



Yuut Elitnaurviat

P E O P L E ' S L E A R N I N G C E N T E R

ANSEP Computer Build Takes Place at Yuut Elitnaurviat

The Alaska Native Science and Engineering (ANSEP) computer build was a great success. We had students from Kipnuk, Kwethluk, Kwigillingok, Napaskiak, Newtok, and Toksook Bay participate. These students are the first ones to be a part of the Rasmuson Foundation initiative to support rural Alaska Native students in college readiness and postsecondary success program.

The computer build consisted of two different parts. First the students had to gather all the components which would go into their computers, and read what they were for. Once the students figured out how each component was used, they worked to install them over the next six hours until they could finally get the computer to turn on. In the second part of the build the students installed all the software, learning what it must be like to be a computer engineer.

Once they were done with the software installation they used the program ARCGIS to make a map of the state of Alaska. They followed all the instructions and

added rivers, lakes, and mountains to create a map like the one in the program.

Once the students finished they packed their computers for transport home, and were all really excited to have a new computer. These computers are going to be used for their school work, as well as for their personal use. As long as they pass their classes and finish the ANSEP program they will be able to keep the computers.

These students also went to an acceleration program in Anchorage for six weeks, and took Math & Science classes to see what college work is like. Mike Nabers was the instructor for both the computer build, and the acceleration program. Thanks to the Rasmuson Foundation and Alaska Native and Science Engineering Program, the students will have a great opportunity to become the Engineers of tomorrow!

- Nathan McCabe



Above: Emmet Paul works on building his computer.

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Thirty Eight Rural Officers Graduate in Bethel

On June 9, 2011 thirty eight Village Police Officers (VPOs), Tribal Police Officers (TPOs) and Village Public Safety Officers (VPSOs) graduated from the Village Police Officer Academy number 22 at the Yuut Elitnaurviat - the People's Learning Center in Bethel Alaska.

The class spent 115.5 hours training prior to graduating. They underwent a curriculum for medic/first aid/CPR, firefighting, basic law enforcement, criminal codes, crime scene investigation, interview techniques, defensive tactics, domestic violence intervention, drug and alcohol interdictions, juvenile procedures, search and rescue, report writing, Miranda Rights, evidence procedures, search and seizures, use of force, and Title 47/protective custody.

All the cadets that started the academy completed graduation. The Valedictorian for the VPO/TPOs was VPO Nayamin Kelly of Chevak, Alaska. The class VPSO Valedictorian was VPSO Patrick Morrison Jr. of Kake, Alaska. Please join the Department of Public Safety in wishing the graduates well in their career in law enforcement.

For further information regarding the Academy, please contact Sgt. Michael Dekreon at 543-0954 or VPSO Sergeant James Hoelscher at 758-2201.

- Alaska Department of Public Safety

Top: Trainees set up a pump for firefighting. Bottom: Just a normal morning during training.



Military Enlistees Drive for Free at Yuut Driving Academy

On May 2, 2011 the Yuut Driving Academy opened up a new program designed to help Military enlistees from Bethel learn to drive. Flyers were posted around town proclaiming that if a person was enlisting in any the Armed Forces, the Yuut Driving Academy would teach them to drive free of charge.

The normal Driving Academy program at Yuut Elitnaurviat costs four hundred and twenty-five dollars, and includes a Defensive Driving Class, eight one-hour les-

sons behind-the-wheel with a Yuut Driving Academy instructor, and a State-approved Road Test. As a service to the community, and as a way of thanking local residents deciding to join the Armed Forces, Military enlistees will receive these services free for the foreseeable future.

So far two students have completed the program and received their Alaska Driver Licenses. Gage McCallson, from Bethel, will be joining the Marines

in October and passed his Road Test on June 3, 2011.

Billy Lee, from Kwethluk, will be joining the National Guard when he finishes High

School, and passed his Road Test on June 30, 2011.

As previously mentioned, the promotion is ongoing, and anyone interested in taking advantage of this great offer should call the Yuut Driving Academy at either 543-0978 or at 545-5300.

- Jeremy Osborne



Above: Gage McCallson, who will be joining the U.S. Marine Corps in October.

Dental Health Aide Therapy Students Hit the Villages



Left to right: DHAT Students Jana Schuerch, and Kate Kohl.

Dental Health Aide Therapy (DHAT) students from the Yuut Elitnaurviat Dental Training Clinic (YEDTC) provided a week of dental care for the residents in the villages of Tuntutuliak and Pilot Station during April and May 2011.

After completing DHAT training, most Dental Health Aide Therapists work in regional, sub-

regional, or local clinics, providing dental care, as well as make regular trips to the surrounding communities. That means a crucial part of DHAT training includes several weeks of village travel. In these weeks, students work with a dentist to treat residents in pain, while also providing preventive services and measures to stem the tide of decay. Trisha Pat-

ton and Shannon Hardy recently worked in Pilot Station with dentist instructor Dr. Anthony Brusca.

“Our week started pretty slowly, but as we began the process of unpacking village gear, it suddenly felt like it was never going to end,” Patton said. “We instantly had two pages of patients we were expected to see.”

In fact, demand was so high that the team worked from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. for nearly a week.

“Shannon and I wrote notes probably to 11:30 p.m., ate dinner, went to sleep and repeated that schedule all week,” Patton said. “While we were overwhelmed with all the dental work that needed to be completed, I felt comfort -- the village

made us feel at home.”

“And as I was providing care, I realized that I love making a difference in the lives of the Yupik people and helping many feel free of pain,” Patton added.

Students Kate Kohl and Jana Schuerch also recently completed travel to Tuntutuliak with dentist instructor Dr. Sarah Shoffstall. This year, the YEDTC DHAT training program is adding Hooper Bay to the travel schedule.

The Dental Health Aide Therapy training program has been pleased to partner with the Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corporation Dental Clinic in providing care to surrounding communities since the program began in the YK Delta in January 2008.

- DHAT

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



Students in the Certificate in Construction and Maintenance Program Finish Building a House for the Lower Kuskokwim School District (LKSD)



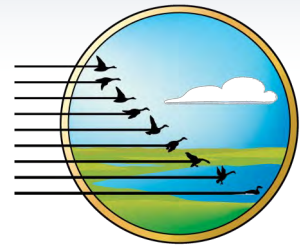
Construction Training Schedule for Fall Semester 2011

Date	Required Courses for Certificate in Construction and Maintenance Program
September 20 – October 4	CTT 100 – Construction Technology Core
September 20 – October 4	CTT 106 – Construction Mathematics
October 11 – 30	CTT 110 – Residential Carpentry Level 1
October 11 – 30	ABUS 154 – Human Relations
November 8 – 12	CTT 193 – Boilers, Burners, and Residential Oil Heaters
November 13 – 22	CTT 150 – Residential Plumbing Level 1
November 29 – December 18	CTT 170 – Residential Electrical Level 1
November 29 – December 18	DEVS 104 – University Communication

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Dental Assistant Apprenticeship Program Created

Since last year, Yuut Elitnaurviat (YE) and Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corporation (YKHC) have been working together to develop a Dental Assistant Apprenticeship program. The partnership's efforts finally came to fruition when the Dental Assistant Apprenticeship Program proposal was approved by the Office of Apprenticeship, U.S. Department of Labor in May, 2011. This federally registered healthcare apprenticeship program is now the only one in Southwestern Alaska. The whole state currently has three healthcare apprenticeship occupations: Dental Assistant, Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) Dementia Specialty, and Surgical Technologist.

While the demand for Dental Assistants in the region is high, the Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development

has projected that employment opportunities in this field will keep growing through 2018. In response to this occupational trend, YE and YKHC have integrated a career ladder into the Dental Assistant Apprenticeship Program. For every five hundred hours of on the job training completed, the Dental Assistants will receive a wage increase. If the apprentices work full time, this wage progression will occur every three months. This career incentive is expected to help retain apprentices in their field of work.

With the Department of Labor's grant, YKHC and YE will be able to provide dental assisting training for ten apprentices every year for three years. In the first fiscal year, the program has selected five apprentices to work at YKHC Dental Clinic in Be-

thel and five others to work in the Sub Regional Clinics. The apprenticeship program requires the dental assistants to complete 144 hours of related classroom instruction (RTI) and 2000 hours of on job training (OJT).

The first 43 hours of RTI were held during the last week of June. YKHC and YE brought two dental assisting instructors from Anchorage to Bethel to teach the class.

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Above: Dental molds created by the Dental Assistant Apprentices.

Left: Audrey Martha and Marybeth Boyscout do an oral exam on a training dummy.