



Yuut Elitnaurviat

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Expanding educational opportunities for youth has always been a top priority for YE and its partner organizations. We are excited to see those opportunities increase through this expanded relationship.



Expanded Secondary Ed. Partnership

For the past several years Yuut Elitnaurviat (YE), LKSD, The Rasmuson Foundation and ANSEP have worked jointly to ensure students from LKSD village schools have the opportunity to complete advanced math and science courses while remaining within the region. Students to come to Bethel for one semester in each of their junior and senior years, and live on the YE Campus in our Rasmuson and Kuskokwim Dormitories.

STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math) was the initial focus of the program and STEM-Ready Students enter university science and engineering programs upon graduation without needing remedial courses. The success of the STEM students led the partnership to expand the variety of the course offerings. An Aviation-Ready program was piloted during the spring of 2014 and there are plans to offer other career pathways in the near future.

In addition to the Ready Programs, YE has also engaged with Kuskokwim Learning Academy (KLA). Starting in the fall of 2014 KLA will utilize YE's Construction Trades Shop for industrial arts and welding instruction. YE will also provide meal service to students in both KLA and the Ready Programs beginning in September. Long term we are seeking funds to expand facilities so that KLA has dedicated classroom and dormitory space on our campus.

Summertime Training Opportunity

Class A Commercial Driver License Training (July 14 - August 22, 2014)

Following the Professional Truck Driving Institute (PTDI) curriculum, students will learn all the skills necessary to work as a professional truck driver. The training is a mix of classroom instruction, skills training on Yuut Elitnaurviat's private CDL training pad, and behind-the-wheel instruction in the Yuut Driving Academy's Class A Tractor-Trailer. Classes are held 8AM to 5 PM Monday through Friday with weekends off.

Prerequisites: DOT Physical, DMV Driving Record, FMCSA/DOT Drug Test, Social Security Card, Valid Driver License for 12 months.

Course Fee: Tuition is \$6,000 which **does not** include flight to Bethel, meals or lodging. If an applicant qualifies for Alaska STEP funding, there is a grant that brings the tuition down to the unbelievably low price of \$2,000.

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 by emailing Gerry at ggraves@yuut.org.



Students in the six week CDL Training learn how to visually inspect a commercial vehicle as well as how to back one into tight spaces and operate one safely on the roadway.





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Crane Operator Training

This spring twelve students from throughout the YK Delta participated in National Center for the Certification of Crane Operators (NCCCO) Certificate Training. The ten day sessions were delivered through a partnership with Bethel Services, Inc (BSI), who generously allowed the use of a crane for the training, and funding from the State of Alaska Department of Labor. The classes included a great deal of hands on skill building as well as rigging and signalperson training.



Rural Facility Maintenance Tech

This quarter seven students from YE, YK finished their final classes and earned the YK Rural Facility Maintenance Technician Certificate. It includes training in seven different classes to



VPO/TPO Academy #29

41 law enforcement officers from across Alaska finished a 14-day intensive training academy at Yuut Elitnaurviat this quarter.



Technician (RFMT) Certificate
 KHC, LKSD, and BCSF completed
 Yuut Elitnaurviat Rural Facility
 took 440 hours, eleven weeks,
 to earn the certificate.




Adult Basic Education
 The Adult Basic Education program graduated
 122 students in Fiscal Year 2014!



Aviation Ready
 In partnership with Yuut Elitnaurviat, the
 Lower Kuskokwim School District brought
 students from surrounding villages to take
 classes focusing on careers in aviation.



Driver Education
 This quarter there were eight different students
 who took the full Commercial Driver training and
 received their Class A CDLs!




On-campus Programs - Spring 2014

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**The Yuut Elitnaurviat Campus
from the air! Look Inside!**

Preparing Local Workers for Local High-Wage Jobs

So Long, and Thanks for All the Graduates!

Yuut Elitnaurviat would like to thank Kathy Hanson and Betsy Taguchi for their long years of excellent service to the people of this region. Yuut Elitnaurviat will be taking over the Adult Basic Education program from the Kuskokwim Campus starting this summer, and will be continuing to offer free ABE and GED tutoring at the Yuut Elitnaurviat facility in Bethel.

For more information on the services that we can offer to the people of the YK Delta for the new GED test, please contact the ABE Center at (907) 543-0952 or toll free at (877) 543-9245.

Below: Just a few of the 122 people who received their GEDs in 2014.



Above: Kathy Hanson (left) and Betsy Taguchi (right) receiving their "Masks of Appreciation" made by local artist Moses Tulim.
Below: Some of the many influential instructors and coordinators of the YK Delta Adult Basic Education Program were able to attend the graduation ceremony.

