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RAHI Students Make Good Choices

Denise Wartes, Program Coordinator

The University of Alaska Fairbanks Rural Alaska Honors Institute honored the accomplishments of 45 RAHI students at a graduation ceremony Wednesday, July 12th in the Schaible Auditorium. A public reception followed in the Brooks Building Gathering Room.

Dr. Alberta Laktonen from Kodiak, a RAHI alumna from 1992 was the keynote speaker. Dr. Laktonen received an undergraduate degree in psychology from Harvard and a medical degree from the University of Washington. She recently began work at the Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage.

The RAHI program is aimed at rural and Alaska Native students who have completed their junior or senior year of high school with at least a 3.0 grade point average. Proposed in 1982 by the Alaska Federation of Natives and the University of Alaska, RAHI emphasizes a challenging university curriculum and a residential program to acquaint students with college life and expectations. More than 300 students, after participating in RAHI, have gone on to earn associate, baccalaureate, or graduate degrees. Many RAHI alumni have joined Alaska's professional workforce with many more are in the postsecondary pipeline.

"We attempt to build a supportive community in which students participate in a rich academic setting, build a university transcript, and develop a long-term supportive network with peers, staff and instructors," said Denise Wartes, program coordinator.

The RAHI curriculum includes university courses funded in part by the National Science Foundation, the National Institutes of Health, and UAF's Alaska Natives Into Psychology program. Courses in writing at the college level make up the centerpiece of the curriculum, along with a choice of biochemistry, geoscience, math, rural development, or psychology. Each student earns between seven and 10 credits at UAF, giving them a head start on college. Instruction in computers, Alaska Native dance, swimming and study skills round out the college preparatory residency. RAHI is sponsored by UAF's College of Rural and Community Development.

Dear RAHI Students,

As the twenty-fourth edition of RAHI draws to a close, I want to congratulate you for having the fortitude and moxie to finish the challenge. As I told you in the convocation at the start of the program, by completing RAHI your chances of earning a baccalaureate degree double as compared with your peers back home with similar academic backgrounds.

I'm sure you have learned many things about yourself this summer, both intended and unintended. If you have never lived in a dormitory before, you now know the joys and struggles of having a roommate. You have also learned that when exiting a building to always glance in all directions to see if you are about to be drenched by a bucket of water. Time management proved to be a challenge for many of you: how do I finish my paper, complete my assignment in math, and learn the countries in South America by tomorrow. Practice your newfound insights to improve upon them.

Take the remainder of the summer to rest and earn some money, and then set out to have a great senior year of high school or freshman year of college. Those of you finishing high school, don't confuse passing the high school qualifying exam with preparing for college. As you have seen at RAHI, college has many demands that don't exist at the high school level. Also remember, that if you take a full year of math beyond Algebra II, your odds of graduating from college double. The more you learn in high school, the fewer classes (and tuition dollars) you will need in college.

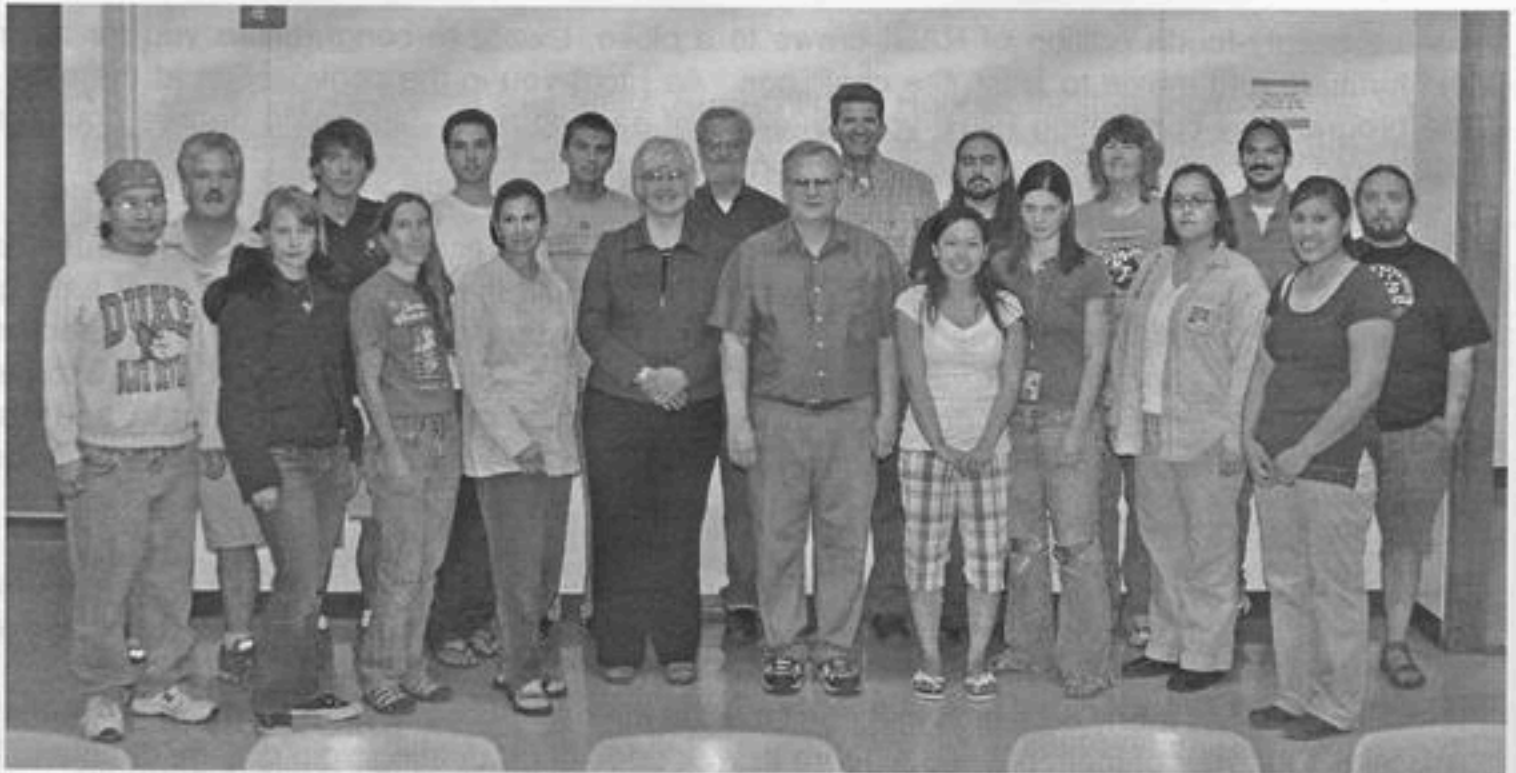
As you head into adulthood and the independence and rewards it brings, try to remember the lessons of RAHI. Trust yourself and believe in each other to move toward your goals. Show up on time and prepared, and find something you are passionate about and want to spend your time pursuing. Your journey toward adulthood will not always be easy, but don't worry about always feeling content and in control. Many times the greatest growth occurs during the greatest challenges, and you will frequently feel overwhelmed and anxious about the journey. Find a mentor or trailblazer who can guide your journey, but if there is no path, make a new one. Much of the reward of life is not in arriving at some job or accomplishment, but in the striving to get there. Enjoy the turbulence of the journey.

Remember, if all else fails, there's always a good water fight to help you regain a healthy perspective.

Thanks for an enjoyable summer.

Greg Owens
Academic Coordinator of RAHI

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RAHI 2006

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Point Hope



Virginia Anderson
Port Heiden



Gayle Bartman
Manokotak



Clothilda Beans
Mountain Village



Kimberly Beans
Mountain Village



Leann Bifelt
Huslia



Dexter Bordeaux
Atkasuk



Phillip Dan
Stebbins



Leah David
Huslia



Margaret Edwards
Barrow



Anna Evan
Marshall



Casey Ferguson
Chevak



Janis Frank
Minto



Darcy Hammond
Chicken



Daisy Harpak
Mountain Village



Staci Homelvig
Nome



Rebecca Huntington
Galena



Renae Ivanoff
Unalakleet



Jordan Jeffery
Barrow



Natalia Kitsick
Kotlik



Ashley Kokrine
Fairbanks



Aaron Kowalski
Kotzebue



Monika Kunat
Gustavus



Daniel Larkin
Nunapitchuk



Madeline Lewis
Chefornek



Nolan Lind
Dillingham



Chelsie Marunde
Northway



Dorcas Moto
Deering



Kyle Nashookpuk
Point Hope



Sarah Niksik
Stebbins



Florence Nukusuk
Hooper Bay



Lilly Odinzoff
Kotlik



Derek Oktollik
Point Hope



Eleanor Olanna
Brevig Mission



Brent Pete
Stebbins



Kenneth Pete
Stebbins



Natalie Pfeifer
Ketchikan



Steven Piazza
Dillingham



Carl Ravenscroft
North Pole



Susan Reddaway
Nome



Keane Richards
Kandik River



Jenna Schmidt
Nome



Lillian Sensmeier
Yakutat



Leann Sommer
Galena



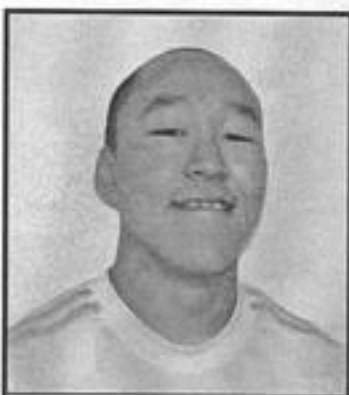
Matt Stutsman
McGrath



Andrea Takak
Shaktoolik



Isaac Thompson
Nome



Clarence Tocktoo
Brevig Mission



Allen Ulroan
Chevak



Dorothy Walker
Holy Cross



Brianne Wassmann
Nome



Jenna Weisz
Tok



Rebecca Wilson
Tenakee



Katlyn Zuray
Tanana





And the Award goes to....

Most Likely Studying:
Keane Richards

Runner Up:
Darcy Hammond

King of Procrastination:
Derek Oktolik

Queen of Procrastination:
Janis Frank

Runner Up:
Aaron Kowalski & Sarah Niksik

Always Late:
Kimberly Beans

Runner Up:
Janis Frank & Carl Ravenscroft

Most Likely to Become a T/C:
Gayle Bartman

Runner Up:
Allen Ulroan

Next RAHI Math Teacher:
Brienne Wassmann

Runner Up:
Jordan Jeffery

Best Attitude:
Darcy Hammond

Runner Up:
Clothilda Beans & Brienne Wassmann

Caffeine Addict:
Monika Kunat

Runner Up:
Natalie Pfeifer

Next RAHI Math Teacher:
Brienne Wassmann

Runner Up:
Jordan Jeffery

Next Director of RAHI:
Allen Ulroan

Runner Up:
Keane Richards

Next RAHI Writing Teacher:
Darcy Hammond

Runner Up:
Jordan Jeffery & Keane Richards

All Around Student:
Darcy Hammond

Runner Up:
Jordan Jeffery & Keane Richards



English



Math Lab



Rural Development Discovering Beringia



Checked Out the Most:
Ashley Kokrine
Runner Up:
Chelsie Marunde

Takes Longest to Get Ready:
Margaret Edwardsen
Rebecca Huntington
Matt (Texas) Stutsman

Most Dramatic:
Staci Homelvig
Runner Up:
Corey Ahnangatoguk

Alaska Native and Native American Psychology



Biochemistry and Molecular Biology in the Modern World



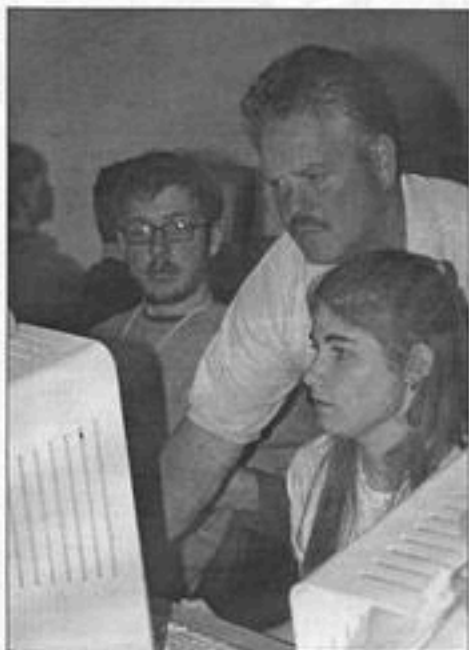
Geoscience - The Dynamic Earth



Alaska Native Dance



Computer Software Applications



Most Clueless:
Daisy Harpak
Runner Up:
Derek Oktollik

Most Talkative/Loudest:
Matt (Texas) Stutsman

Runner Up:
Chelsie Marunde

Best Hair:
Derek Oktollik
Runner Up:
Katlyn Zuray

Best Smile:
Sarah Niksik
Runner Up:
Renae Ivanoff

Midnight Sun Run - June 17, 2006

This third-largest foot race in Alaska attracts more than 3,000 runners from around the state and across the USA. It has become a tradition among some participants to wear costumes. The race starts at the University of Alaska Fairbanks Patty Center, winding through residential neighborhoods, and finishing at Alaskaland.



OFFICIAL RESULTS

CASEY FERGUSON	11	COREY AHNANGNATOGUK	903
DARREN ZIBELL	25	MONIKA KUNAT	912
FLORENCE NUKUSUK	105	REBECCA WILSON	913
PAUL PLETNIKOFF	148	LILLY ODINZOFF	915
JORDAN JEFFERY	187	CARL RAVENSCROFT	944
KENNETH PETE	195	ANDREA TAKAK	971
PHILLIP DA N	273	JESSICA HUNT	972
NATALIA KITSICK	321	SARAH NIKSIK	986
JENNA WEISZ	362	MADELINE LEWIS	987
CLOTHILDA BEANS	372	STACI HOMELVIG	1011
AARON KOWALSKI	456	JENNA SCHMIDT	1012
RENAE IVANOFF	467	NOLAN LIND	1020
ALLEN ULROAN	494	MATT STUTSMAN	1021
NATALIE PFEIFER	521	RICK BUSCH	1022
ISAAC THOMPSON	578	RANDALL YATES	1043
DEXTER BORDEAUX	600	STEVEN PIAZZA	1044
ELEANOR OLANNA	602	KEANE RICHARDS	1045
LEANN BIFELT	634	REBECCA HUNTINGTON	1050
LEAH DAVID	637	LEANN SOMMER	1051
DEREK OKTOLLIK	702	LILLIAN SENSMEIER	1052
DANIEL LARKIN	703	CHELSE MARUNDE	1130
KYLE NASHOOKPUK	710	CHRISTINA FRANKSON	1131
JANIS FRANK	791	GAYLE BARTMAN	1309
DOROTHY WALKER	796	MARGARET EDWARDS	1310
BRIANNE WASSMANN	796	KATLYN ZURAY	1342
SHIRLEEN WONG	843	ANNA EVAN	1376
KIMBERLY BEANS	892	DARCY HAMMOND	1385
		NOELLE MASON	1400



Mosquito Meander



MOST ATHLETIC

Casey Ferguson
Runner Up:
 Natalie Pfeifer

STAFF

Darren Zibell
Runner Up:
 Paul Pletnikoff

Angel Rock Hike



Twin Bears





Health Nut:
Dorothy Walker

Best Camper:
Allen Ulroan & Jenna Weisz

Runner Up:
Keane Richards
Kenneth Pete
Corey Ahnangatoguk



Worst Camper:
Nolan Lind

Most Likely to Get Lost:
Kenneth Pete
Runner Up:
Rebecca Huntington

Most Energetic:
Casey Ferguson
Runner Up:
Jenna Weisz







Biggest Flirt:
Chelsie Marunde
Runner Up:
Kenneth Pete

Most Shy:
Andrea Takak
Runner Up:
Lilly Odinzoff

Best Dresser:
Dorothy Walker
Runner Up:
Margaret Edwardsen
Aaron Kowalski
Katlyn Zuray

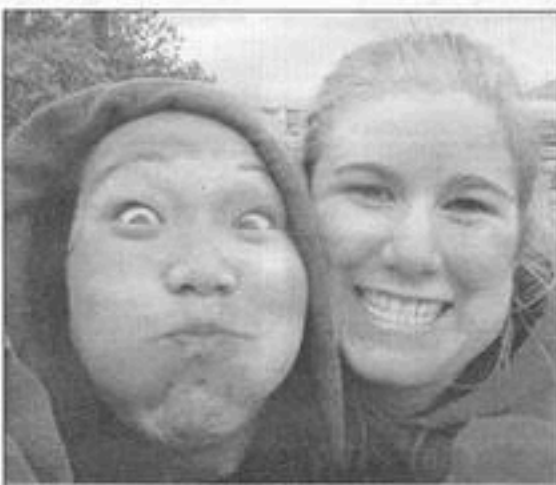
Most Injuries:
Natalie Pfeifer
Runner Up:
Jenna Schmidt

Kindest/Most Generous:
Steven Piazza
Runner Up:
Darcy Hammond

Most Excuses:
Dorcas Moto
Isaac Thompson
Runner Up:
Matt Stutsman

Nenana Raft Adventures Denali National Park





Water Fight!!!



Dorm Staff hard at work...



The "Bests and Most Likelies" Dorm Staff Awards

Most Likely to Get Lost:
 Worst Driver:
 Most Likely Sleeping:
 Most Photogenic:
 Most Excuses:
 Best Attitude:
 Worst Attitude:
 Biggest Complainer:
 Takes Longest to Get Ready:
 Health Nut:
 Best Camper:
 Worst Camper:
 Caffeine Addict:
 Most Energetic:
 Best Dresser:
 Kindest/Most Generous:
 Most Clueless:
 Most Dramatic:
 Most Talkative/Loudest:
 Best Smile:
 Next Director of RAHI:
 Meanest T/C:
 Biggest Farter:
 Most Mischievous:
 Most likely fining from stipend:
 Biggest Snack Thief:
 Most likely on myspace at 3am:
 Most likely MIA:
 Most likely visiting during study hall:
 Most likely doing pranks:

Awarded to:

Noelle
 Noelle
 Rick
 Randall
 Rick
 Jessica
 Paul
 Paul
 Carly
 Paul
 Darren
 Noelle
 Carly
 Jessica
 Jessica
 Jessica
 Noelle
 Noelle
 Rick
 Jessica
 Randall
 Paul
 Rick
 Darren
 Rick and Shirleen
 Rick
 Rick
 Paul
 Rick
 Sam and Darren

Runner Up:

Randall
 Jessica and Shirleen
 Shirleen
 Jessica and Shirleen
 Darren
 Carly and Randall
 Noelle
 Noelle
 Jessica and Shirleen
 Noelle
 Rick
 Carly
 Darren, Paul and Rick
 Noelle and Shirleen
 Shirleen
 Shirleen
 Paul and Randall
 Paul
 Jessica
 Darren and Shirleen
 Rick
 Darren and Noelle
 Jessica
 Rick and Sam
 Darren
 Darren
 Shirleen
 Carly
 Jessica
 Rick

During the course of the RAHI summer experience, a student attempts between seven and eleven credits, a load nearly equaling that of full-time college students throughout the nation. The paramount goal of RAHI is the formation of a group of young men and women of rural Alaska who have developed skills, work habits, self-awareness, and self-confidence sufficient to enhance their success-- and enjoyment-- in higher educational pursuits.

