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NEW FACES ON THE YUUT ELITNAURVIAT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Michelle DeWitt is the new Executive Director at Bethel Community Services Foundation. Michelle has been in Bethel for many years and previously worked as the Executive Director of the Tundra Woman's Coalition.



Jacob Jensen is the new Superintendent of the Lower Kuskokwim School District. Jacob comes to Bethel from Valdez.

Dan Winkelman is the new President and CEO of the Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corporation. (YKHC) Dan has been with YKHC for 13 years.



Please join us in welcoming Michelle, Jacob and Dan to the Yuut Elitnaurviat Board of Directors.

LEADERSHIP CHANGES ON THE YUUT ELITNAURVIAT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

New Board Officers

At the December 2013 Full Board Meeting, Ron Hoffman (President and CEO of AVCP Regional Housing Authority) was elected to the position of Chairman, Mary Pete (KuC Campus Director) was elected as the Vice Chairman, and Michelle DeWitt (Bethel Community Services Foundation Executive Director) was elected to the Secretary position.



*Ron Hoffman
Chairman*



*Mary Pete
Vice Chairman*



*Michelle DeWitt
Secretary*

Congratulations to our new Board Officers!

Leadership Changes

There have been several changes in leadership at YE over the last year or so. Jerry Drake left the Bethel Community Services Foundation and the YE Board and moved out of state to start his own business, Gary Baldwin retired after 34 years of service to LKSD, Gene Peltola retired from YKHC after 24 years of service.



Gary Baldwin



Gene Peltola



Jerry Drake

We appreciate the guidance that they have given the organization and wish them all the best.



RECENT TRAINING PROGRAMS

Rural Facility Maintenance Technician (RFMT) Training



Through a Grant from the Denali Commission's Rural Alaska Maintenance Program, Yuut Elitnaurviat is deploying 11 weeks of Rural Facility Maintenance Technician training. At the end of the training, successful completers will receive a Certificate in Rural Facility Maintenance, and could receive five State of Alaska

Certifications: two Water Treatment, two Wastewater Treatment, and one Boiler Operator. Twelve employees from the Bethel Community Services Foundation, the Lower Kuskokwim School District, the Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corporation and Yuut Elitnaurviat have been taking classes since

late January and should finish by the end of May. The material is based on curriculum developed by a statewide group of maintenance professionals and includes training in Fleet, Facility, and Operations Maintenance, Water and Wastewater Treatment, Electrical and Plumbing Maintenance, and Boiler Maintenance and repair.

February CNA Training

The October session of the joint YE/YKHC/KuC Certified Nurse's Aide (CNA) trainings took place from Feb. 3 until March 28, 2014. Eight students from this class completed the full course, and two students from the last class used the time to make up their clinical rotations. This is the fifth CNA class that Yuut Elitnaurviat has held since 2012 to train workers for the YK Elders Home.



CDL Training

In partnership with AVCP Transportation, Yuut Elitnaurviat has been deploying full six week Commercial Driver Training programs to prepare local workers for upcoming construction projects. Douglas Aguchak, Randall Charlie, and Clifford Kaganak Sr. of Scammon Bay, and John Mute of Kalskag all passed their tests, and now have On-Road Class A CDLs!



UPCOMING TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Crane Operator Training (Session 1: Apr. 28 - May 7, 2014; Session 2: May 8 - May 17, 2014)

This training is aimed at preparing students to earn the credentials necessary to become a basic Crane Operator. Two groups of six trainees will be recruited for two ten day intensive trainings. Upon successful completion of the training they will receive an Associated Training Services (ATS) Completion Certificate, a National Commission for the Certification of Crane Operators (NCCCO) Certification for a large telescopic TLL-swing cab crane good for five years, and a Rigging/Signalperson OSHA Compliant Qualification valid for three years.



Prerequisites: Applicants need to have a GED or HS Diploma (heavy equipment experience preferred, but not required)

Course Fee: \$400 for Bethel-based students (includes meals); \$675 for village-based students (includes housing and meals).

Class A Commercial Driver License Training (May 19 - June 27, 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 \$8,000 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.



Village/Tribal Police Officer Academy #28 (May 24 - June 5, 2014)

Basic Village/Tribal Police Officer Academy participants take training in: Basic First Aid/CPR, Report writing, Defensive Tactics, Ethics, Domestic Violence, Crime Scene Investigation (CSI), Drug and Alcohol Procedures, as well as many other aspects of being a rural Police Officer in Alaska.

Prerequisites: Must be a minimum of nineteen (19) years old, must not be on probation and be able to pass a limited background check. Applicants must currently be employed by a municipality, tribe, or traditional council in order to participate in the training.

Course Fee: All fees are waived upon applicant acceptance.





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**Three Different Training
Opportunities Inside!!**

Preparing Local Workers for Local High-Wage Jobs

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT THE NEW GED TEST

What stays the same:

- All Adult Basic Education and GED preparation classes in the YK Delta are FREE.
- The ABE Center, at Yuut Elitnaurviat in Bethel, has full time classes every week.
- Twelve villages in the region have part-time ABE classes.

What's new:

- There are 4 GED tests instead of 5.
- The Official GED Practice Test is now called GED Ready, and the practice tests can be taken online for \$6 per test.
- GED Tests are computer-based and can only be taken at a Pearson Vue Testing Center. The only Pearson Vue Testing Center in the region, at this time, is at Yuut Elitnaurviat, in Bethel.
- GED tests cost \$30 per test if the individual orders them online.



There are opportunities to take GED tests at a discount, or for free for those who work through their regional Adult Basic Education program.

For more information on the new GED test, please contact the ABE Center at
(907) 543-0952 or toll free at **(877) 543-9245**.