

Seminar Goes to Juneau

by Mike Davis, RD faculty

On Jan 31 of this year, students enrolled in the Rural Development program traveled to Juneau to take part in a workshop on the legislative process. The workshop is one of the four seminars that the RD students participate in each year.

The RD students spent the week learning about the legislative process. In order to gain a better perspective on the many influences to the process, the RD students met with a wide array of policy makers in addition to members of the legislature. They had the opportunity to meet with the Governor and his staff, Commissioner of Labor, various state agencies' personnel, legislative liaisons, lobbyists, news media, and staff to a number of the legislators.

The class included meetings with the Speaker of the House, President of the Senate, Co-Chair of House Finance Committee,

individual members of House and Senate finance along with Minority leaders in both houses. They also had individual meetings with their legislators.

I talked with three of the students that attended the seminar to get some of their impressions of the week. Pat Jackson, an RD student and legislative aide to Rep. Mary Kapsner stated, "There is something really great about RD Students coming to town. It is more like communication...that was one of the neat things (about the seminar). People communicating back to the policy makers a picture of what it is like out there (Rural Alaska). The more we are able to do that the better."

Nancy Barnes, RD student, aide to Rep. Kookesh and President of Eyak Corporation also expressed the importance of the students

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Photo by Inez Webb

RD faculty member, former legislator and one of the seminar planners, Mike Davis (front and center) poses with RD students and faculty on the steps of the Capitol Building.



New RD Students

Six new students were admitted to the Applied Field Based B.A. Degree Program in Rural Development for spring semester 2001. They are:

John McIntyre, Bethel
Tavia Barr, Barrow
Pat Jackson, Juneau
Sophie Jenkins, Napaskiak
Jeri Knudsen, Nome
Pamela Kron, Tok

WELCOME ABOARD!

Andria Agli, RD BA student chosen to be ambassador

Rural Development BA student Andria Agli, originally from South Naknek, was chosen to participate in the American Indian Ambassadors Program.



The two-year national program is sponsored by American Indians for Opportunity (AIO), a not-for-profit organization based in New Mexico and headed by LaDonna Harris.

According to AIO, they "draw upon traditional tribal values to promote new ways of problem-solving, to develop leadership, and to create contemporary institutions that can deal with the complex issues of the 21st century."

This prestigious program is very competitive and only 16 participants were selected nationally. Tom Okleasik from Nome was the only other Alaska selection. For more information about the American Indian Ambassador's Program you can visit their website at www.ao/relation.html. Congratulations Andria!

RD students awarded scholarships for spring 2001 semester

Congratulations to the following students in the Rural Development BA and MA programs who are recipients of spring 2001 Alyeska Pipeline RD scholarships and Joseph V. Paniyak Memorial Scholarships (generously provided by Coastal Villages Region Fund, the CDQ fisheries organization in the Kuskokwim Delta):

Paniyak Memorial Scholarships

Vincent Waska, Jr., Newtok
Max Angellan, Kwethluk
Gloria Simeon, Bethel
Mel Lawrence, Mountain Village
Valerie Pingayak, Chevak
Anna Ross, Akiachak
Peter Twitchell, Bethel

Alyeska RD Scholarships:

Dixie Dayo, Manley Hot Springs/Fbks
Jeri Knudsen, Nome
James LaBelle, Sr., Anchorage
Charles Pullock, Nome
Dena Shears, St. Michael

Scholarships deadlines

Paniyak Memorial Scholarships: April 30, 2001

Nulato Tribal Council: April 30, 2001

Tanana Chiefs Conference: April 30, 2001

Alyeska RD Scholarships: May 4, 2001

Alaska Dept. of Ed. GEAR UP Scholarship: May 31, 2001

Coastal Villages Region Fund donates to Joseph V. Paniyak Scholarship Fund

The Coastal Villages Region Fund (CVRF) has generously decided to donate an additional \$10,000 to continue the Joseph V. Paniyak Scholarship Fund.

The scholarship was established in the spring of 1999 by CVRF, a western Alaska coastal villages organization, which promotes economic and human resource development, in cooperation with the University of Alaska Fairbanks. They are committed to building community leadership in economic development by investing in today's college bound students seeking rural development degrees.

Several RD students from the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta region have received Joseph V. Paniyak Scholarships since its creation.

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RD students on Fall 00 Honor Lists

Congratulations to

Patricia K. Carey, Fairbanks
Michelle Lynn Kignak, Barrow
Jennifer Kleinschmidt, Nenana
Dena M. Shears, St. Michaels

for earning a place on the UAF Chancellor's Honor List (4.0 GPA)

and to Nicholas R. Charles Jr., Wasilla

for earning a place on the UAF Dean's Honor List (3.5 to 3.99 GPA)
for Fall 2000 semester! Well done!

What are Rural Development Graduates Doing Now?

Austin Ahmasuk ('97 Nome) works as a Natural Resources Administrative Assistant for Kawerak. He was named the Kawerak employee of the month in July 2000, and the *Kaniqsiugut News* ran an article that described him as a team player displaying dedication, determination, and a positive attitude. He has also served as Acting Subsistence Specialist and traveled in the field to help the Land management Department.



Lissa Robertson ('00 Fairbanks) is currently working as the Government Relations Director for the Associated Students of the University of Alaska Fairbanks. She is responsible for coordinating student lobbying efforts to the Alaska State Legislature. She also gave a very nice presentation at the Feb 2001 RD 492 seminar in Juneau.



Brian Bourdon ('99 Nome) is working at Kawerak in the Community Services Division as a Village Planning Development Specialist. He was named the Kawerak employee of the month in July 2000. The *Kaniqsiugut News* ran an article that described him as hard worker who has helped villages research, edit, and package grant proposals. The article also mentioned that he coordinated the Grant Writer's Symposium, taking on what three or more people would have done, and credits the symposium going smoothly without a glitch to his hard work.

Gabriel Sam ('96 Huslia) started working for Tanana Chiefs right after graduation, and has worked there for five years. The experience was very positive and taught him a lot. In April Gabe moved his family to Anchorage and took a job as the new director for the subsistence advocacy program for Rural CAP. He says the 90 employees there are great, and everyone is helping him to succeed and organize and understand the chain of command. He is settling into the new job and has put up his "Bad Boys of the Arctic" polar bear poster as well as his "Vegetarian: Indian word for lousy hunter" poster. As he acquaints himself with subsistence areas new to him, new computer software, and the Anchorage road system, he is viewing the experience as an adventure and challenge.

Dixie Dayo ('94 Manley Hot Springs/Fairbanks) designed a story dress entitled *How Do We Heal* that she traveled to London to present at the Arctic Clothing Conference in March. She also attended an Anthropology Conference in Fairbanks in March, and is currently working towards her Masters in Rural Development Degree. (story on page 13)



Gabe married in 1996 and has a 3-1/2 year old son, with another on the way and due in June. He and his wife hope and pray for a healthy child, and don't care if it is a boy or a girl.

April 24-26 will find Gab driving to Homer and testifying to the Board of Fish on subsistence halibut. He has hit his new job running!

He will also have an article published in the next issue of Tanana Chiefs newsletter which he plans to direct towards young people, with advice on how to take the challenging risks needed to move ahead in life.

Beverly Demientieff ('99 Fairbanks) is working as a Human Resource Generalist for the Fairbanks Native Association.

Dennis Gray ('95 Fairbanks) is now working back home in Hoonah for Sealaska Timber Corporation. He works in "Woods Quality Control" as a contract compliance supervisor. He is living in Hoonah but also travels to Kake, Prince of Wales Island, and other sites in SE Alaska. Dennis' wife teaches in the Hoonah School. They have one child and he says another is on the way!

Gilda Shellikoff ('98 False Pass), as president of False Pass Tribal Council, joined Governor Tony Knowles on April 11 in signing an historic Millenium Agreement on behalf of her village. (story on signing the millenium agreement on page 14)

Jonella Larson ('00 Nome) is in Napal volunteering as a teaching assistant for the Himalayan Explorer's Club. (story on page 11)

Cheryl Stine ('97 Barrow) recently earned her MBA and is working in Anchorage as Vice President and Assistant General Manager of UIC Construction, Inc., a Barrow, Alaska based Native construction company, and a subsidiary of Ukpeagvik Inupiat Corp. She addressed AFN in October 2000 promoting the mentoring of Alaska Native Youth, which is posted on the web at www.ukpik.com/r102000.html.



Noah Naylor ('95 Kotzebue) is the Economic Development Planner for the Northwest Arctic Borough. He recently posed with the 2001 Alaska Surveying and Mapping Conference Project of the Year Award, in recognition of their part in the Community Profile Mapping Partnership, and the creation of high quality community profile maps that are an important planning tool for rural residents and the agencies and groups that work with rural villages.



Bruce Tungwenuk ('88 Nome) has recently joined Kawerak's land management staff as a Land Management Specialist II. He has over 10 years experience as a land technician at Sitnasuak, and is known to be very competent at computer mapping.

We are always interested in finding out what our graduates are doing, and their current whereabouts. *If you have any graduate information to share, please drop a line to any of our faculty or staff, photos are appreciated too!* Their phone numbers and e-mail addresses can be found on the back page of this newsletter.

RD 492 Anchorage seminar

Rural Development BA students came to Anchorage for the RD 492 seminar, held on November 30–December 4, 2000. This seminar focused on “Tools for Economic Development in Rural Alaska.” The students came prepared to share information they gathered on the challenges, opportunities and benefits for economic development in their home communities, which they had gathered from personal interviews, discussions with their councils and from community leaders. Speakers were brought in to share their expertise in economic development planning, rural Alaska projects, personal rural entrepreneurial experiences, financing, internet law, the Alaska Native impact, and state/tribal relations. Participants were given the opportunity to hear from representatives of First Alaskans Foundation, Copper Valley Economic Development Council, Tyonek Native Corporation, Department of Community and Economic Development, Denali Commission, Alaska Growth Capital, NANA Corporation, CIRI Corporation, Rural Alaska Community Action Program, Alaska Village Initiatives, Alaska Rural Development Council, as well as lawyers, successful rural Alaska entrepreneurs and a well known elder and Native traditional healer.

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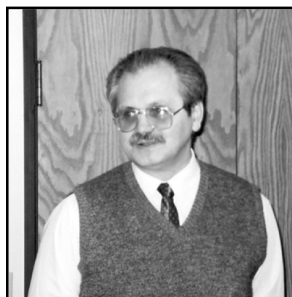
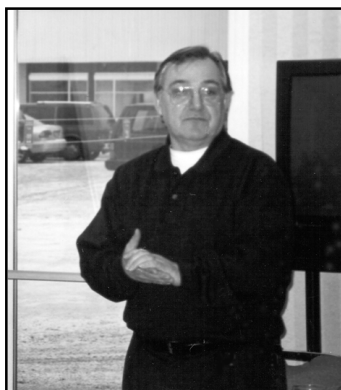


Well known elder, Rita Blumenstein, a Yupik traditional healer shared some of her wisdom.



RD student Bonnie Ayojiak shares information she researched about her home community of Manokotak. Students discussed the challenges, opportunities and benefits of current local economic development in rural Alaska.

Chuck Akers, executive director of the Alaska Rural Development Council, shared pertinent information about his council and ideas about the direction Rural Alaska should take in the future.



Tom Harris, President and CEO of Alaska Village Initiatives, spoke about the Alaska Native impact in the top 49-er's.



Larry Dickerson, executive director of the Copper Valley Economic Development Council, gave insight into many rural Alaska issues. Larry will be joining DANRD faculty in the fall.



Bart Garber, CEO of Tyonek Corporation discussed his corporation's corporate strategy and leadership.



Gloria Simeon from Bethel, RD student, entrepreneur and presenter, showed her product and told her story.



Herbie Croteau shared his expertise and discussed the pitfalls many new entrepreneurs fall into.

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Field trips to Tyonek Village and Indian Valley Meats were also incorporated into the agenda.

The emphasis was on thinking positively, building on what we have, economic development strategies, lessons learned in beginning a business from people "in the trenches", sparking interesting ideas, involving elders, focussing on helping people, and giving insiders' views.

Students took advantage of their chance to ask lots of questions of the different presenters throughout the seminar, and found the experience to be sobering and eye opening.

Participants left personally equipped with new ideas and a knowledge of the tools for economic development that could be used in to develop the economy in their own home communities.



(Left to right) Louann Rank, RD faculty, and RD students Gert Peter, Anna Ross, Annie Roach and Valerie Totemoff at the seminar.



Small groups worked on different issues throughout the seminar, then reformed back into the larger group to share their ideas. Pictured here from left to right are: Vera Weber, Charles Pullock, Mel Lawrence and Annie Roach.



RD faculty Vivian Johnson helps facilitate the session on resources.



Students and faculty listen to Tyonek representative.



Vera Weber writes down her group's ideas as they share them with all participants.



RD faculty member Gordon Pullar and RD student Millie Evan from Akiachak take the opportunity to have a one-to-one visit.



RD student Jon Dyasuk from Dillingham during one of the presentations.



(Left to right) RD students Gert Peter, Anna Ross, Millie Evan, Bonnie Ayojiak and Vera Weber at Alaska Village Initiatives (AVI) offices. AVI generously provided meeting facilities for one of the days of the RD seminar, as well as several presenters.

RD 492 Juneau seminar

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"...coming to Juneau when the legislature is in session. This is where the power is and where to see the dynamics of what is going on. It is very valuable for the seminar to take place here."

Eva Malvich, an RD student, and who also serves as one of Yukon Kuskokwim Heath Corporation's directors made her second trip down to Juneau to participate in the class. She felt the trip was very valuable to learn the process and find how bills are passed. She said she

has been able to use the knowledge since she returned home. She said, "I find myself getting more involved." She has been working with others in the community to try to get more funding for VPSO's. "When the finance committee was meeting on a topic important to us at the Health Corporation, I instructed the staff, on how to testify, how to be effective in getting their point across." As for the structure of the seminar, she stated "It's a hands on class. It is not sitting in the classroom. To access so many people is, overwhelming at first, but I'd go back again."

The seminar provided a unique learning environment for the Rural Development students. The seminar began with a meeting with Governor Knowles. The Governor hosted the students to a breakfast meeting at the Mansion. After their first day at the Capitol, the students hosted a reception for the legislators at the Sealaska's boardroom. The students were also introduced during both House

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Photo by David Sheakley



Andy Ebona, the Governor's Special Assistant for Rural Affairs, met with RD students in the Governor's conference room and talked about the role of the Governor's office.



Bob King, Governor's Press Secretary, discussed the role of the Governor's office.



Jim Duncan, Deputy Commissioner of Administration.



Representative Andrew Halcro presenting at RD seminar.



Representative Albert Kookesh gave an energizing motivational speech at a breakfast meeting.

Photo by David Sheakley



Annalee McConnell, Governor's Budget Director, helped RD students understand some of the aspects of the role of the Governor's office.

Photo by David Sheakley



Judge Stewart, secretary of the constitutional convention, showed RD students and faculty an original copy of the Alaska Constitution.

Juneau seminar focused on legislative process

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and Senate Floor Sessions; they attended a joint House and Senate Finance meeting when President Hamilton gave testimony on the University's budget. On the final day they met with retired Judge Tom Stewart (Secretary to the Constitutional Convention) who gave a historical perspective to the process. Legislative Information Office gave them the tools to access the legislative information on line when they returned home. They also joined with UA student campus leaders in hosting President Hamilton one evening at the UAS campus.

Faculty members Mike Davis and Roxanne Houston and students Pat Jackson and Nancy Barnes planned the seminar. Thanks to Nancy Barnes for her Yun Shu Kah dance group (Yun Shu Kah is a Tlingit word meaning "people away from home"), a multi-cultural group of Tlingit, Haida and Tsimshians, for sharing their culture at a UAS reception. The Rural Development Program is also appreciative to Sealaska Corporation for co-hosting the legislative reception.



Photo by David Sheakley

The Legislative Reception, sponsored by Sealaska, offered good food and a chance to meet with legislators.



Photo by David Sheakley

Tony Knowles talking to RD students and staff at the Governor's Mansion.



Photo by David Sheakley

Governor Tony Knowles is delighted to meet Gail Staudinger, DANRD Administrative Assistant.



Ron Nalimak and John McIntyre check the board for the day's legislative activities.



Andria Agli testifying in a mock legislative hearing. Listening are: (left to right) RD students Jim LaBelle Sr., Max Angellan, Hannah Loon, and RD faculty member Roxanne Houston.



Students wait in the hall of the state capitol building for their next meeting.

Juneau seminar... Opportunities to talk with legislators



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DANRD director Gordon Pullar chats with Representative Ethan Berkowitz.

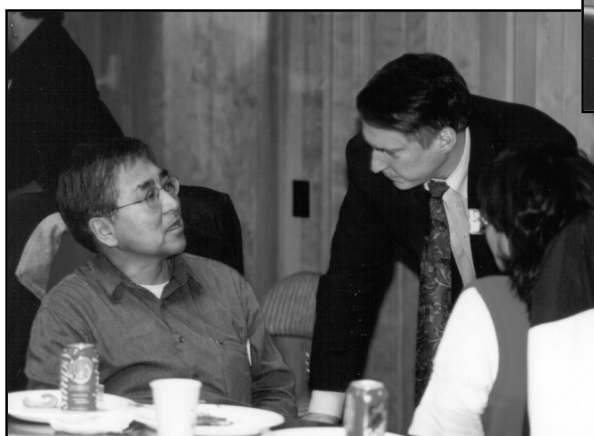


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Max Angellan gets a listening ear from Senator Rick Halford, President of the Senate.



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UA President Mark Hamilton shakes hands with Charles Pullock, RD student from Nome.

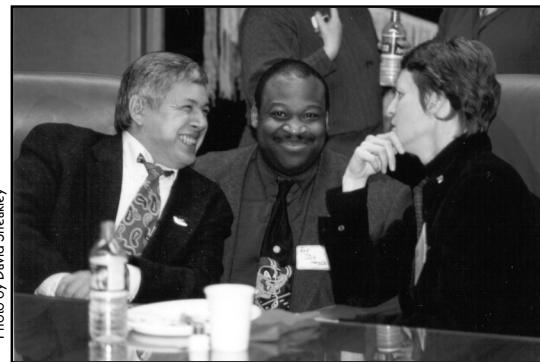


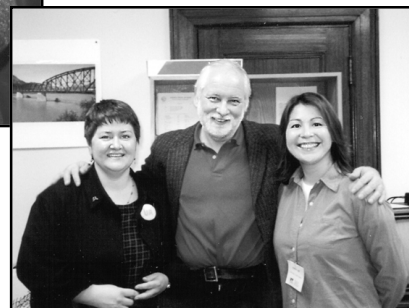
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Representatives Reggie Joule and Joe Hayes talk with RD student Pamela Kron of Tok.



Photo by David Sheakley

Representative Albert Kookesh visits with Hannah Loon from Selawik in the Sealaska board room during the legislative reception.



Representative Richard Foster enjoys the company of RD students Inez Webb and Andria Agli.



Representative Mary Kapsner (front and center) met with her RD student and faculty constituents from the Bethel area. Seated (left to right) Eva Malvich, Pat Jackson, Mary Kapsner, and Max Angellan. Standing (left to right) Annie Roach, Bob Charles, Anna Ross, John McIntyre and Vivian Johnson.

Juneau seminar...

Student and faculty snapshots



Photo by David Sheakley

Mary Jane Fate, UA Board of Regents member, visits with RD faculty, Vivian Johnson.

Moses Tulin of Chevak, presenting his senior project.

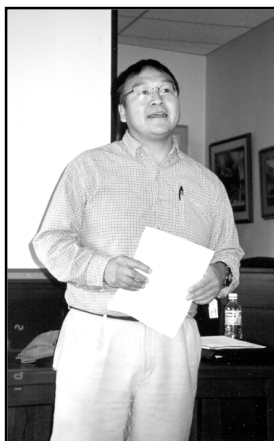


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Representative Mary Kapsner and her son, Conrad, age two!

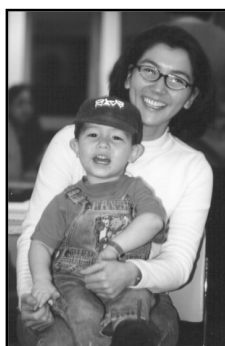


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RD Student Nancy Barnes from Juneau performed with the YunShu Kah Dancers at the UAS reception student get together.



Mrs. Susan Knowles and Max Angellan.



Photo by David Sheakley

DANRD faculty and staff, Gail Staudinger, Berda Willson, Vivian Johnson and Roxanne Houston pose with Dr. Hamilton and his wife Patricia (second from right).



Senator Donny Olson poses with RD student Ron Nalikak from Barrow.

John McIntyre gives his testimony at the mock legislative hearing.



RD faculty member Mike Davis with RD student Valerie Totemoff.

Jim LaBelle and Chris Kiana, RD MA students.



Photo by David Sheakley



Enjoying the pizza party with other UA students at the student get together held on UAS campus.

Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corporation-The Learning Center

The Learning Center is the educational component of the Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corporation and presently manages and tracks training and development to increase the knowledge and skills of current and future employees. The Learning Center has five programs that are continually developing: Mandatory Corporate Training, Career Pathways, Staff Development, Management and Leadership, and "Other" Training.

Vivian Johnson, Director of the Learning Center and Rural Development faculty staff member has contributed to the success of the Rural Development program and the B.A. and M.A students through providing opportunities for senior students to work on their senior projects in developing the Learning Center educational programs further. Also in doing so, the Learning Center has grown tremendously as an educational component of YKHC. In May 2000, YKHC's first Rural Development Senior student graduated, Lauri O'Brien, completing her senior project at the Learning Center, where she is currently the Training Manager. Velda Miller has completed her senior project and her four months at the Learning Center at the end of February. She will graduate with her Rural Development bachelor's degree in May 2001. In the future, Ms. Johnson hopes to increase the opportunities for employees, who are University undergraduate and graduate students, to conduct work related projects throughout YKHC.



THE LEARNING CENTER STAFF

BACK: Lauri Weston-O'Brien (Training Manager) and Velda Miller (Project Manager) FRONT: MaryKay Cowboy (LC Coordinator), Clyde Smith (Program Asst.) and Vivian Johnson (Director)

Lauri Weston-O'Brien's Story

I have been an employee of the Yukon Kuskokwim Delta Regional Hospital and the Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corporation (YKHC) for the last twelve years. The last five and a half years have been in the education department at YKHC. I started my college education in 1983. Like many students I took a smorgasbord of courses and ended up with 24 extra elective courses by the time I graduated. I formally entered the Rural Development Program in 1996 and obtained my Bachelor's Degree in Rural Development in May 2000. I am currently enrolled in the RD Masters Program and having a blast, especially in critical thinking.

My senior project was to develop a vision for the Learning Center @ YKHC. When I started my project I was not sure where it would bring me. I am glad to say that we are progressively moving forward with the overall development of the health corporation's education programs. I am excited to see the vision becoming a reality.



Lauri Weston-O'Brien presenting on the Learning Center @ YKHC at the Annual Career Pathways Conference in Anchorage on November 26-28, 2000.

Velda Miller's Story

I have been an employee of the Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corporation (YKHC) for the last two years. In mid September 2000, I went on Education Leave from Behavioral Health and began my final journey as a Rural Development senior student of the Kuskokwim Campus- University of Alaska Fairbanks. During



Velda Miller presenting on the Learning Center @YKHC- Career Pathways Program at the Annual Career Pathways Conference in Anchorage on November 26-28, 2000.

my educational leave, I had the opportunity to work with the Learning Center as a Project Manager from October 23, 2000 through February 28, 2001.

In doing so, I began the development process of one of the five educational components called the Career Pathways Program through writing an Administration for Native Americans proposal that went out January 26, 2001 and completing the visual of the Quadrant Process Model within the Learning Center at YKHC. Dually, I was also able to complete my required Senior Project course, RD475 in the Rural Development Program. I have enjoyed my time here at the Learning Center and I am ready to move on to new challenges wherever they may lead within YKHC following my graduation with a B.A. in Rural Development: Community Organization and Service this May 2001.

RD senior in National Student Exchange Program

by Jade Hill

Hello from Northern Arizona University! It's Jade Hill here writing from Flagstaff, Arizona. I am a senior this year taking a year off from UAF on the National Student Exchange Program. I decided to enroll in the program for my last year because I thought I needed to experience life outside of the State. It's been a great experience!



Jade Hill

RD Exchange Student

I chose NAU because I had heard that the climate was much like Alaska's climate and I knew I did not want too much of a change. No change is exactly what I got. Flagstaff is up in the mountains in Arizona. We are at 7,000 foot elevation and it snows here from October to March. So, I actually figured Alaska's winter was much more mild than Arizona's! Brrr!

There is also a lot of history here. The Grand Canyon is practically in my back yard, unfortunately I have yet to visit the sight. But, no worries, I will before my time is up here.

Classes have been great. Last semester I took mainly Political Science classes and this semester I am focusing on finishing classes I need to graduate. I have enjoyed learning about Arizona and the politics surrounding the area. It has also been intriguing learning with a new culture of people. My political science classes here bring in a whole new perspective on issues that I really enjoying taking in. I am also learning some about the reservations and Native Americans living in this area. It's been very interesting.

I have also been involved in intramural basketball while I have been here. Our team actually won the championship, so I'll be returning with a nice new T-shirt celebrating my victory. All around, I am very glad I decided to take this experience. I admit that I miss Alaska more than ever and can not wait to return, but I have made many friends and memories being here. The NSE program is a great experience because you can explore all of your options with little cost.

In Memorium

The students, faculty and staff of DANRD mourn the loss of RD students

Cynthia Hartman 1962–2001
Benjamin A. Hopson, Jr. 1954–2001

Jonella Larson in Nepal

by Matilda Larson

RD graduate, Jonella Larson from Nome is in Nepal from now until the end of May (maybe June) volunteering as a teaching assistant for the Himalayan Explorer's Club (www.hec.org). She is residing in a village outside of Phaplu (a nearby community), and has to hike for an hour to reach a phone.

She will be finished with her program in mid April, and will spend the rest of her time trekking to Gokyo, and possibly to other locations.



Jonella Larson (far left) in Nepal.

RD student organizes rural economic development conference

RD student, Gerri Sumpter, worked hard to promote economic development in rural Western Alaska by coordinating a conference designed to get community and business development ideas, advice and resources into the hands of interested people. The *Rural Economic Development: Making a Living in Western Alaska* conference, held at the Yupiit Piciryarait Cultural Center in Bethel on April 4-6, 2001, was a big success and well attended. Gerri was the conference coordinator.



*Gerri Sumpter
RD Student*

Some of the topics woven into the conference include: how to start a small business, local business successes, a tourism round table, building a business website, financing, developing a business plan, technology benefits, the importance of regional and village corporations to rural economic development, keeping cash flow in your community, alternate business ideas such as value-added meat and fish processing, marketing ideas, and where to get help and find resources to bring ideas into action.

The conference was sponsored by the UAF Kuskokwim Campus and the Lower Kuskokwim Economic Development Council, and 11 companies supported the effort with their donations.

Gerri is also the community education coordinator and continuing education manager for the University of Alaska Kuskokwim Campus.

RD faculty highlights

Louann Rank

Beginning this Spring Semester, 2001, Louann Rank became a faculty member of DANRD on the Fairbanks Campus. She has continued to advise Rural Development students on the Kuskokwim Campus, where she began teaching with the program in the fall of 1999. She writes:



I'm excited about the move to Fairbanks and am enjoying the resources of the UAF campus. It has been really good getting to know the students here and more about DANRD's programs overall. I do miss Bethel and the Yukon Kuskokwim region, but being connected to the field-based program from UAF allows great connection to students, and I look forward to future growth in distance and web-based coursework. I'm drawn to networking and international perspectives, so we'll see what interesting directions DANRD will take in the coming years! This summer I'll be attending the Alberta Summer Research Institute in Alberta, Canada, hosted by the Canadian Consulate General to support the integration of Canadian Studies into U.S. academic programs.

Rick Caulfield

In February 2001 Rick Caulfield participated in a workshop organized by Linda Joule (MA student) on food security that involved a Canadian team from Laval University. He is also working with Third Sector Consultants to redesign the DANRD website.



Berda Willson

In February Berda Willson participated in the 2001 Bering Strait Regional Economic Development Conference that was held in Nome. The conference theme was "Launching E-Business into Our Traditional Economies." Approximately 250 participants came from across the region and state, included representatives from every regional village organization in the Bering Straits Region. Kawerak, Inc., the non-profit for the Bering Strait Region, offers this annual conference to help improve the self-sufficiency of the people in their region.



This year's conference gave an overview on E-commerce and related subjects, such as "entering the digital age." It introduced participants to what the internet is, and the various resources associated with using it. Berda attended the "Enhanced E-Services" track and found the concept of creating a virtual college & educational system of the most interest. She says that meeting other participants from the region, and hearing their comments on the high cost and limited access was very important. Using the internet has changed how we think about communications, and we must have affordable access for the Internet's continued use.

Students with questions on this subject can talk to Berda, who would be more than happy to forward them on to others with more knowledge on the subject.

FINANCIAL AID Quick Reference

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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.)

RD Scholarship Highlight

Alyeska Pipeline Service Company, Section 29 Program, sponsors the "Alyeska Rural Development Scholarships" each semester for eligible BA and MA Rural Development degree students. Scholarships are open to Alaska Native students in both degree programs. Applicants must have a 2.5 minimum GPA overall. Those in pipeline corridor communities are especially encouraged to apply.

Up to \$500 each semester is available for Fairbanks campus students, and up to \$1000 is available each semester for distance students. Once accepted into the scholarship program, students can continue receiving support for up to four semesters if in good academic standing.

TO APPLY:

- 1) Write a personal letter requesting the Alyeska RD Scholarship
- 2) Write a 2-3 page statement explaining your financial need, including other financial aid and scholarship opportunities being pursued
- 3) Provide two letters of recommendation and a copy of your most recent transcripts (previous recipients do not need letters)

FAX OR POSTMARK no later than Friday, MAY 4, 2001 To:

UAF Department of Alaska Native & Rural Development
Attn: Alyeska RD Scholarship
P.O. Box 756500
Fairbanks, AK 99775-6500
Fax: (907) 474-6325

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

See your advisor or call Rick Caulfield (474-5573)

Dixie Dayo gives presentation at British Museum

by Dixie Dayo

(RD MA student Dixie Dayo was invited to give a presentation at a conference at the prestigious British Museum in London, England. The invitation consisted of an expense-paid trip to London and the opportunity to present on the same program with internationally-known scientists as well as other Arctic indigenous artists. Following her London presentation she was asked to repeat her presentation at the Liverpool Conservation Centre for a group of museum professionals.)

The Arctic Clothing Conference, (ACC) sponsored by the British Museum, was held in London March 29, 30 and 31. The title of my presentation was "How Do We Heal?" I had been working on a traditional/contemporary Athabascan/Inupiaq story dress so when the British Museum called for papers, I submitted an abstract. To my delight my abstract was accepted and I was invited to present at the conference. My dress is a tribute to the Alaska Native woman who raised me, my Aunt Sally Hudson; my two moms, Judy Woods and Elizabeth Fleagle; and my three brothers who I moose hunt with, Darryl Thompson, Robert Thompson and Jonathan Blackburn. It also honors my birth mother, Hazel Aveogonna Dayo and my father, Stanley Dayo. Finally, it is a recognition of Lake Minchumina, the most spiritual place I've ever been. My dress is a symbol of my wellness journey and the traditional values that guide my life.

While attending the ACC I actively listened to other presenters. Besides the scientists that spoke, there were indigenous people from Canada, Greenland and Alaska giving presentations. It was interesting to hear people talk who did not sew and had probably never worn traditional Arctic clothing. There was a distinct difference between the way scientists and indigenous peoples viewed Arctic clothing. The scientists relied heavily on textbook research, museum collections and distant observations while the indigenous peoples looked to their living cultures passed down for generations. I believe the overall challenge of bringing together traditional knowledge and western science was a success at this impressive conference.

I felt very positive about my own participation in the conference as I completed my story dress, presented for the very first time and learned so much from the other people. We, as Alaska Native people, need to carry on our sewing of traditional/contemporary clothing to ensure that our clothing continues to be a integral part of our living culture and not just objects in museums. To those that don't sew, I encourage you to begin. It will allow you to spend quality time with Elders and reinforce cultural values and pride. Plus you'll have beautiful clothing. I am currently researching other traditional clothing, particularly items that have become scarce such as caribou clothing and the old-style moccasins, headdresses and gloves. If anyone has information on these types of clothing please email me at ddayo@ptialaska.net or dixie.dayo@uaf.edu or call 907-458-2176.



Dixie Dayo

RD 652 indigenous organization management class meets face-to-face in Anchorage

Graduate students enrolled in RD 652, "Indigenous Organization Management" taught by Gordon Pullar, came together for a two-day intensive session March 2-3. The session provided an opportunity for the class, which meets my audioconference, to interact face-to-face. Chris Edgelow, an international organizational consultant, conducted a one-day session on the "Character of Organizations." The following day, the students contrasted their first day experience by hearing traditional Alaska Native viewpoints. Elder Paul John of Toksook Bay spoke on Yup'ik ways of leadership. Alutiiq elder Lucille Antowak Davis, originally from Karluk, spoke on Sugpiaq leadership and management. The class also heard from Perry Eaton, Corporate Relations Manager



Paul John, Yupik elder from Toksook Bay and Lucille Antowak Davis from Karluk share their wisdom with RD graduate students.



The RD 652 graduate class listens attentively to guest speakers.

for Alyeska Pipeline Service Company, who spoke on "Alaska Natives in contemporary management positions. Eaton is originally from Kodiak.

DANRD receives seminar grant

CRA's Rural Development BA program is recipient of a \$37,060 grant from NOAA-Coastal Ocean Program, for two special seminars on coastal resource policy for Alaska Native students. The seminars will take place in fall 2001 and fall 2002 in cooperation with the Marine Advisory Program and CRA's Bristol Bay and Kuskokwim campuses.

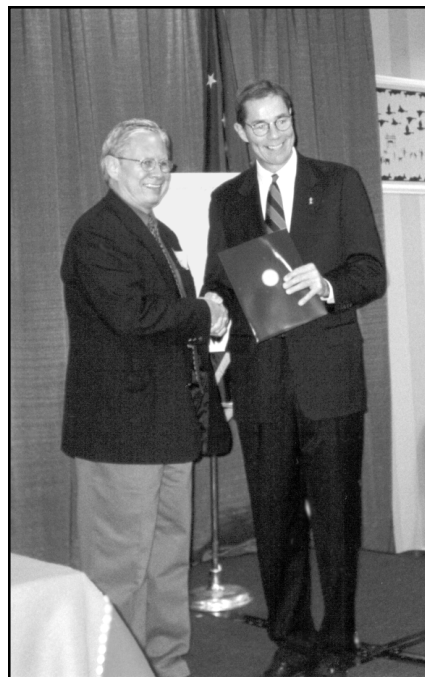
Online proposal writing workshop offered in early May

On May 10 & 11, 2001, the UEES and the Department of Energy will be presenting a workshop entitled "Writing Winning Proposals" at the University of Utah's Intermountain Network and Scientific Computing Center's Auditorium. The workshop will be presented via the Internet and broadcast live at the Arctic Region Supercomputing Center. The workshop is an in-depth, hands-on workshop, which is designed to help both inexperienced and experienced grant writers to better understand the proposal writing process. The workshop focuses on the grant writer's and the reviewer's perspective. Extra attention and time are given to those areas where proposals are generally the weakest: need substantiation, objectives development, and evaluation plans and instruments.

The workshop presenter is Bob Bradley. Mr. Bradley has been awarded over \$4 million in grants and contracts over the last five years. He is presently the Assistant Director of the Louisiana State University Center for Energy Studies in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

The workshop is \$30 per person (\$25 for registration plus \$5 for material shipping and handling). For more information regarding the workshop agenda or registration, contact Dr. Terrence Chatwin at 581-6348, terry.chatwin@m.cc.utah.edu or visit the web site at http://www.utah.edu/uees/winning_proposals.html. If you have any questions, please Eric S. Vokt, Industries Program Coordinator, Utah Engineering Experiment Station (801) 581-6348, (801) 581-5440 fax, <http://www.utah.edu/uees>, <http://www.umpic.utah.edu>.

DANRD director among signers of Millennium Agreement



DANRD Director Gordon Pullar and Governor Tony Knowles.

A State-Tribal Relations Working Group news release reported that "representatives from more than 80 federally recognized tribes joined Governor Tony Knowles on April 11, in signing an historic Millennium Agreement that provides a framework for state agencies and tribes to work together on a government to government basis to improve the delivery of essential public services."

DANRD director Gordon Pullar signed the agreement on behalf of the Woody Island Tribal Council of which he is president. RD graduate Gilda Shelikoff, the president of False Pass Tribal Council also signed the agreement on behalf of her village. Current RD student Gloria Stickwan was a signer on behalf of the Native Village of Tazlina.

"This agreement begins a whole new era of Tribal-State relations built upon the principles of mutual respect and acknowledgement," Knowles said during the ceremony. "It carefully lays out the framework for an effective and orderly partnership as we work together to better meet the needs of Alaskans, especially those who live in rural Alaska. With this agreement, we acknowledge something that tribal leaders have known all along that their governments are the modern day expressions of the oldest, continuous political entities in North America."

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Rural Development Applied Field-Based Program

Fall 2001 Application Deadline—April 20, 2001

Spring 2002 Application Deadline—November 1, 2001

The Department of Alaska Native and Rural Development is now accepting applications for the Applied Field Based Program.

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:

Dept. of Alaska Native and Rural Development
College of Rural Alaska
P.O. Box 756500
University of Alaska Fairbanks
Fairbanks, AK 99775
FAX: (907) 474-6325

For more information about the program or the application process, call us at (800) 770-9531.

Rural Development Masters Program—Application Guidelines

General University of Alaska guidelines state that you should **apply at least six months before the beginning of the semester** in which you plan to enroll. At the latest, your application for graduate admission with all supporting documentation, transcripts and test scores should be received by August 1 for the fall semester. (Deadline for international students is March 1 for fall semester.) Applicants are strongly encouraged to apply early. Applications received near these closing dates will be evaluated as time permits, or may be considered for the following semester. Submission by April 1 for summer/fall will guarantee consideration for the desired semester.

Graduate Admission Requirements

- A bachelor's degree from an accredited institution with at least a 3.0 ("B") cumulative grade point average in undergraduate studies, and a 3.0 ("B") average in major. BA degrees should be in one of the following: Rural Development, Alaska Native Studies, Business Administration, Natural Resources Management, Political Science, Economics, Northern Studies, or a related field, based on review and approval of program faculty.
- TOEFL = 550 (if English is not your native language)
- Three letters of recommendation
- All transcripts
- Resume/Vitae
- A brief essay (500 words or less) stating academic goals and reasons for wanting to earn an MA in Rural Development

- A UAF Graduate Application Form and check for \$35 made out to UAF
- * Students with a baccalaureate degree with a GPA below 3.0 must take the Graduate Record Examination (GRE)

For further information please call:

Dr. Gordon L. Pullar (907) 279-2706 or 1-800-770-9531,
Dr. Richard A. Caulfield (907) 474-5573 or
UAF Office of Admissions (907) 474-7500

Application materials can be obtained from:

UAF Graduate School, P.O. Box 757560, Fairbanks, AK 99775
(907) 474-7464, fygrads@uaf.edu, or on the web at
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