

Happy New Year!

Psychology Exit Exam

The Psychology Exit Exam will be given on March 8th, 2005 at 5:30 pm (SSB 223) and again on March 11th, 2005 at 9:30 am (SSB 251). No appointment is necessary. The test is standardized, so late arrivals cannot take the exam. Please plan to arrive at least a half hour early, and remember to bring a photo ID.

The Psychology Exit Exam is a requirement for the BA/BS degree in psychology. The technical name for this test is the Psychology Area Achievement Test, a two-hour multiple choice test of psychology knowledge. The purpose of the exam is to evaluate UAA's psychology program. It is not intended to assess individual students; however, students are asked to do their best to answer the questions. The results of the test allow the Department of Psychology to compare its performance with the national average. Since the exit test requirement started in 1992, UAA's psychology program has scored above the national median, usually near the 60th percentile.

Call for Papers: UAA Student Showcase

Consider submitting your written work to the 2005 UAA Student Showcase. The Student

Showcase is the University of Alaska Anchorage's annual academic conference that recognizes and promotes excellence in all fields and disciplines. The Conference is a forum for students to present papers or other works in a professional and academic atmosphere. Students whose works achieve a high level of excellence receive cash rewards and may have their works published in the 2005 Student Showcase Journal.

The deadline for submissions is February 8, 2005. Submissions acceptable for the Showcase Conference will be invited to present their work during Showcase Week in early April. For applications and more information about the Student Showcase go to www.uaa.alaska.edu/programs/showcase/index.html or call Annie Route (786-1221), Director of Campus Life.

Are You Interested in Conducting Research?

If you are interested in gaining important research experience in psychology, consider joining the Experimental Research Pyramid (ERP) group. The ERP group conducts important student-oriented psychological research in the Department of Psychology. Activities of the ERP group include generating and testing hypotheses, data collection and analyses, and presenting research at local and national conferences. Please contact Prof. Vickie Wesolowski (786-1617) for more information.

Psychology Club and Psi Chi News

The Psychology Club and Psi Chi are organizations for psychology majors and minors. Psi Chi is the honor society for majors in psychology. The Psychology Club is for everyone interested in attending. Both clubs meet together. The next joint meeting will be held early this semester in SSB 218 (the Psychology Laboratory). Please look for flyers for the exact meeting time. For more information on these organizations please contact Catherine Oppenorth (email: realized_@hotmail.com) President of Psi Chi, or Ebony Evans (email: eevans01@hotmail.com), President of the Psychology Club.

Psychology Students – Do You Need Help?

ANPsych Graduate Tutors will provide FREE tutoring to anyone enrolled in General Psychology (PSY 111), Lifespan Development (PSY 150), and Statistics for Psychology (PSY 260). Tutoring will be available in Spring 2005 every Wednesday (1:00-4:00 pm) and Thursday (11:00 am – 1:00 pm) in SSB 219. Please contact Dr. Kathy Graves (786-6131; email: anksq@uaa.alaska.edu), Director of ANPsych, for more information.

UAA Gerontology Minor Program

Are you interested in pursuing a career in the area of aging? Get a minor in Gerontology! The Undergraduate Multidisciplinary Minor in Gerontology is comprised of a selection of courses specifically related to issues concerning the aging process. A total of 18 credit hours are required for the minor. For more information, please contact Dr. Sharon Araji (email: afska1@uaa.alaska.edu) or Dr. Rosellen Rosich (email: afrmr@uaa.alaska.edu).

Kudos Corner

Congratulations to **Dr. Kathy Graves** who received a \$5000.00 grant from the Chancellor.

Congratulations to **Zeljka Jutric** who received two tuition waivers for Spring 2005! Zeljka received a 9 credit tuition waiver from UAA's Honors Program and a 12 credit Leadership tuition waiver from the Office of Student Affairs.

Congratulations to **Justin Perry** who won a tuition waiver for Spring 2005 from ANPsych.

Congratulations to **Ebony Evans** who received an honorable mention from the UAA Diversity Action Council.

Congratulations to **Courtney Paananen** who successfully completed her honors thesis, "Effects of Stimulus Intensity on Spontaneous Recovery: Habituation of the Head-Shake Response in the Rat."

Please congratulate everyone on their accomplishments when you see them around the department.

Important Dates

January 10-24

All late registration activity located at the University Center

January 17

Alaska Civil Rights Day (UAA Closed)

January 24

Add/Drop Deadline (\$5 per course)

Audit to Credit Deadline (\$5 per course)

Credit/No Credit Change Deadline (\$5 per course)

Late Registration Ends

Payment Deadline for Registrations from Jan. 18-24

50% Tuition Refund Deadline for Full Semester Classes

February 8

UAA Student Showcase Submission Deadline

March 1

Application Deadline for Summer 2005 Graduation

March 21-26

Spring Break (No Classes)

April 12

Withdrawal Deadline

April 26-30

Final Exams

May 1

Commencement

May 1

Application Deadline for Fall 2005 Graduation

May 6

Grades Available on WolfLink

This Month in the History of Psychology

1904 (January 15th)

The journal *Psychological Bulletin* began publication under the editorship of James Mark Baldwin and Howard C. Warren. This journal and others were transferred by Howard C. Warren to the APA by purchase and gift from 1925 to 1938.

1969 (January 17th)

The National Medal of Science was presented to B. F. Skinner by President Lyndon Johnson.

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