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RE: Weekly Schools Column (published Tuesday, March 11, 2008)

Scholarship season provides students many opportunities for financial aid

Spring time is prime time for applying for scholarships for the next academic year. Current or prospective college students and high school seniors should be actively pursuing the large variety of scholarships available. Kenai Peninsula College is beating the drum reminding students that if they don't apply, they absolutely will not be awarded any financial aid. The financial aid office at the Kenai River Campus has provided information regarding currently available scholarships from the KPC homepage. Many of the scholarships being offered have deadlines rapidly approaching. Students are encouraged to move quickly to file their applications.

Not included on the current listings is the Gilman International Scholarship Program that provides awards for U.S. undergraduate students who are receiving federal Pell Grant funding at a 2-year or 4-year colleges or universities to study abroad in programs worldwide.

The Gilman International Scholarship Program is sponsored by the U.S. Department of State Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. This congressionally funded program was established by the International Academic Opportunity Act of 2000 and is administered by the Institute of International Education.

Requirements for the scholarship include being a U.S. citizen and an undergraduate student in need of assistance to study abroad. During this academic year, 820 scholarships will be awarded in varying amounts up to \$5000. In addition, 25 recipients will receive an extra \$3000 in the Critical Need Language Supplement.

Additional information is available at the website <http://www.iie.org/gilman>. The deadline for complete applications is April 15. The postmark deadline April 18 to apply for 2008 fall semester.

According to Charlotte Nicolet, KRC journalism student and recipient of the Gilman International Scholarship who studied for a year in Australia, interested students can find more

information in the UAA Study Abroad Student Handbook available at:

http://www.uaa.alaska.edu/admissions.upload/uaa_globetrotters_guide_2007_08.pdf

“I suggest students contact Cecile Mitchell, director of UAA Enrollment Services at ancom@uaa.alaska.edu or Doni Williams, UAA International Student advisor at doni@uaa.alaska.edu . Both can advise students of the programs available through the UAA system as well as provide help with visas, transfer credits and applications,” said Nicolet.

Kenai River Campus student selected for UAA Student Showcase

Dr. Barb Christian reports that student Celeste (Morningstar) Angleton has been notified that her work was selected as one of the featured papers in UAA’s annual Student .

“I had encouraged Celeste to submit a paper to the showcase competition. Her English A211 paper on “The Love Song of J. Alfred Prufrock” (T.S. Eliot) was selected as a presentation piece for the April 3 Student Showcase Conference at UAA. In exceptionally mature and expressive language, this insightful paper examines “Prufrock’s loneliness, his alienation, and his inadequacy” as shown through his aging body and his self-defined mediocre life. Ms. Angleton richly deserves this honor extended to her as a KRC student,” Christian said.

Artists Without Borders exhibit

Artist’s Without Borders is a group at KRC whose mission is to provide a free, non-juried venue for student artists to show their works. The current exhibit is showing through March 30 at Choice Realty in Soldotna in the 4-D Building on the Spur Highway.