Workforce Drivers

Opportunities at UAA

Challenges for UAA

Taking Culinary Out of the Kitchen!

- Alaska’s hospitality and tourism industries continue to grow
- For every UAA Culinary Arts graduate, there are 4-6 viable job openings in Alaska
- Anchorage’s leisure and hospitality employment is made up of bars and restaurants (2/3), hotels (1/5) and entertainment
- Bed taxes forecasted to grow
- New hotel will open in late 2014, and several new eating and drinking establishments opened in Anchorage in the past year

- Alaska’s industry leaders provide exceptionally strong program leadership
- Alaska’s industry leaders demand UAA grads to fill their positions above any other training entity
- American Culinary Federation Educational Foundation will conduct new accreditation site visit in October 2014
- Industry and program leadership seeking UA Center of Excellence designation

- Industry demand for skilled employees far outpaces the number of UAA graduates
- High program demand exceeds limitations of Cuddy Hall
- A larger, state-of-the-art facility would allow greater program innovation and graduates at the leading edge of industry
UAA Culinary Arts and Hospitality By the Numbers

2+2
Only Culinary Arts program in Alaska structured for seamless transition from AAS to BA in Hospitality & Restaurant Management

100%
2008 and 2009 graduates employed in the industry

$585,000
Holland America Princess gift to renovate Cuddy Hall received in 2014

90%
Students’ average pass rate on National ServSafe Sanitation exam

27%
AAS graduates go on to pursue the BS in Hospitality & Restaurant Management (high demand career field)

1.7 Million
Raised for scholarships by Celebrity Chef Invitational since 1993

Join us in Building Alaska’s Workforce!

Advise
- Share labor market trends and best practices
- Review program goals, objectives, outcomes
- Participate in program evaluation

Assist
- Employ students
- Assist with alumni development
- Help procure funding
- Contribute equipment, supplies, or funding
- Share workplace experiences with students
- Provide internships
- Deliver classroom presentations
- Sponsor a student organization

Advocate
- Solicit greater industry engagement
- Share success stories; promote programs
- Participate in award ceremonies
- Gather legislative support
- Collect information on new legislation

Join Us Today!
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