

DANRD and National Park Service enter into five-year agreement

The partnership between the Department of Alaska Native and Rural Development and the National Park Service progressed to another level in January when a five-year cooperative agreement was signed. The agreement offers exciting opportunities for RD students and graduates interested in a career with NPS.

Among the highlights of the agreement are \$30,000 per year to co-sponsor one student seminar per school year. NPS staff will also help plan and design the seminar on a mutually agreed on topic. Prior to this agreement NPS had co-sponsored two seminars with DANRD in 1998 and 1999.

Student opportunities include internships, temporary employment, and the Student Career Experience Program. Students who wish for a unique experience of working outside the Alaska Region for a period of time may qualify for the Exchange Program. Under this program, the student would work for NPS outside Alaska with the potential of doing coursework at another university for credit. There is also a possibility of

students working for NPS while continuing to reside in his or her home village.

Sande Anderson, NPS Senior Historian and Chair of the NPS Alaska Native Issues Team, is the contact person within NSP for the new agreement. Ms. Anderson has been active in the planning and development of the previous seminars co-sponsored by NPS. The April 2000 seminar, "Managing Cultural Resources in Rural Alaska," to be held in Kodiak and Old Harbor will be the first under the new agreement.



Ande Somby of Tromso University in Norway and RD Professor Rick Caulfield confer during the October 1999 Seminar. (Seminar recaps begin on page 8.)

Judy A. Bauman named RD Outstanding Student of the Year



Judy Bauman

"Success is a way of life that starts with belief and ends with performance."

Judy Bauman

Judy Bauman of Fairbanks (left) was named "RD Outstanding Student of the Year" by the faculty of the Department of Alaska Native and Rural Development. She will receive her award at the April Awards Breakfast. Judy is a mature student in the Fairbanks campus RD program who is graduating in May 2000. She is a busy mother of six and is active in Alaska Native affairs in Interior Alaska. She was selected as outstanding student for the year because she brings a depth of experience and commitment to her studies that is truly extraordinary. She is consistently well prepared for class, and she engages thoughtfully and perceptively in seminar discussions. She was an active participant in our international study tour to Europe last summer. Younger students are impressed by her dedication to completing her degree and view her as a role model. She is now working part-time with Doyon, Ltd., the regional corporation for Interior Alaska, on Native vote issues. The DANRD faculty are pleased to recognize her significant accomplishments.

RD student serving as legislative intern

By Lissa R. Robertson, RD Student



From Left to Right: Lissa Robertson, Trim Nick, Pat Jackson, and Representative Mary Kapsner seated

When I found out that I had been accepted into the University of Alaska Legislative Internship Program, I knew that I wanted to work for someone from rural Alaska. My decision to work for Representative Mary Kapsner (D-Bethel) was the best choice I could have made. Mary is intelligent, informed, and very passionate about issues that affect rural communities. The best thing about our office is that we make a great team. Everyone in the office has something valuable to contribute.

The Legislative Internship Program is both an academic and hands on learning experience. To receive the twelve upper-division credits offered I have attended seven Saturday morning seminars and written five papers in addition to working 40 hours a week in Mary's office. The seminars are a chance for the interns to get together and talk about what we are learning. Every office is different so it's really interesting finding out what projects other interns are working on.

My duties in the office have been researching and tracking all Resource Committee bills and doing weekly write-ups for Mary that have been published in the Western Alaska newspapers. I've had the opportunity to write about issues such as municipal assistance and revenue sharing and wolf control.

As a rural development major, I think that it's very important for people from both urban and rural communities to work together. This internship has given me the opportunity to work closely with rural Alaskan issues and what's more important is I can share these experiences with people in my urban community.

I would strongly encourage anyone in the rural development program to apply to the University of Alaska Legislative Internship Program. Many rural legislators are in need of people who have an understanding of issues that affect rural communities. I also think it's the best opportunity to learn about our State government and how it works from the inside.

Alexa Martinson completes RD internship with TCC in Fairbanks



Alexa Martinson

Alexa Martinson, a Rural Development student from Nome, is completing her RD 400, RD Internship at the Tanana Chiefs Conference Realty Department in Fairbanks. "I'm learning about evaluating Native allotments that don't have clear evidence of use and occupancy. We have to read the case files and figure out what needs to be done to follow through. I'm also re-writing the "ANILCA Native Allotment Specialist Handbook" in cooperation with Sheri Hardman, TCC's Realty Officer and DANRD faculty member Susan Paskvan, who previously served in that capacity. Alexa expects to graduate in Rural Development in spring semester 2000 with a concentration in Land/Renewable Resources. She is a 1993 graduate of Nome-Beltz High School.



B.J. Orozco

Visiting Colorado student studies Rural Development

B.J. Orozco is a visiting student in Rural Development from the University of Colorado Boulder's Environmental Design program. B.J. is originally from Tuscon, Arizona. His interest in Alaska and particularly rural issues brought him to UAF. He feels that the UAF Rural Development courses he has taken have broadened his understanding of sustainable community development and will add significantly to his degree program at CU.

While in Fairbanks, B.J. is enrolled in a RD internship with the Fairbanks North Star Borough Department of Community Planning and Transportation. "We're working to revise the current Borough comprehensive trails plan," B.J. says. "We are finding important links and remaining gaps for bike paths within the Borough. We're also talking with people in the community about gaps and about links they would like to see in the future. Right now we're working on a specific planning project for the Badger Road intersection in cooperation with the Alaska State Department of Transportation."

The project is coming along well, he notes. "We're now waiting for the snow to melt so that we can get more bikes out!"

Kotzebue RD student Jade Hill to study in Arizona

Jade Hill, a Rural Development student from Kotzebue, will be spending the 2000-2001 academic year at Northern Arizona University (NAU) in Flagstaff, Arizona through the National Student Exchange Program.



Jade Hill

"I expect to live and work my whole life in Alaska, and this gives me a chance to experience life Outside before completing my degree and beginning my career," Jade says.

She is looking at taking courses in business and accounting while at NAU, all of which will transfer into her Rural Development BA degree at UAF.

Jade is a junior in the Fairbanks campus RD program. She wants to travel and experience the Southwest before completing her BA degree in Rural Development. She expects to return home to Kotzebue and the NANA region upon graduation. She is a 1997 graduate of Mt. Edgecumbe High School in Sitka, and she works during summers for Cominco/NANA at the Red Dog Mine port site near Kivalina. She is interested in possible employment with NANA or the Northwest Arctic Borough upon graduation.

RD students interested in the National Student Exchange Program can obtain more information from their advisor or from UAF's Office of the Registrar.

Paniyak Scholarships awarded to RD students

Five UAF Rural Development students from the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta earned the Joseph V. Paniyak Memorial Scholarship for Spring Semester 2000. The students are: Max Angellan (Kwethluk), John Amik (Kipnuk), Sven Paukan (St. Marys), Bing Santamour (Bethel), and Peter Twitchell (Bethel). All are earning their BA degree in Rural Development through UAF's Kuskokwim Campus. Also earning the award is Doreen Lacy of Hooper Bay, who is pursuing a BA degree in Education on the Fairbanks Campus.

The Paniyak Memorial Scholarship was created by Coastal Village Region Fund (CVRF) in honor of Joe Paniyak, who had a lifelong commitment to rural and community development in the region.

RD students on Honor Lists Congratulations to

Rocelyn Daniels of Trapper Creek
Rex Snyder of Barrow/
Fairbanks and John
Fulton of Dillingham
for earning a place on
the UAF Chancellor's
Honor List (4.0 GPA)
for Fall Semester 1999!
Well done!



Rex Snyder

Rocelyn
Daniels

John Fulton

**and
to**

Judy Bauman of Fairbanks
Margo Clayton of Haines
Jennifer Kleinschmidt of Nenana
Jamie Nollner of Galena
and Valerie Totemoff of Anchorage
for earning a place on the UAF Dean's Honor List
(3.5 to 3.99 GPA) for Fall Semester 1999!
Well done!

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RD legislative process class goes to Juneau

This semester, DANRD, in conjunction with Bristol Bay Native Association (BBNA), sponsored a one credit class on the legislative process.

Led by RD faculty member Mike Davis, eleven tribal planners from the villages in the area, and several employees from BBNA traveled to Juneau in March to learn first hand about the Alaska legislature.

The class included meetings with Senators and Representatives, legislative staff, Departments of Community and Economic Development, Fish and Game, Labor, and Department of Environmental Conservation, Governor's office, and lobbyists during the three-days seminar.

They were also treated to guest presentations by former Chief Justice Rabinowitz and Judge Tom Steward (who spoke to the students of his role in Statehood. He served in the territorial legislature, the first state legislature and as a secretary to the convention).



Judge Steward, secretary to the constitutional convention, shows an original copy of the Alaska Constitution to the students and staff of Senator Hoffman and Representative Kapsner.

On the last day, the students had an opportunity to put some of their knowledge to work. They each gave testimony before a mock committee. Staff from Representative Mary Kapsner and Senator Lyman Hoffman's office joined the students to learn about their concerns, and to assist in critiquing the presentations.

Representative Mary Kapsner was active in hosting the visit. She said, "I am pleased to report that I met with a group of Tribal administrators from the Bristol Bay Region. This seminar focused on the importance of rural Alaskans sharing the day to day reality



Students have the opportunity to meet with Bob King, press secretary to the governor, and Andy Ebona, special assistant for rural affairs. Pictured are tribal planners from villages throughout Bristol Bay, along with staff from Bristol Bay Native Association and Bob King.

of life in rural Alaska with people from urban areas. It's vital to share our experiences so that there is a higher level of communication and understanding between rural and urban Alaskans. I also talked about how valuable it is when people from rural areas testify on proposed legislation. An important role of government is to protect the smallest minority and as Native and rural Alaskans, we are the smallest minority. To make sure the government protects our interests, they need to hear from us. The group participated in a mock committee that gave each person the opportunity to give testimony on a particular issue of concern.

"Several participants have told me they found the trip to be a valuable learning experience. I hope that there are more opportunities for people from rural Alaska to come to Juneau and become more active in the legislative process."



Bonnie Ayojiak, (front center) RD student, along with the other tribal planners and BBNA staff, who joined her on the Capitol steps.

Welcome to the "RURAL-L" Discussion List

An e-mail discussion list for information about rural Alaska

Welcome! This free e-mail discussion list is for use by anyone interested in UAF's Rural Development BA degree program. You can use it to share information about classes, Rural Development seminars, workshops, news about graduates, funding and job opportunities, news about rural Alaska and other great ideas! It is available to anyone who shares these interests.

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For more information about this discussion list, see the help menu or contact Rick Caulfield (ffrac@uaf.edu)

To subscribe to RURAL-L send a mail message to LISTSERV@GALILEO.UAFADM.UAF.EDU Your message should read `SUBSCRIBE RURAL-L [enter]`.

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RD faculty member named as deputy commissioner

RD Assistant Professor Bernice Joseph was appointed to the position of Deputy Commissioner with the State Department of Community and Economic Development. She has relocated to Anchorage and will be on leave from her teaching duties at the University during her term as Deputy Commissioner.



Bernice Joseph speaking at the December 7, 1999 press conference at UAF as Commissioner Deborah Sedwick looks on.

The press conference announcing Bernice's appointment took place on December 7, 1999 at Rural Student Services (RSS). It was well attended, and included talks by Chancellor Lind, President Hamilton, Commissioner Sedwick, and Deputy Commissioner Joseph *smile*. Congratulations Bernice!

What are Rural Development Graduates Doing Now?

Sam Chanar ('97 Tooksook Bay) is featured on website www.uaf.edu/rahi/99/staff99/chanar.html as residence staff for RAHI in 1999. Sam is a special projects director and grant writer at Toksook Bay Traditional Council.

Johnny Evan ('96 Tuntutuliak)—has been a local government specialist III for the Department of Community & Economic Development for a little over a year.

Sharon Fisher ('97 Fairbanks) is the outreach administrator for the UAF Alaska Science and Technology Foundation.

Marie Greene ('97 Kotzebue)—is the senior vice president of NANA Regional Corporation in Kotzebue and is as committed as ever to serving the people of the Northwest Arctic Borough.

Linda Joule ('95 Kotzebue) is a member of the RD faculty at Chukchi Campus in Kotzebue.

Taro Kanazawa ('98 Japan) stays in touch with the RD Program via e-mail. He is currently working for an import company in Japan, and may travel to Europe on buying trips in the future. He also thinks about possibly starting a business in Alaska some day.

Aimee Kniazowski ('97 Unalaska) is back in her home community serving as the Assistant City Manager of Unalaska.

Gabe Sam ('96 Huslia)—is the director of the Wildlife & Parks, Tanana Chiefs Conference in Fairbanks.

Berda Willson ('96 Nome) is a member of the RD faculty at the NW Campus in Nome.

Darlene Wright ('98 Fairbanks) is working at Alyeska Pipeline, Inc., and has the honor of being the first Alyeska RD Scholarship recipient to be employed by the sponsoring company.

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To receive any financial aid, students must:

1. Be admitted by the Office of Admissions.
2. Be enrolled in a program leading to a degree, diploma, or certificate.
3. Be making satisfactory academic progress toward their educational goal.
4. Submit an application to the proper agency administering the financial aid programs.

Call the UAF Financial Aid Office for forms and information. Office hours are from 8 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday (financial aid advisors are available at 9 a.m.)

Special scholarship opportunities for RD students:

Alyeska Rural Development Scholarship

Deadline: April 28, 2000 (for Fall semester)
Eligibility: good standing in the RD program, with minimum GPA of 2.5

Joseph V. Paniyak Memorial Scholarship

Deadline: April 30, 2000 (for Fall semester)
Eligibility: western Alaska UAF students who have resided in the Coastal Villages or Yukon-Kuskokwim region for five or more years

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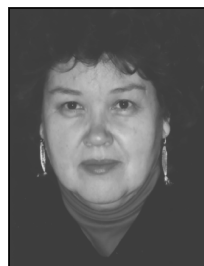
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*Roxanne Houston
RD Faculty, Sitka Campus*



*Vivian Johnson
RD Faculty, Kuskokwim Campus*



*Berda Willson
RD Faculty, NW Campus*



*Louann Rank
RD Faculty, Kuskokwim Campus*



*Mary Ann Katt
Part-time Administrative Assistant
Anchorage Office*

Summer sessions 2000 at UAF information now available

Some RD students may wish to get information about summer offerings on the Fairbanks campus. The new course catalog is just out, and you can access information about it on the web. Point your browser to www.uaf.edu/summer/.

Darlene Wright: first Alyeska RD scholarship recipient to get employment at Alyeska

"During my undergraduate studies I was a recipient of the Alyeska Rural Development Scholarship for five semesters. I feel privileged that I have an opportunity to give back to the company in many small ways while directly supporting employees and interns in the development of their careers with Alyeska." Darlene Wright

RD graduate Darlene Wright was hired by the Alyeska Pipeline Service Company in Valdez last November as an Employee Development Consultant. Her job is to provide direct consultation to employees regarding career pathing, training and development issues or concerns, with a special emphasis on issues relating to regulatory/technical training and organizational development needs of the Trans-Alaska Pipeline.

One of her primary functions as an Employee Development Consultant is to implement the Building Foundations for Excellence Program (BFEP) in the Valdez Business Unit as the BFEP SPOC (Single Point of Contact). There are 20 BFEP Interns



Alyeska's Building Foundations for Excellence Program group. Darlene Wright is the fifth person from the right in the second row.

in Valdez including positions in corporate communications, business management, technicians, oil spill response specialists, and environment/safety disciplines. Internships are typically 18 months to two years long. Upon completion of their internships, employees are placed in a full-position.

Darlene is a Building Foundations for Excellence Internship participant in addition to working in the capacity of an Employee Development Consultant. She is in a unique position coordinating the implementation of the BFEP Program and providing input on its design and evaluation.

Rural Development Applied Field-Based Program FALL 2000 APPLICATION DEADLINE—APRIL 21, 2000

The Department of Alaska Native and Rural Development is now accepting applications for the Applied Field Based Program. **The application deadline is April 21, 2000** for students who wish to begin attending in the Fall semester.

Interested individuals must meet the following requirements:

- Have earned 30 or more university credits
- Be eligible for admission to UAF
- Be able to participate in four required intensive seminars each year away from home, each lasting five days*

To apply, you must submit:

- A letter of application
- A current resume
- Copies of university transcripts
- Two letters of recommendation from a representative or local entity (tribal, local government, ANCSA corporation, school board) supporting your application and discussing your understanding of local and regional development issues
- A thoughtful essay describing:
 - Your career goals
 - How the RD Applied Field Based Program will meet those goals, and

- Two or three major development issues facing your community or region, and how your goals address those issues.
- A UAF undergraduate application with \$35 processing fee

**Students are strongly encouraged to seek scholarship funds to defray the cost of travel and expenses to and from seminars.*

Completed applications can be mailed or faxed to:

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1999-2000 seminars in review

October 1999 - Fairbanks



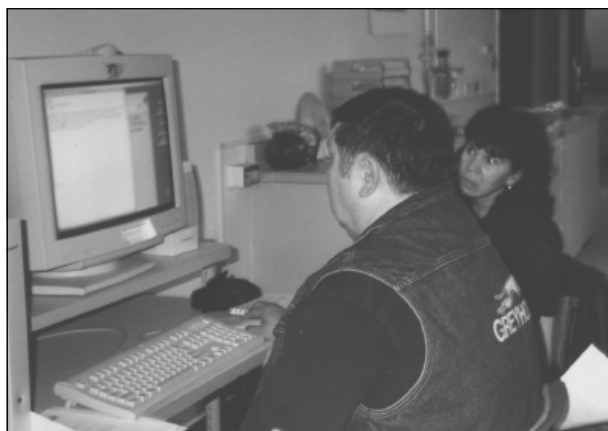
Participants in October seminar pose in front of the Rasmussen Library on UAF Campus.

The first student Rural Development seminar of the 1999-2000 school term was held in Fairbanks on October 6-12, 1999. The seminar theme was "International Indigenous Rights and European Study Travel Seminar Follow-up" and provided an opportunity for students who traveled to Europe last summer to

reflect and report on their experiences. As most of the RD students don't often get to the UAF campus, another benefit was the opportunity to get university picture identification cards done and fulfill their one-credit Library Science requirement. A workshop on webpage development was also held.



RD students Verna Nanalook, Marlane Shanigan, and Inez Webb pose with Ande Somby of Norway.



Bethel RD students Peter Twitchell and Velda Miller at the web site development session during October seminar.



Presenter Dalee Sambo Dorough of the Indian Law Resource Center speaks to students.



Ande Somby, guest presenter from Norway sings a traditional Sami Yoik at potluck.

The seminar featured a pair of distinguished presenters on the issues of international indigenous rights. Dalee Sambo Dorough, the director of the Alaska Office of the Indian Law Resource Center, and internationally known expert on indigenous rights provided an overview of the United Nations system and how it relates to indigenous peoples. Ande Somby, a law professor at the University of Tromso in Norway, and a Sami (an indigenous person of Scandinavia) spoke on "How to represent Sami ways of thinking within a legal discourse." Dr. Somby also delighted the students with a performance of yoiks, the traditional singing of the Sami.

attended the potluck. The evening was highlighted by a special yoik and storytelling performance by Ande Somby. Professor Emeritus Joli Morgan, who led the Europe trip, was honored at the potluck for his exceptional contributions to the Rural Development Program.

Fairbanks campus-based student Rex Snyder may have summed up the Europe student travel experience for many others when he said it "changed my life." The success of the Europe trip has inspired the department to provide a strong commitment to organizing future student travel study experiences.



Ralph Gabrielli, Executive Dean of the UAF College of Rural Alaska, speaks to students.

Bing Santamour giving a thank you gift to Joli Morgan.



Panels of students who made the Europe trip presented on their experiences including numerous slides. Students Gloria Stickwan and Andria Agli described how they felt testifying before the United Nations Working Group on Indigenous Populations in Geneva. Agli also replicated her UN testimony for the other students. The audience was moved by student Velda Miller's description of helping serve food to homeless people in Paris.

Rural Student Services at UAF hosted a highly successful potluck during one of the evenings of the seminar. Campus-based students as well as some Native elders from the Fairbanks area



Students Carol Kvasnikoff of Nanwalek and Max Angellan of Kwethluk confer over an assignment.

Jonella Larson, DANRD student assistant, sitting with elders at the potluck at Rural Student Services.



December 1999 - Anchorage

The second Rural Development student seminar of the 1999-2000 school year was held in Anchorage on December 1-7, 1999. The seminar, titled "Community Economic Development and Land and Resource Management," was scheduled in conjunction with the annual convention of the Alaska Inter-Tribal Council which students attended.

Presenters at the seminar included officials from the State of Alaska including Pat Poland, Director of the Municipal and Regional Assistance Division of the Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) gave a broad overview of community development in rural Alaska. Midge Clouse, another representative from DCED, led the students through a community visioning procedure. Linda Joule, DANRD faculty member from Kotzebue, also facilitated an interactive session titled "Family Systems and Community Development."

Among the other sessions were a Community Development Quota Fisheries Program panel with Selma Davis of the Coastal Villages Region Fund and Larry Cotter of the Aleutian-Pribilof Islands Coastal Development Association; David Gilland and

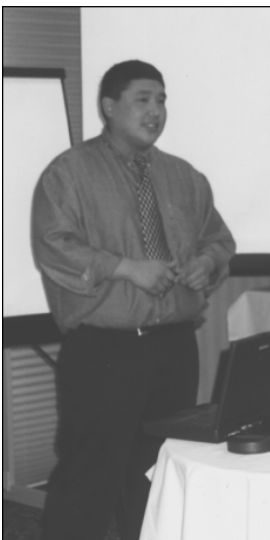
Darryle Lons of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service presented on the Togiak and Becharof National Wildlife Refuge Comprehensive Conservation Plans; Doug Drum of Indian Valley Meats on Fisheries Development; Warren McDonald of Capilano Pacific on Organic and Value Added Salmon; RD graduate Noah Naylor on Alaska Village Initiatives, and Jacob Adams, President of the Arctic Slope Regional Corporation on the Alpine Field development.



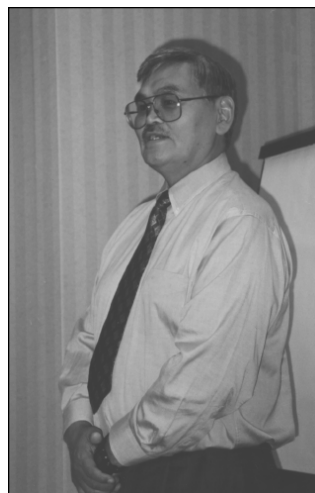
Midge Clouse from the Department of Community and Economic Development guides Gordon Pullar (faculty), Bing Santamour, and Margo Clayton in small groups exercises.



Faculty member Linda Joule facilitates session.



RD graduate Noah Naylor gives presentation.



Jacob Adams, President of Arctic Slope Regional Corp. speaks to students.



Representative Reggie Joule cutting muktuk for evening feast of traditional foods.



Elder Luke Amik (Kipnuk elder) going through the potluck line.



Shishmaref student Stella Havatone meeting with her advisor, Berda Willson, faculty member from Nome.

February 2000 - Anchorage

The February 2000 RD seminar was highlighted by a presentation by Dr. Stephen Cornell, the Director of Udall Center at the University of Arizona and by local attorneys David Case and David Voluck. Dr. Cornell, the author of the well-known book, *What Can Tribes Do*, led the students through a community development exercise while attorneys Case and Voluck gave updated reports on self-determination and sovereignty, and other issues of Federal Indian Law in Alaska. Deborah Vo, the executive Director of the Alaska Inter-Tribal Council and Lisa Jaeger, attorney with the Tanana Chiefs Conference also gave presentations.



Director of McDull Center, Dr. Stephen Cornell, talking with Louann Rank (faculty), and Fairbanks student Elizabeth Piedra.



Bethel students Gerri Sumpter and Lauri Weston-O'Brien



David Case, presenter.

Lee Stephan, Max Angellan, and Vic Fischer, presenter.



Representative Reggie Joule and Linda Joule (faculty).

Students Bing Santamour, Valerie Totemoff and Sitka faculty member Roxanne Houston (right) pose with presenter Steve Cornell.



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