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RE: Weekly Schools Column (published Tuesday, November 6, 2007)

Community-wide Financial Aid Workshop

There will be a free, public workshop on all aspects of financial aid for college students at 7 p.m., Tuesday, November 6 at the Soldotna Sports Center. The event is a result of collaboration between counselors and staff from area high schools, Kenai Peninsula College and the Alaska Commission on Post Secondary Education. This year's speaker will be Mary Ellen Havens from the Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education.

The event has been designed for parents and students who are planning to attend college in the near future. The information offered will be applicable to financial aid that can be applied to most colleges and universities—not specific just to the University of Alaska campuses.

Navigating through the federal, state and local college financial aid sources can be daunting to someone who is familiar with the systems. For those who have never thought in these terms, it can be down right intimidating. This workshop will provide basic information and provide time for questions to help those who have specific issues to address.

Topics covered during the workshop include the FAFSA process, academic competitive grants and smart grants, the Alaska Advantage Program, Alaska supplemental loans and other grant and scholarship programs. There will also be hints focusing on proper planning and meeting deadlines.

For more information about the event, contact the KRC financial aid office at 262-0332 or Student Services at 262-0330.

2008 Paramedical Technology application period opens

Anyone interested in applying for the popular KPC paramedic program can now do so. The 2008 application is available for downloading by entering Paramedical Technology in the Google search box on the KPC website. The deadline for submitting the complete application packet is April 18, 2008.

Interested individuals need to be aware that there are a number of prerequisite courses, including Anatomy and Physiology I & II, Emergency Medical Technician I, and CPR certification that are required. Applicants must also take the Nurses Entrance Test (NET) which is offered at KRC. It is critical that applicants submit a complete application packet in order to be considered for the program.

For more information, contact paramedic program coordinator Paul Perry at ifpep@uaa.alaska.edu or 262-0378.

Journalism department growing

Journalism professor Janice High reports that KPC continues to hone its successful relationship with the Peninsula Clarion, the newspaper of record for the central peninsula, and its affiliate, the Homer News.

“The relationship is centered on the KPC Connection, the college newsletter. Each month, the KPC Connection is included as an insert in the Clarion and the Homer News, thus bringing the KPC Connection into the homes of more than 10-thousand subscribers. KPCC submissions are welcome from students, faculty, and staff,” said High.

The KPCC-Clarion project is now in its second academic year. The KPC editorial board is made up of college director Gary Turner, community relations coordinator Suzie Kendrick, English professor Janice High, and student Charlotte Nicolet.

College Council meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Kenai Peninsula College Council is scheduled at 6 p.m. on November 8 in room 158 of the Brockel Building. The public is invited to attend the meeting.

The College Council serves in an advisory role to the KPC administration. The membership is a cross-section of residents from throughout the service area.

For more information about the meeting or a copy of the agenda, contact Sue Evanson at 262-0318 or at insfe@uaa.alaska.edu .

Education department at KRC continues to expand

According to Dr. Christine Gehrett, associate professor of education and philosophy the Education department at KRC currently has four elementary interns and two secondary Masters and Teaching interns placed in central peninsula schools for their year long internships.

“We continue to receive positive feedback from all the methods professors here at KPC and also at UAA about our outstanding students. Additionally, there are several professional development courses offered this semester for our local teachers,” said Gehrett.