New Partnership Puts Middle School Students on Health Career Path

The College of Health (COH) Office of Student Advising and Advocacy is happy to announce an ongoing partnership with Clark Middle School's pre-medicine program. This community-based effort provides Clark students the opportunity to explore health careers and understand the academic requirements needed to pursue a career in healthcare.

The COH's Junior Health Professions Academy (JHPA) was established in collaboration with this new partnership. The COH recognizes prospective student preparation as a key component in transitioning to higher education, persistence, retention, and student development. The Anchorage School District identified healthcare as a primary academic component in their high school curricula through their Career and Technical Education Department (CTE), establishing an obvious link to the healthcare degree programs offered at the University of Alaska Anchorage (UAA).

The purpose of this academy is to engage students as early as the 6th grade and prepare them for a career in healthcare. With several pre-health programs already established at Bartlett High, Service High, and West High, this would provide a bridge from middle school to high school, and a transition to the College of Health. The ASD CTE facilitates their programs of study like college majors. They allow students to focus on a subject or industry--getting a jump start on their career.
The JHPA is now an option for Clark Middle students under the newly developed Distinguished Leadership Academies initiative, which also includes academies from the College of Business and Public Policy, and the College of Education. The Distinguished Leadership Academy's kick-off in October 2015 welcomed nearly 200 students, parents, and guests. UAA's Chancellor Tom Case, Provost Sam Gingerich and participating college deans attended.

The College of Health is also proud to be recognized as an official Anchorage School District School Business Partner. This partnership has proven to be mutually beneficial. The JHPA is currently accepting volunteers for the 2016-17 academic year.

This academic year concludes April 2, 2016.

The JHPA is proud to recognize the volunteers who facilitated the learning sessions and labs this fall: Cynthia Armstrong, UAA Dental Assisting Program; Dr. LeeAnn Carrothers, Director, UAA Physical Therapist Assistant Program; Gloria Burnett and Mariko
Selle, AHEC; Dr. Susan Kaplan, Sr. Assistant Dean, UAA College of Health; Dr. Richard Luff, Luff Orthodontics; Dr. Anne Musser, D.O.; and Carey D. Brown, Academic Advising Coordinator, College of Health Office of Student Advising and Advocacy.

**COH Curriculum Committee Meets Wednesdays**

The COH Curriculum Committee holds its regular meetings on **Wednesdays, 10 am - 11:30 am in PSB 122C**. The deadline for submission of materials for committee review is **Monday at 9 am, the week prior to the meeting**. For more information on the procedures for accepting and processing curriculum submissions, as well as contact information, download the following document (pdf): [https://www.uaa.alaska.edu/collegeofhealth/upload/coh-committee-info_ay15-16.pdf](https://www.uaa.alaska.edu/collegeofhealth/upload/coh-committee-info_ay15-16.pdf).

**Unit Updates**

**Center for Human Development**

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**Elder Advisor to Receive Honorary Doctor of Education**

The Alaska Training Cooperative (AKTC) at the Center for Human Development is honored to announce that our Inupiaq Elder Advisor Elizabeth Kavruk Nictune Fleagle was selected to receive an honorary Doctor of Education degree from the University of Alaska Fairbanks at their May 2016 commencement. She was recently also recognized as a Traditional Counselor by the Alaska Commission on Behavioral Health Certification, and was awarded the 7th Generation Vision Award at the “Pathways Into Health 8th Annual National Conference.” AKTC is privileged to have Elizabeth as a frequent member of our Behavioral Health Continuing Education training teams and conference presentation teams, and a valued contributor to the annual We Are All Elders in Training Summit. Elizabeth, who recently turned 80, served on the teaching team for AKTC’s pilot distance delivery Traditional Health Based Practices class. In addition, Elizabeth serves on teaching teams for UAF’s Rural Human Services Program and Social Work BSW Cohort, and the UAA-UAF Psychology Joint PhD Program. Elizabeth is currently a consultant for the University of Washington School of Social Work’s developing Elders in Residence Project, associated with the Indigenous Wellness Research Institute. She still finds time for sharing at Denakkanaaga (Tanana Chiefs Conference Elders Program), and doing traditional beadwork and Native language camp. Congratulations, Elizabeth!

**Recruitment Underway for 2016-17 LEND Program**

*Do you have students who are interested in becoming leaders in the field of developmental disabilities and/or Autism Spectrum Disorder? Please share this information with students who have a*
focus in developmental disabilities or childhood development. Alaska LEND Without Walls provides graduate-level interdisciplinary leadership training for individuals who have a commitment to providing family-centered coordinated systems of health care and related services. The program aims to improve the health of infants, children, and adolescents who have, or are at risk for developing, autism and other developmental disabilities. Completion of the training program results in a workforce credential and includes a stipend. Graduate students and practicing professionals in the fields of nursing, public health, social work, psychology, special education, education, speech language pathology, occupational therapy, or medicine are invited to apply. We are also recruiting parents and family members of children with a developmental disability. Applications will be accepted through April 15, 2016. For more information, and to submit an application, visit: https://www.uaa.alaska.edu/chd/lend/apply.

Department of Health Sciences

DHS Co-Sponsored Food Conference a Success!

The Department of Health Sciences co-sponsored the Alaska Food Policy Council (AFPC) Food Festival and Conference on February 26-27. It was a weekend full of informative presentations, hands-on workshops, and networking. Friday featured presentations on food security, production and harvesting, entrepreneurship, education, and community building. Saturday featured DIY (do it yourself) food workshops, kids cooking/gardening activities, live farm animal demos, and presentations by visiting Canadian food security advocates Norma Kassi and Amanda Sheedy. Master of Public Health student Brittany Smith presented a poster on her food systems mapping project, and several additional MPH students and COH faculty served as volunteers. Thank you to all who made this second semi-annual event a success!
Elizabeth Hodges Snyder, Department of Health Sciences, with Nancy Furlow, Nancy Nix (l), Department of Health Sciences, wins a beautiful quilt made by AFPC board member Melissa Sikes (r).

Department of Occupational Therapy

Alaska Occupational Therapy Student Selected for Summer Institute of Future Scientists!

We are pleased to announce Alaska Occupational Therapy student Gloria Reynaga, cohort 2017, was selected as a participant for the American Occupational Therapy Association and the American Occupational Therapy Foundation (AOTA/AOTF) first annual Summer Institute of Future Scientists in Occupational Therapy! Gloria was competitively selected for one of only 20 spots from students across the United States. The program will match potential student scientists with doctoral and post-doctorate mentors. Gloria will attend the Institute on May 20, 2016 in Pittsburgh, PA and the "Building Bridges in Intervention Research Summit" May 21-22, 2016. The purpose of the Institute is threefold: 1) to identify potential scientists in entry level education programs; 2) to connect potential entry-level scientists with mentors in the Occupational Therapy scientific community; and 3) to develop a peer network. The scholarship will cover all expenses to attend the Institute and Research Summit. Congratulations to Gloria on her selection for this scholarship and its recognition of Creighton and our Alaska Distance pathway!
School of Social Work

Social Workers Host Workshop at UC Davis to Train Human Service Professionals

Tammy Sandoval and Tom McRoberts, instructors with the School of Social Work’s Child Welfare Academy (CWA), were invited to University of California, Davis in February. The two social workers hosted a two-day workshop designed to help instructors at the Northern California Training Academy better train professionals in human services, including child welfare, public assistance, administrators, and other professionals. McRoberts and Sandoval have adapted a team-based learning method to train Office of Children's Services workers. When UC Davis saw them present on the method at a national conference last year, they wanted more and are now using the two-day training to initiate changes in their training curriculums in Northern California. The CWA prides itself on innovation, so it was an honor to be called to teach such a large and important audience.

Diversity Dialogue Offers Rich Discussion on Transgender Experience

Social Work Assistant Professor Pam Bowers facilitated a diversity dialogue on behalf of the Faculty Senate Diversity Committee on the topic of the transgender experience at UAA. The dialogue, held February 19, was attended by 40 faculty, staff, students, and community members. The panel was comprised of three bachelor level social work students, one alumni, and a UAA Safe Zone trainer. The panel, represented by different gender identities, discussed individual experiences on campus. Attendees explored interpersonal concepts, needs identification of policy change on campus, and tips for faculty to support transgender students and colleagues.

Justice Center

Law Review Articles by Prof. Brandeis Cited in Alaska Epidemiology Bulletin

Two law review articles by Prof. Jason Brandeis, JD, Legal Studies faculty in the Justice Center, were cited in the February 1, 2016 State of Alaska Epidemiology Bulletin, Survey on Marijuana Use, Awareness, and Beliefs - Alaska, May 2015. For more information, visit: http://uaajusticecenter.blogspot.com/2016/02/two-law-review-articles-by-prof.html.
Justice Center Welcomed Students at 2016 Spring Preview Day

Dr. Marny Rivera, Justice Undergraduate Program Coordinator, and Prof. Deb Periman, JD, Legal Studies Program Coordinator, met with high school students and their parents at the Spring 2016 Preview Day on February 5 at the UAA Student Union. For more information, visit:

Prof. Knudsen Spoke to High School Students for Supreme Court Live! Program

Prof. Kristin Knudsen, JD, recently presented to government classes at Bartlett High School and Dimond High School. These presentations were designed to assist students in understanding the cases to be argued on February 24, 2016 at West High School in Anchorage for Supreme Court Live! For more information, visit:

Don't Miss "The Fairbanks 4: Lessons Learned from Alaska's First Exoneration"

The Alaska Innocence Project and the Office of Public Advocacy spearheaded the effort to exonerate the Fairbanks 4. Join us to hear two of the lawyers involved in the case, as well as a forensic scientist who provided expert testimony.

- Wednesday, March 9, 2016
- 6:30 - 8:00 pm
- UAA/APU Consortium Library, LIB, 307

For more information, visit:

2015 Alaska Victimization Survey Shows Decline in Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence

The results released on February 25, 2016 from the 2015 Alaska Victimization Survey conducted by the UAA Justice Center for the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault showed a decline in intimate partner and sexual violence in Alaska since 2010. For more information, visit:
Dr. Payne Joined APD Police Chief Tolley on KSKA Hometown Alaska

Dr. Troy Payne, Justice faculty, joined the KSKA Hometown Alaska conversation on February 3 with Anchorage Police Department Chief Christopher Tolley and host Kathleen McCoy. For more information, visit:


AJSAC Releases Report on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault

The Alaska Justice and Statistical Analysis Center (AJSAC) recently released a final report, Descriptive Analysis of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Incidents Closed by the Alaska State Troopers: 2008-2011. For more information, visit:


Students Presented Mock Oral Arguments to Alaska Court of Appeals Judge Douglas Kossler

Prof. Ryan Fortson, JD, PhD, Justice Center Legal Studies faculty, held mock oral arguments in his Legal 487 - Trial and Advanced Litigation Processes course as the final project of the 2016 spring semester. For more information, visit:


Calendar

Upcoming Events/Deadlines

- March 14-19 - Spring Break (No classes)
- March 15 - UAFT & UNAC sabbatical reports / faculty development and research travel grant applications due to OAA
- March 18 - Spring Break Holiday
- April 2 - UAFT workloads due to administrator
- April 3 - UNAC workload due to faculty
- April 15 - Faculty Development and Research Travel Grant Awards to Faculty
- April 30 - Graduate Hooding Ceremony
- May 1 - Commencement