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KPC's Kenai River Campus registrar receives UA statewide award

Any student that has attended the Kenai River Campus during the last quarter century has most likely interacted with Shelly Blatchford. Blatchford serves in the admissions office as registrar and she "touches" every student record relating to admissions, registration, grading and graduation. She is known for her ability to calmly help students navigate the UA system and she gets satisfaction seeing students reach their goals.

"I enjoy interacting with new people, no matter what their age, and seeing them be successful. The best part of my job is reminding students that they can do this," she said.

Blatchford's role in thousands of student success stories was recognized at a statewide level recently when it was announced that she was selected for the UA Staff Make Students Count Award for 2008. UA President Mark Hamilton will present Blatchford a plaque, check for \$1,000, and two Alaska Airline's vouchers at the June 18 Board of Regents meeting in Anchorage.

The award has been given annually for the past nine years to one staff person who provides the best service to students at each major academic unit, UAA, UAF and UAS, and the statewide system office. Blatchford's award represents a very prestigious honor considering the number of staff employed across the UAA system.

Course lists versus schedules planned for mailing

In an effort to conserve resources, KRC will not be mailing out the fall course schedule as has been done in the past. The decision was made to cut the print job from seventeen thousand copies to twenty five hundred. The hard copies of the schedule booklet will be available to the public on campus at the bookstore and in Student Services. The complete version is also available to download from the KPC homepage at kpc.alaska.edu.

In mid-July, central Peninsula residents will receive a fall course list in their mailboxes that will provide information about what classes will be offered, both on campus and online. The flyer is intended to help bridge the gap for area residents who have come to expect a hardcopy of

KRC's course schedule. Anyone who desires a printed copy of the document is encouraged to come by the campus and pick one up.

Online registration for the fall semester is open and classes begin August 25.

Kenai River Campus construction update

Currently it is not possible to traverse the campus from one end to the other without going outside and keeping a wide berth around construction equipment. The new skywalk project that will connect the Ward and Brockel buildings is fully underway. Most every employee at the campus has been impacted in some way by the activity. Many have had to temporarily move out of their offices and relocate to areas less impacted by the work.

Members of the public who come on campus are encouraged to avoid the construction areas and have patience with the process. The end result of these efforts will be an additional 2,500 square feet of student commons area with a view of both the mountains and the Kenai River. The walkway will provide an egress between the buildings bringing the Brockel building into ADA compliance.

Check out the progress on the KRC skywalk project via the construction webcam from the home page of the KPC website.