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RE: Weekly Schools Column (published Wednesday, April 18, 2007)

**Kenai River Campus organizations pull together for first annual *Band-Aid* event**

Under the umbrella of the statement, "because no one deserves to be hungry," KRC will host *BAND-AID* to benefit the Peninsula Food Bank.

The first annual *BAND-AID* concert will be held in conjunction with the KRC *Celebration of the Arts*, from 5-10 p.m., Saturday, April 28 at the Kenai River Campus in Soldotna. Organization of this multi-faceted event is the result of collaboration between the Phi Theta Kappa honor society, the KPC Showcase and the Art Students' League Association.

The *Celebration of the Arts* begins at 5 p.m. in the G.L. Freeburg Gallery with a presentation by art professor Celia Anderson titled, "KPC Arts at a Glance" and a fiber structures fashion show by students from the fiber structures class. Immediately following will be the release and signing of the 2007 edition of "Driftwood," KRC's literary and art magazine published by Dr. Barb Christian.

The annual student art exhibit, currently on display in the gallery, will be featured with a closing reception bringing the artists together with instructors and art aficionados. The juried show consists of 39 works in painting, drawing, photography, ceramics, fiber and mixed media. Student art work will also be on display throughout the college.

The fundraising concert event of the evening, *BAND-AID*, will feature local musicians donating their talents to benefit the Peninsula Food Bank. The concert begins at 7 p.m. in the Ward Building and an \$8 donation is requested at the door. Personnel from the Food Bank will be serving free soup during the event. A new guitar and case, provided at a discounted rate for the event by Old Towne Music in Kenai, will be given as a door prize

during the show. As part of the fundraising efforts, the *BAND-AID* event has produced t-shirts, provided at a discounted rate by Sundog Screenprinting and Embroidery in Soldotna, currently on sale in the KRC Bookstore for \$15.

The public can make donations for the fundraiser by contacting Steve Schoonmaker or Diane Taylor at 262-0327. Questions regarding the *Celebration of the Arts* activities can be directed to Celia Anderson at 262-0361.

### **KRC students recognized for research projects**

University of Alaska Anchorage's office of undergraduate research and scholarship recently announced that KRC student Shane Lopez, working towards a bachelor of art degree in history, was selected as a winner of the 2006-07 Consortium Library Prize. This award recognizes "an exemplary undergraduate research project which demonstrates evidence of significant scholarly investigation and utilization of library resources, archival as well as electronic". The award includes a \$500 cash prize.

In their evaluation, the Consortium Library Prize Panel concluded, "Shane Lopez's research is topical and relevant. His project is a well done historical research project regarding the control of Alaska natural resources, Alaska Natives, and those outside of Alaska trying to gain control of these natural resources."

Lopez will be presented the Consortium Library Prize at the Undergraduate Research Awards Ceremony during the 2007 Undergraduate Research & Discovery Symposium April 20 on the UAA Anchorage campus. The panel noted that Lopez's mentor, Dr. Cathryn Pearce, professor of history at KRC, will also be recognized at the awards ceremony.

Shane Lopez's accomplishment was characterized by KRC director Gary Turner as a major accomplishment. "The faculty review committee does not award this prize every year and didn't last year since the standards are so high and only outstanding student research is recognized," he said.

Another KRC student, Randy Ashford, will receive the UAA Social Science Research Award for the project he submitted. Ashford will be graduating this semester with a UAA bachelor of arts in psychology, earned entirely at the Kenai River Campus. Ashford is a

student employee in KRC's Career Services Resource Center and is an active member of the KRC Psychology Club.

Dr. Shelley Theno, professor of psychology at KRC, advises and mentors psychology students pursuing bachelor's degrees at KPC. For more information regarding psychology degrees available at KRC, contact Dr. Theno at 262-0394 or email [ifsat@uaa.alaska.edu](mailto:ifsat@uaa.alaska.edu) .

### **New tool assists high school students planning for college**

A planning tool called FAFSA4Caster has been developed by the Department of Education to assist families determine an estimate of students' financial aid resources based on current income/asset level. This program was designed to help parents get started with financial planning earlier.

The tool, at [www.fafsa4caster.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa4caster.ed.gov) , has been described as a precursor to the Free Application for Federal Student Aid. When students are ready to apply for federal aid for real, they can easily transition from the FAFSA4caster tool to the actual "FAFSA on the Web" application.

The public is reminded that the official Department of Education websites all end with the extension “.gov” and to be very aware of for-profit companies who may take advantage of inexperienced consumers.