts is 110 people who graduated in May 2013, and an record **120** who received their GEDs between September 2013 and January 1st, 2014.

The new GED tests are based on the Common Core State Standards. As of January 2014 testing will be done on computers rather than the traditional paper and pencil method. The cost of the new tests will be \$120.

In preparation for the test change Yuut Elitnaurviat has become the only authorized Pearson Vue Testing Center in the YK Delta. Yuut Elitnaurviat and ABE Center staff are advocating for the unique needs of our region. We hope to negotiate a protocol that will make it possible for us to set up remote testing sites in some of our larger villages.

For more information on the new GED test, please contact the ABE Center at **(907) 543-0950** or toll free at **(877) 543-9245**.



SHIFT YOUR CAREER INTO HIGH GEAR

The Yuut Driving Academy recently concluded its first CDL training class on October 30th. We are excited to announce that both Greg Hoffman Jr., and Iran Susunaga of Bethel successfully completed the course earning their unrestricted Class "A" CDL.

The course runs Monday through Friday from 8 am to 5 pm for 6 weeks. We are able to enroll up to 4 students per course on a first come first serve basis. Students receive instruction on safe operation of a commercial motor vehicle as well as non-driving activities such as cargo handling, documentation, environmental issues for drivers,

hours of service, trip planning, effective communication as well as managing the lifestyle of a professional driver.

The Yuut Driving Academy also offers different training packages ranging from ½ day to one week for individuals wishing to upgrade an existing CDL as well as offer CDL testing for those wishing to remove their off-highway restriction from their current CDL. Anyone wishing to begin a new career as a professional truck driver should contact Gerry Graves at the Yuut Driving Academy by calling **907-543-0978** or email Gerry at **ggraves@yuut.org**.



Greg Hoffman Jr. and Iran Susunaga of Bethel spent countless hours working on the pre-trip inspection portion of their CDL Road Test using Yuut Elitnaurviat's Class A vehicle.



Pictured above is the graduating class of Village Police Officer (VPO)/Tribal Police Officer (TPO) Training #27. Twenty five participants from all over Alaska attended and completed the training program.

VPO/TPO ACADEMY #27 A SUCCESS!

Village Police Officer (VPO)/Tribal Police Officer (TPO) Academy #27 took place in October. Twenty five participants different parts of Alaska attended and completed the training program.

Students learned First Aid/CPR, Defensive Tactics, Ethics, Use of Force, Fire Response, Crime Scene Investigation, and other law enforcement related skills.

This marks the final Academy that will be funded through Yuut Elitnaurviat's USDOL Community Based Job Training grant. Our

partnership with the Dept. of Public Safety has been very successful and has allowed local Officers to train in the YK Delta for the first time in history.

Yuut Elitnaurviat will continue to host other Public Safety training programs such as the regional Village Public Safety Officer (VPSO) training and the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) training.

Local residents interested in a career in Public Safety should call **(907) 269-5511** or **(907) 334-2241** direct.

THE CAREER GUIDE NEWS

By land, air, and river the Yuut Elitnaurviat Career Guides have been crossing the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta to offer services to its residents.

Career Guides Ben Eisen and Nicholas Najar have visited Aniak, Atmautluak, Chevak, Kotlik, Emmonak, Kwethluk, Napakiak, and Kalskag this quarter. They have also worked with Bethel residents at YKCC and the Tundra Center as well as with people who walk in for career guidance.

The Career Guides provide support in any way they can to ensure the success of students in Yuut Elit-

naurviat's various training programs. They work with students in the Adult Basic Education program who have received their GEDs and now want to seek employment. They taught a Driver Permit Classes to students in the high school STEM Ready program housed on the Yuut Elitnaurviat campus. They also assisted students in our **Certified Nurse's Aide (CNA)** training with their State Exam Applications.

For help on finding a job or a training opportunity please contact the Career Guides at **(907) 543-0999**.



The Career Guides travel all around the YK Delta delivering Driver Permit Classes, administering the DMV written exam, and giving presentations on local training opportunities.

MORE CNAs FOR THE ELDERS HOME

In partnership with KuC and YKHC, Yuut Elitnaurviat now delivers Bethel-based Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) classes. CNAs are in high demand locally. They are hired at the hospital and now also provide care to our loved ones at the new Yukon-Kuskokwim Elders Home.

The class is very intensive; students train five days a week for almost a full month. The students learn skills such as CPR/First Aid, how to take accurate blood pressure readings, how to lift a patient onto a bed safely, and how to assist nurses and physicians.

Successful graduates are hired as Nursing Assistants (NAs). The course prepares and qualifies students to sit for the State Licensing Exam and become CNAs.

This quarter seven students successfully completed the program. The next session is tentatively scheduled to begin in late January 2014.

There has been an enormous amount of interest in this program, and we have been thrilled with its popularity. Although the Jan. class is currently full, there is a waiting list. To apply for inclusion on the waiting list please call Jeremy Osborne at **(907) 534-0996**.



Now that the Yukon Kuskokwim Elders Home is open, students in the CNA Training can practice in an actual residential skilled nursing and long term care facility.

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it out inside!**

Preparing Local Workers for Local High-Wage Jobs

STEM READY SEMESTER ENDS

Twenty students completed the Fall STEM-Ready (formerly RAN-SEP) semester, and are heading back to their home villages to finish out the school year. The students came from Lower Kuskokwim School District (LKSD) villages to Bethel Regional High School to take advanced math and science classes with the future goal of entering the Alaska Native Science and Engineering Program (ANSEP at the University of Alaska Anchorage.

Students in the program commit to spending the fall semester in Bethel.

Two dormitories have been dedicated to the STEM-Ready Program on the Yuut Campus. Participants are fully immersed in their educational endeavors and learn to lean on each other for academic and moral support. **Yuut Elitnaurviat's Residence Life Coordinator Seth O'Brien** helped keep students motivated by coordinating extracurricular activities such as berry picking, tree cutting, archery, trapping, and Driver Education.

Our STEM-Ready students have shown that they are brilliant as well as hard working and we wish them all the best!



In addition to their studies, STEM Ready students participated in extracurricular activities such as berry picking, archery, and holiday tree cutting.