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**RE: Weekly Schools Column (published Tuesday, February 4, 2008)**

**Alaska College Goal Sunday: Students can score big in the race for financial aid**

Many times financial hurdles keep high school graduates from pursuing college. Parents of students exploring options for paying for college can be overwhelmed by the process.

With this in mind, Alaska communities are gearing up for College Goal Sunday, a national program designed to help students and families, particularly low-income and first generation college goers. The event is traditionally offered a week after Super Bowl Sunday.

Financial aid professionals from Alaska's institutions of higher education, including Kenai Peninsula College and the Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education will join other volunteers to provide on-site assistance filling out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), the universally required financial aid application. Each year since the inception of the program, more and more students and their parents have taken advantage of this hands-on help session.

Alaska's fourth annual College Goal Sunday event on the central Peninsula is scheduled for 2 p.m., Feb. 10 at the Soldotna Sports Center in Soldotna. To get a head start, students and their families can prepare for College Goal Sunday by applying for a personal identification number (PIN) at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) and review other required documents at [www.alaskacollegegoalsunday.org](http://www.alaskacollegegoalsunday.org).

For more information about the local installment of College Goal Sunday, contact Carrie Burford at the Kenai River Campus at 262-0331 or email [incmb@uaa.alaska.edu](mailto:incmb@uaa.alaska.edu).

**Kenai River Campus student wins scholarship focusing on oil spill response**

The KRC scholarship committee has announced that Brian Reith has been selected as the first recipient of the Oil Spill Recovery Institute Scholarship (OSRI) for the spring semester. The committee reported that Reith is commended for having an excellent academic record and grade point average.

The OSRI Scholarship was created to promote the improvement of oil spill technology and equipment by providing a scholarship of up to \$4,000 per semester for up to three semesters to a full-time KPC student in the Process Technology or Industrial Process Instrumentation programs.

Reith will be required to participate in a paid technical internship over the summer months. His internship details will be determined by KPC, the OSRI and coordinated through the Prince William Sound Science Center. The focus of Reith's internship will be development and/or improvement of oil spill response technology currently in use in Alaska. Following his internship experience, Reith will make a presentation of his work to the Oil Spill Recovery Institute Board.

In addition to his studies at the KRC, Reith works as a student employee (lab aide) in the Information Technology department on campus and is in the process of earning a USCG 100 ton master mariners license.

### **Icicle Seafoods, Inc. makes donation to KPC's Kachemak Bay Campus**

Icicle Seafoods, Inc., currently one of the largest seafood processors in Alaska, has donated \$200,000 to the University of Alaska Anchorage. The donation includes \$25,000 each to the Kachemak Bay Campus and Kodiak College and \$150,000 to UAA's Institute of Social and Economic Research (ISER.) The gift will support expanded research and educational programs related to Alaska's seafood industry.