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High school seniors get deal on college education at KPC

High school seniors on the Peninsula are taking advantage of a reduced rate of tuition. This semester, enrollment in KPC's JumpStart! program is up 10.4 percent for a total of 164 students taking 752 credits, compared to fall '07, when KPC had 146 JumpStart! students enrolled in 739 credits. JumpStart! tuition is \$43 per credit, saving high school seniors enrolled in the program \$91 from the regularly priced \$134-per-credit tuition.

The program allows high school seniors to start their college education while still in high school. They can take up to six credits at KPC at the discounted price. "JumpStart! helped me get the skills I needed to run my business," Phil Daniel, '08 KPC alumni, said. "The price made a huge difference. If it wasn't for JumpStart!, I wouldn't have taken the classes."

Web registration opens for JumpStart! students Jan. 7 and new student orientation is at 3 p.m. Jan. 7 at the Kenai River Campus. Seniors interested in enrolling for the spring semester can find more information on KPC's Web site at www.kpc.alaska.edu/admissions/jumpstart.html.

KRC students show art in community, on campus

Several KPC students, as well as KPC faculty member Joy Falls, have work in "Outside the Bag," an experimental art exhibition at the Kenai Fine Art Center for the month of October.

"Each participant got a bag of the same discarded items, including a riding helmet and an encyclopedia," Celia Anderson, KPC associate professor of art, said. "They had to create something different using all of the items, and they could add three things of their own to the mix."

Anderson's beginning drawing class has a new exhibition in the KPC commons, and her painting and drawing students have new work up in the KPC Library gallery area. Beginning painting students will soon have art up in the Arts and Sciences department.

Two former KPC students currently have solo shows at venues outside KPC. Sheri Sather has an exhibition of watercolor/graphite compositions at Artworks in Soldotna. Pam Mersch has a show of watercolors at the Funky Monkey in the C Plaza in Kenai.

A faculty art show will open Oct. 20 in the Gary L. Freeburg Gallery. The show will feature works inspired by junk from KPC's machine shop that was headed to the dumpster. Next month, Steve Godfrey, head of UAA's ceramics department, will be showcased in the gallery. For more information, contact Anderson at 262-0361.

Small Business Management workshop to be held at KRC

Mark Gregory, director of the Small Business Development Center for the Kenai Peninsula, along with Ray Zagorski, KPC associate professor of business, will conduct a free small business

workshop with a question-and-answer session from 1 to 2 p.m. Oct. 16 in room 109 at the Kenai River Campus. All students and community members are invited to attend with questions about small business. For more information, contact Zagorski at 262-0348.