

Ilisagvik students attend Nationwide Tribal College Conference

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In recent years, Ilisagvik College has made tremendous strides in its Persistence and Retention initiatives, among them the creation of the Student Success Center, a one-stop-shop for student resources and holistic support; augmentation of academic assistance services; and implementation of a First-Year Seminar to assist newly admitted students in preparing for the college environment. Another component of Ilisagvik's retention strategy is providing opportunities for qualifying students to attend national conferences and other occasions for travel to promote exposure to academically and culturally enriching experiences. One such recent opportunity was the trip to attend the American Indian Higher Education Consortium's (AIHEC) 40th Anniversary Conference, in Santa Fe, New Mexico, held from Aug. 7th through 10th. Two Ilisagvik students, Alison Bankston of Barrow and Laura Nicolai of Akiak, were selected to attend the conference with a group of college staff based on their academic achievements and overall merit.

The conference, held at the Buffalo Thunder Resort, was a much more than a celebration of four decades of Tribal College alliance; it was a full-blown array of workshops, informational sessions, presentations and meetings aimed at promoting growth for student bodies and key groups of tribal college staff (e.g. Presidents, Chief Administrative Officers (CAOs), Student Support workers, Institutional Research staff, etc.) Themes for the conference were discussion and exploration of key issues related to Tribal Nation Building: maintaining traditional language, culture and homelands; achieving personal, family, and community well-being and educational growth; upholding tribal sovereignty through good public policy and sound leadership; and establishing vital and sustainable tribal economies.

A variety of student workshops were offered, including presentations on Peace Corps and AmeriCorps opportunities. Others covered topics such as environmentally sustainable campuses and the effects of

climate change, and engaged students in brainstorming ways to improve the state of energy consumption on their campuses. Nicolai, a second year Allied Health student at Ilisagvik (pursuing an AAS with an emphasis in Human Services) reported getting a great deal out of these workshops specifically: "The presenters challenged our institutions to decrease energy use in campus buildings by 25% over the next academic year. We've become inspired to start a green 'campus initiative' at Ilisagvik and discussed the first steps we'd take through a mini action plan. It's great to know that I can make a difference by sharing and promoting what I've learned."

Also an Allied Health major (with an emphasis in Dentistry), Bankston shared about her general impressions of the AIHEC conference: "Overall, this was a great experience for me as an individual, student, and community member. It was a huge eye-opener and I now appreciate having a local tribal college more than ever! I think this conference is a great way to bring tribal colleges together to share their stories and ideas for how they help students achieve academically. My favorite part of the conference was listening to the different speakers talk about what it was like then they were attending college, and the founders of AIHEC sharing stories about how everything began. I found it very inspirational and it got me thinking that someday I will be sharing my stories about my college days."

Dean of Students, Gloria Burnett commented: "The 40th Anniversary AIHEC Conference was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the successes of two of our top ranked returning students. They were able to learn about the history of AIHEC and develop a greater sense of appreciation for the value and importance of attending a tribal college. I am confident Laura and Alison will use this learning opportunity to further excel academically and motivate their fellow students to do the same!"

Ilisagvik is Alaska's Only Tribal College, and is located in Barrow. For further information about Ilisagvik and its programs, the office of Recruitment can be reached at (907)852-1799 or toll-free at 1-800-478-7337.



PHOTO BY CAREY RESTINO

Matt Murray, a student in Dave Albert's construction class at the Ilisagvik College, cuts the pieces to a tool box last week. Students in the class will learn electrical and construction skills that some will use to complete renovations on their own houses.

INVITATIONAL

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2013 Nome Invitational

The following are the final varsity results for the 2013 Nome-Beltz Invitational Cross Country meet. The race was held Saturday in Nome. BOYS

1. Gary Eakin, Kotzebue 20:15
2. Leif Erikson, Nome 20:43
3. Jayden Wilson, Unalakleet 20:44
4. Oliver Hoogendorn, Nome 20:54
5. Aucha Johnson, Unalakleet 20:55
6. Wilson Hoogendorn, Nome 21:09
7. Junyor Erikson, Nome 21:15
8. James Jorgenson, Nome . . 21:30
9. Sam Smith, Kotzebue 21:40

GIRLS

1. Rosa Schmidt, Nome 22:36
2. Hannah Tozier, Nome 24:10
3. Bianca Trowbridge, Nome 22:26
4. Stephanie Sampson, Kotzebue 29:01
5. Alexis Hutson, Nome 30:18
6. Laurel Katchatag, Unalakleet 32:25
7. Amber Eck, Kotzebue 32:59
8. Tanisha Lie, Kotzebue . . . 35:26
9. Kanasha Lie, Kotzebue . . . 25:26
10. Sara Ozenna, Kotzebue . . 36:21.

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WINNING NUMBERS

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General Public Notice To receive a City of Barrow Absentee Ballot for the October 1, 2013 General Election

Any qualified voter may vote in the City of Barrow General Election, by absentee ballot if they expect to be away from their precinct on the day of the City of Barrow election.

To receive your Absentee Ballot By Mail, an Absentee ballot application MUST be filled out completely and faxed to the City Clerk's Office at (907) 852-5871

First day to except a written application for an absentee ballot is **September 2, 2013.**
Last day to except a written application for an absentee ballot is **September 24, 2013.**
Per COB Chapter 2.36.190 (A)

Absentee Ballots that are returned by mail must be postmarked on or before **October 1, 2013**, and must be received by the City of Barrow Election Official no later than the first Friday after the election. Per COB Chapter 2.36.190 (F)

On **September 16, 2013**, City of Barrow absentee ballots will be available, to receive your Absentee Ballot In Person, you can go to the City of Barrow located at 2022 Ahkovak Street. Per COB Chapter 2.36.200

Bertha Akpik 8/29/13
Bertha Akpik, Barrow City Clerk Date:

City of Barrow Notice of General Municipal Election

1. Date of Election: **October 1, 2013**
2. Time of opening and closing of the Polling Places: **Open at 8:00 a.m. Close at 8:00 p.m.**
3. Location of Precinct and Polling Places

Barrow Precinct	1274 Agvik Street, North Slope Borough Administration Building
Browerville Precinct	5421 North Star Street, Inupiat Heritage Center

4. The qualification of voters: A person may vote who

1	is a citizen of the United States of America
2	is qualified and registered to vote in State of Alaska Elections
3	is registered to vote as a resident of the City of Barrow 30 days immediately preceding the election
4	is not disqualified under Article V of the Constitution of the State of Alaska

5. The type of Election: **General Election**

6. The offices to be filled are the following in accordance with Alaska Statute 29.26.040, for the purpose of electing the following seats:

One (1) Seat of the Barrow City Mayor , for three year term
Two (2) Seats of the Barrow City Council , for three year term Seat "A" Barrow City Council Seat "B" Barrow City Council
One (1) Seat of the Barrow City Council , for two year term Seat "D" Barrow City Council

A description showing the Boundaries of the Precincts is available for the inspection at the City Hall 2022 Ahkovok Street.

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