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### **Kenai River Campus commencement this evening**

KPC's Kenai River Campus 2008 commencement ceremony will be held at 7 p.m. this evening, May 6, at the Renee C. Henderson Auditorium at Kenai Central High School.

This year nine bachelor degrees (4-year), 113 associate degrees (2-year) and 43 certificates or welding certifications (1-year) will be awarded. In addition, KRC will award 41 students GED diplomas. A number of academic awards and scholarships will be announced at the ceremony.

The keynote speaker will be Dr. Barbara Christian, KRC English professor. Christian will be retiring after more than 20 years of service to the college.

Valedictorians were selected by KRC faculty. Two valedictorians were chosen to represent graduates receiving 2-year and 4-year degrees. Amber Hall was named as the associates (2-year) valedictorian and Dana Cannava the bachelors (4-year) valedictorian.

The musical selection will be performed by Steve Adams who will play bagpipes. Musical accompaniment for the ceremony, including the processional and recessional, will be provided by pianist, Kandis Johnston.

Arlyann Minogue and Jennifer Shearer will provide American Sign Language interpretation for the ceremony.

The public is invited to attend the event. A reception for the graduates and their families, sponsored by the KRC Student Union, will immediately follow the ceremony in the foyer of the auditorium. Entertainment at the reception will be provided by KRC students Chris Pepper and Katie Evans, a duo known as *Fun with Bettie*. There will be a display of surface design art provided by the KRC Art Students' League Association.

All KPC alumni are invited to the commencement and encouraged to sign-up to join the alumni association at a table in the foyer. This year's graduates will be inducted into the newly revived KPC/UAA alumni association.

**Kachemak Bay Writers' Conference registration discount**

Anyone interested in attending the nationally acclaimed Kachemak Bay Writers' Conference should be aware that time is running out to take advantage of the discounted registration rate. The discounted rate for the June 6-10 conference at Land's End Resort in Homer, Alaska is \$295 through May 9 (5 p.m.) for the general public and \$185 for University of Alaska students. From May 10 through June 5 registration is \$335. The conference rate at the door, if space is available, will be \$400. Academic credit, agent/editor consultations and manuscript reviews are available for additional fees.

This year's keynote presenter will be fiction and nonfiction author, Anne Lamott. Lamott's books include *Hard Laughter*, *Rosie*, *Crooked Little Heart*, *Operating Instructions*, *Bird by Bird*, *Some Instructions on Writing and Life*, *Grace (Eventually)* and *Thoughts on Faith*.

The conference faculty will feature nineteen other award-winning, authors, editors and agents.

The conference is presented by KPC's Kachemak Bay campus and made possible by generous grants from a wide range of corporate sponsors, non-profit organizations and the support of many individuals.

For more information, visit <http://writersconference.homer.alaska.edu>

### **Kenai River Campus year-end meeting and summer hours**

The Kenai River Campus in Soldotna will be closed May 9, 2008 for a faculty and staff end-of-academic year meeting and campus clean-up.

Summer hours, effective today, at KRC will be 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.