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RE: Weekly Schools Column (published Tuesday, February 26, 2008)

Thinking about college? Class offers survival skills

In an effort to assist students succeed, Kenai Peninsula College's Kenai River Campus will be offering *Survival Skills for College Students* as a short course in April. Because the course is so vital for people new to or recently returning to college, both tuition and fees are being waived for the one-credit course and there is no text book to buy.

The class is designed to make students aware of skills and techniques that can help them meet their goals in college. Topics covered include time management, different learning styles, note taking techniques, reading comprehension tips and test taking strategies.

The 15 hour course will be held 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., April 4 and 11 and April 18, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. in room 115. The course title is Guidance A150A and will be presented in a pass/no pass format.

Stan Vogel, KRC counseling faculty, will be teaching the course. "Students who have been away from a formal education setting will find this course valuable as a boost that will help with their reentering the classroom," Vogel said.

According to Vogel, he has seen the difference this class can make in how students approach their courses. "The class demystifies what it means to be a student and gives participants a clearer understanding of what they need to do to be successful in college. The end result is that they have the tools needed in order to clearly see themselves as being a college student," said Vogel.

Vogel encourages anyone who is new or re-entering college next semester sign-up for the free survival skills class. Registration for this course must be done in person at Kenai River Campus Services and can be done up until the first day of class.

For more information or to set up an appointment to meet with a KRC counselor, call 262-0330.

KPC Kachemak Bay Campus student named Alaska's New Century Scholar

KPC's campus in Homer received word this week that Crystal Dosser, a student at the Kachemak Bay Campus, has been named the Phi Theta Kappa New Century Scholar for the state. Phi Theta Kappa is the international honor society for two-year colleges. The Phi Theta Kappa's New Century Scholars represent the highest scoring students in the All-USA Academic Team for each state.

Dosser will be awarded a \$2,000 scholarship, funded by the Coca-Cola Foundation and the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation, at the American Association of Community College's convention in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on April 5-7. Dosser, along with all this year's New Century Scholars, will be featured in the American Association of Community College's publication *College Times* and Phi Theta Kappa's *Golden Key News Briefs*.

Two years ago, KPC's Kenai River Campus had the distinction of having student Robert Bell named as Alaska's New Century Scholar. Bell received his associate's degree at KPC and is now pursuing his bachelor's degree in Medical Technology at UAA. Bell also served as the student commissioner to the Alaska Commission of Postsecondary Education.