

The Dream

Three Computer Electronics students get Customer Service certification

Fixing computers for people requires not only good electronics skills, but people service skills as well. Three King Career Center students passed a special test to prove they have the people skills a good IT expert needs.

Congratulations are in order for Zack Gray, David Kim and David Her for successfully passing the Electronic Technicians Associations (ETA) Customer Service Specialist exam.

“Way to go, your hard work has paid off!” Lynn Kile, Computer Electronics teacher, said, “Good customer relations are always a positive step for quality employment. “



David Kim



Zack Gray



David Her

Currently students in the program are building and learning to troubleshoot computers. They are completing the “Essentials” portion of the A+ certification requirements and working towards their three UAA college credits in this subject, Kile said.

KCC has just received an articulation agreement with Kenai Peninsula College (KPC) for eight more Tech Prep college credits. An articulation agreement arranges for KCC credits to transfer as college credits at Kenai Peninsula College, a technical campus of UAA. This agreement brings the total credits possible for an Electronics Computer Technology Student to 12 credits, almost a full semester of college while attending the KCC course.

“The fun just never stops,” Kile said, “and if this sounds good to you, please join us, we have room!”

Registration for spring semester is currently on-going. Talk to your school counselor to sign up.

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– written by KCC staff



From the Principal's Desk...

Recently we recognized one student from each of our 28 programs with Student of the Semester distinction. While teachers use slightly different selection criteria, one of the common themes among nearly all the award winners was very high

marks in "professionalism."

At KCC, professionalism falls under what employers often term "soft skills." Two of those very real skills businesses look for are a strong work ethic and a positive attitude. Our Students of the Semester have not only excelled in their learning of the technical skills, but they have demonstrated that they possess those basic employability skills. We're proud of them all and have recognized them elsewhere in this newsletter.

The end of the semester brings finals and other culminating activities for students. For those veteran KCC families, we will be delivering finals a little differently this year. On December 14, morning students will attend their KCC class all day while afternoon students stay at

their homeschools to take finals. On the 15th, our afternoon students will be here all day. Students may bring their lunches, leave campus for lunch, or purchase pizza here those two days.

Architects Alaska Incorporated has been awarded the contract to develop the master design of the King Career Center remodel. To remind, a CTE bond was passed by voters in the municipal election last spring. Included in that bond is funding for the design of our building, which has been virtually untouched since opening in 1974, as well as partial construction funding. Our staff, representatives from industry, student representatives, and ASD central administration personnel will be working intensively with the architects over the next six months to design a cost-effective facility that will meet the needs of students and the work force for which we prepare them. We're thankful that voters recognized the need and supported the bond. Everyone here is ready to roll up our sleeves and get working on the project. I'll keep you informed through this newsletter of our progress.

Again, a reminder regarding a change of format for third session classes beginning in late January. Students will sign up for three (3) two-week "intensives" rather than signing up for only one course. We expect that giving students exposure to a variety of KCC classes will help them decide on a career path they'll pursue as they continue on with their high school careers. You may contact any of us or counselors at home schools for more information.

Finally, after a very successful first semester, all of us wish you and your families a very happy holiday season. We hope that our current students continue taking classes at the King Career Center, and we look forward to welcoming a new group in January.

Most Respectfully,

Lou Pondolfino
Principal

36 students earn certs in Advanced Health Care



Left: Ally Russell

Right: Emily Duke

Advanced Health Care Practices Class certified 36 students in Professional Level Basic Life Support, CPR and First Aid.

These students are on the pathway to a successful future in medicine.



Pies, art at Rotary Auction bring in \$10,000+ for KCC scholarship funds



The cheesecake served with lunch was a tasty as it was beautiful.



Three Culinary students serve food with a smile; pictured l to r: A'ishah Sullivan, Alejandra Montoya Barbosa, and Tyler Drake.



A Rotary member helps himself to pie.

On November 18th the Anchorage International Rotary held their weekly meeting at King Career Center, and had lunch prepared by KCC Culinary Arts Students.



A metal salmon crafted by students in the KCC welding class – several of these popular fish were auctioned off at the Rotary luncheon.

The fun began right after lunch when the Rotarians held their annual pie auction. The proceeds from this auction go directly into funding scholarships for KCC students. Pies and desserts were prepared by the Culinary Arts class as well as staff members.

KCC has a very creative and competitive staff and their creativity showed in a wide range of donations. This year the auction raised over \$10,000 in scholarship funds. KCC appreciates the Anchorage International Rotary for sponsoring KCC students, and thanks them for another successful auction.

Applications for this year's Rotary Scholarship will be available January 3. See Mrs. Lake in Student Services for more information.

– written by KCC staff

NRM student's business venture brings a popular visitor to KCC classes



Mary may have had a little lamb, but Logan Gershon has Margaret.

The enterprising Natural Resources Management student is starting a goat milking herd and Margaret is his first acquisition. While young, Margaret must be fed at regular intervals, so she briefly came to school to enable Logan to care for her.

For now, Margaret sleeps indoors with Logan and follows him wherever he goes. She's made popular visits to the KCC preschool class, the Natural Resource Management class, and the front office.

Carpentry class builds unique playhouse for Police Navidad charity



Andrew Balnius secures a part of the playhouse frame.



Tyler Clark and Sam Campbell work on a panel.

Using blueprints designed by a local architect, the KCC carpentry class built a unique playhouse made of panels. The panels store flat, then fold out into a wide array of configurations.

The project was part of the first annual Police Navidad, put on by the Anchorage Police Department Employees Association on Nov. 26. The event included family oriented activities like photos with Santa, holiday vignettes, craft stations and more.

Police Navidad also featured Street of Dreams with three playhouses on display and open to families to explore. The playhouses were raffled off at the close of the event with proceeds supporting APDEA and its charities; Anchorage Youth Court, Dollars for Dogs, Standing together Against Rape (STAR) and Victims for Justice.

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The builders: l to r - Tayler Lewis, Andrew Balnius, Tyler Clark, Mr. Lowell Kent, carpentry instructor, and Sam Campbell.



The completed playhouse is loaded & moved to Police Navidad.



Senator Begich stopped by to examine the playhouse and visit with the crew.

Rescue Practices class simulates crash response for hands-on test of lessons



The “crash” site was set up in the KCC parking lot.

When the Rescue Practices class puts theory to the test, it can be a major operation. Before the snow fell, the class staged a multiple car crash scene in the KCC parking lot. Some students were “victims” and others the “rescuers”.

Students who successfully complete this class have the training needed to work as security personnel, volunteer firefighters, or emergency dispatchers. College credits are also available.



Stabilizing the neck is crucial for preventing further injury.



With the crash victim stabilized, he’s team-moved to the triage location



Giving life-saving breaths with the hand-pump.



Stabilized “victims” await transport to the hospital.

Congratulations to winners of KCC Student of Achievement awards

Each semester teachers nominate one student from their class who are outstanding in their work, attendance, grade and ability. Below are the winners for each class for fall 2011 semester:

Student Name	KCC Class	Instructor
Autumn Petersen	Photography	Dean Paulson
Sarah Bell	Advertising Art & Design	Charles Lochner
Kaelan Paulson	Advertising Art & Design	Charles Lochner
Amanda Deese	Cosmetology	Lorna Stockton
Micah Stocker	Film, Audio & Video Production	Dan Sparkman
Tipleuda Voravong	Business Marketing	Jolene McJunkin
Jason Primm	Public Safety & Security	Teena Calkin
Matt Heiken	Small Engines	David Hren
Chris Weinburger	Computer Electronics Technology	Lynn Kile
Matthew Carberry	Collision Repair & Refinishing	Chris Yelverton
Yu Jian Zhao	Business Technology & Web Design	Matt Sugita
Mackenzie Carey	Aviation Technology	Lani Kile
Samuel Henderson	Aviation Maintenance	David Young
Shawn Morgan	Welding	Brian Walsh
Parker Collins	Computer Information Technology	Brian DeMarcus
Kawika Naleieha	Horticulture & Landscape Design	Adam Reid
Cameron Martin	Carpentry	Lowell Kent
Alesandra Westerholt	Automotive Maintenance	David Nix
Tanner Kupczynski	Culinary Arts	Chefs Nurmi & Puff
Colby Covalski	Culinary Arts	Chefs Nurmi & Puff
Jacquelynn Paquette	Early Childhood Development	Jennifer Edwards-Fahl
Kathryn Kings	Early Childhood Development	Kerry Reardon
Shance Wooten	Work Readiness	Tom Schmidt
Jhalen Williams	Work Readiness	Tom Schmidt
Lisa Thomas	Work Readiness	Greg Hartlieb
Ryan Lavey	Emergency Medical Technology	Rebecca Kruse
Nile Morris	Rescue Practices	Rebecca Kruse
Lucas Farrell	Construction Electricity	James Elam
Nicholas Smith	Plumbing & Pipefitting	James Elam
Hayley Rodgers	Advanced Health Care Practices	Leesa Wingo
Andrew North	Natural Resources Management	Mike Woods
Ryan Purdue	Engineering	Brian Nelson

Three ways to find evaluation forms

State regulations require that students, parents, community members and school staff are given the opportunity to provide information about teacher and administrator performance. These regulations regarding certificated employees do not require such an opportunity for positions not requiring a certificate.

The two forms currently available are the **Evaluation Input Form (EIF) on Teachers** and the **Evaluation Input Form on Administrators** (whether they are site administrators or central office administrators).

If you would like to complete an Evaluation Input Form you have three options:

1. Employees can complete the web based EIF anonymously by going to the District Connection at <http://home.asdk12.org> . You will find links to either EIF (Teacher or Administrator) under the special announcements section.
2. Members of the public and employees not wishing to remain anonymous can complete a web based EIF by going to the ASD Online at www.asdk12.org . Links to either EIF can be found on the Parents home page Parents link is www.asdk12.org/parents/
3. For those who wish to print a hard copy of the form, PDF versions can be found in the Forms & Publications Library on either of the district's Web sites.

Web based EIFs will be transmitted electronically by the Human Resources Department (Sarah Hotchkiss Flanagan, Web Programs Specialist) to the appropriate supervisor.

School sites will also have "hard copies" of the form for parents and employees who do not have access to a computer. Each school will determine a location for the form (most likely main office). Hard copies will be kept confidential and routed by the school to the immediate supervisor.

The Evaluation Input Forms are now available for you and will be posted in their web locations through May 1, 2012.

Holiday school schedule

Last day of classes Dec. 15

Teacher in-service Dec. 16

School closed Dec. 16 - Jan. 2

Classes resume Jan. 3

**KCC Tours every other Tuesday,
6 p.m., beginning Jan. 10**

KCC finals schedule

Wednesday, December 14

AM Session Students Only

7:45 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. Buses arrive from home school areas

8:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. Instructional Time

10:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. Lunch (KCC will be serving pizza,

\$1 per slice for students)

11:15 a.m. – 1:20 p.m. Final Exam for AM Students

1:20 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. Buses depart for home school areas

Thursday, December 15

PM Session Students Only

7:45 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. Buses arrive from home school areas

8:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. Instructional Time

10:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. Lunch (KCC will be serving pizza,

\$1 per slice for students)

11:15 a.m. – 1:20 p.m. Final Exam for PM Students

1:20 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. Buses depart for home school areas

Steller Secondary School lottery deadline

One alternative you may want to consider is Steller Secondary School, a 7-12 alternative school in the Anchorage School District. An Open House for parents and students is scheduled for Thursday, February 9th at 6:30 p.m. in the Steller Multipurpose Room located at 2508 Blueberry Road.

There will be a short program about Steller's alternative program. Steller staff, students, and parents will be available for questions and small group discussion after the presentation.

OPEN HOUSE (all grades)

February 9, 2012, 6:30 pm

Steller Multipurpose Room

APPLICATIONS DEADLINE:

March 22, 2012 – **No later than 3:00 pm**

Late applications will not be accepted!

in Steller Secondary School Office

2508 Blueberry Road

Drawing - March 23rd

Applications and more information can be downloaded from the Steller website:

http://www.stellerschool712.org/main/?page_id=35

DON'T WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE TO SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION.

There are no bonus points for being late AND you run the risk of missing the deadline.

3rd Session cluster classes for KCC allow students to sample three topics

For students still wondering what they want to do for a career, King Career Center's third session cluster classes are a great fit. Running after normal school hours from 3 - 5 p.m., the classes allow students with already full schedules to try out different subjects.

- Public Safety
- Rescue Practices
- Simulators for Heavy Equipment
- Veterinary & Human Medicine
- Web Design
- Welding
- Work & Careers

- Classes next spring include:
- Advertising, Art & Design
- Automotive
- Aviation (piloting & repairing aircraft)
- Basic Electronics
- Basic Tools/Bicycle Repair
- Carpentry
- Construction Mechanics- Plumbing, Electricity
- Cosmetology
- Culinary Arts
- Computer Building and Troubleshooting
- Early Childhood Bag of tricks from 1-6
- Movie Making, Music & TV Production
- Photography

Applications for all classes are available at <http://www.asdk12.org>. Look on the left side under "King Career Center 3rd Session". Fax or email application to KCC - Fax number (907) 742-8907 or email: flaten_caren@asdk12.org.

Students interested in the Alaska Railroad Tour Guide Program and the Certified Nursing Associate (CNA) class require an application. They can access those on the same website and PDF listed above.