

Prince William Sound Tidings

February 4, 2022

Calendar

February 7
Summer class schedule
viewable in UAOnline

February 28
Open registration for
summer semester

March 7-11
Spring Break— no
classes.

March 11
PWSC closed

March 25
Withdrawal deadline

April 26-30
Final exams

May 4
Commencement 7 p.m.

May 5
Grades available in
UAOnline

May 16
First summer class
session begins

May 27
Maxine & Jesse Whitney
Museum opens for the
season

May 30
PWSC closed for
Memorial day holiday

June 23
Second summer class
session begins

July 4-5
PWSC closed for
Independence day

Chancellor Parnell Visits PWSC



Chancellor Sean Parnell paid a visit to Prince William Sound College's Valdez campus on Wednesday, meeting with faculty, staff, and students, discussing challenges and opportunities, and enjoying lunch with a group of students from the Outdoor Leadership program. The Chancellor visited with stakeholders at the Valdez US Coast Guard station and traveled across the bay to the Valdez Marine Terminal. Former Alaska Governor Sean Parnell began his role as chancellor of the University of Alaska Anchorage on June 12, 2021, succeeding interim chancellor Bruce Schultz.



UAA English Major and Minor now available ON COMMUNITY CAMPUSES



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The Bachelor of Arts (BA) in English provides experience across the breadth of English studies, with coursework in literature, rhetoric, linguistics, and writing.

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Students majoring in another subject can minor in English by taking 18 credits in one of the following emphases: Linguistics, Literature, Professional Writing, and Creative Writing.

The skills developed by an English degree are in high demand: "Pursue a liberal arts education. For most people, it's the best foundation for a successful career... The formula for businesses trying to compete in today's economy is simple: hire employees with the mental agility, leadership and passion to navigate constant change—in other words, hire those who are liberally educated."

— A.G. Lafley, former CEO of Procter & Gamble

The UAA English Department, in cooperation with English faculty on the community campuses, has committed to offering the 4-year English major on all UAA campuses, including Prince William Sound Collage.

Not all classes needed will be offered every semester, but all course requirements will be offered locally or by distance over each 4-year period to ensure students on any UAA campus can graduate on time.

Majoring in something else? Consider an English minor to go with your major to give you enhanced writing and research skills.

Interested students can contact Dr. Dennis Humphrey on the Prince William Sound campus
djhumphrey@Alaska.edu (907) 834-1665

Fishing Vessel Training, Revisited

(republished from a February 20, 2018 article)

Since 1998, Prince William Sound College has assisted Alyeska Pipeline Service Company in conducting annual oil spill response training under the Ship Escort/Response Vessel System (SERVS) Fishing Vessel Program by providing instructors and logistical support. The Fishing Vessel Program is required by the oil discharge prevention and contingency plans for both the Valdez Marine Terminal and the tankers which transport crude oil through Prince William Sound. Without a trained fishing vessel fleet, a response to a crude oil spill in the Sound could not be carried out.

Annual fishing vessel training instructs Tier I and Tier II fishing vessel crews in response equipment use, response tactics, communications, Incident Command System, and response plans through indoor and outdoor classes and on-water drills, so they are prepared to respond to a major oil spill at any time. The training is offered in six ports, Kodiak, Homer, Seward, Whittier, Valdez, and Cordova, to over 1800 students on more than 420 fishing vessels.

Fishing Vessel Training Depends on Dedicated Instructors



In 2003, Karl Pulliam began teaching HAZWOPER (Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response) courses with Prince William Sound College. Since then, teaching has been his passion. Karl came to teaching after years in the industry. In the 1980s, he worked as a commercial fisherman. When the Exxon Valdez oil spill happened, he wanted to be part of the solution in not letting it happen again.

As Karl worked on many oil spill responses, those experiences and a desire to help people respond efficiently and safely made him become a HAZWOPER trainer at PWSC, where he continues to help others.

“With the staff support at PWSC and fellow instructors that mentored me and shared a collective vision, we continue to develop and improve this program. In each class, we can feel the potential that there will be something discussed that sparks learning in some or all class members.”

After graduating from the University of Michigan, Dennis Bromley and his wife were ready for adventure. Dennis shared,

“With a teaching certificate and two master’s degrees, one in wildlife management and one in biology, I was prepared to go in a number of directions. My wife and I came to Alaska in September of '68, no jobs, just coming to the last frontier to see what opportunities were there.”

Today, and for the past seven years, Bromley works as a PWSC instructor with the Fishing Vessel Oil Spill Response Training program. Bromley co-teaches the crude oil portion of the program with Dane Parks and Karl Pulliam. As an instructor, Bromley knows it’s important to give his students his best.



PWSC would like to welcome the new nursing cohort on campus. Welcome, Chandra, Hannah, Jill, Blake, and Hanna!

Writers!

Call for Submissions:

Dr. Dennis Humphrey of Prince William Sound College is looking for submissions of creative nonfiction for the third annual volume of the Prince William Sound Literary Anthology Series.

Guidelines:

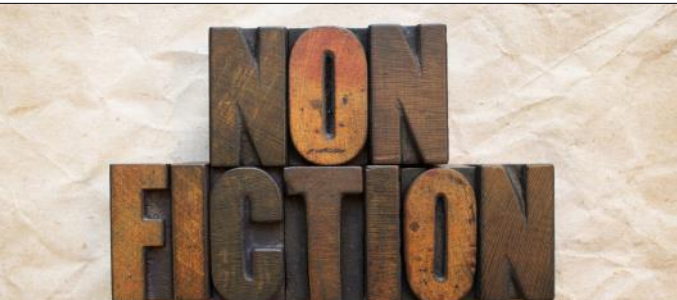
All submissions should be creative nonfiction. That is, they tell a true story but in ways that include the creative language techniques used in fiction and poetry. We'll give preference to pieces that have an Alaska angle. However, all kinds of creative nonfiction are eligible: memoir, personal essays, travel writing, nature writing, food writing, lyric essays, biography, true crime, and more. Just keep it real and be creative in the style. Not sure your work qualifies? Contact Dr. Humphrey and find out!

We are looking for work in a variety of lengths, but try to keep it under 10,000 words.

Send creative nonfiction submissions and questions to Dennis Humphrey at djhumphrey@alaska.edu as an attachment in MS Word format (.doc or .docx).

If you have illustrations or photos, send those too as .jpeg files (you must own the copyright or have written permission to use them).

Deadline: March 15, 2022



Nutrition Kitchen: Anti-inflammatory Power Bowls



Nutrition Kitchen workshops will have you cooking, dicing, drizzling, and mixing to prepare a healthy meal while engaging in discussions about nutrition. Healthy cooking is key to better health and avoiding preventable disease. Learn about the science of healthy cooking as you practice it!

Class postponed to Monday, March 7

5:30-7:00 p.m.
PWSC Kitchen
\$22 per person
Sponsored by SWAN

Instructors
Angela Alfaro MD, MS, MSHS, FAAP- Board Certified in Family Medicine and a Masters Degree in Integrative Medicine.
Kelly Spittler RD, LD, CDE is a registered Dietitian and certified diabetes educator.



Registration required at
<https://pwsc.asapconnected.com>
907-834-1600



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Toyostove Troubleshooting & Maintenance

Thursday, March 3, 6-9 p.m.

\$70

Instructor: Scott McCumby, Valdez Heating & Maintenance



A session on Toyostove maintenance and troubleshooting. We will take a look inside a Toyostove and its flue system and discuss the most common maintenance and repair issues. Participants should bring their questions.

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Space is limited.
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Focus on PWSC Alumna, Cori Taylor



Originally from Southeast Alaska, Cori Taylor moved with her family to Valdez during her sophomore year of high school. That was about 13 years ago. Presently, Cori and her fiancé are the proud parents of their 5-year-old daughter. In addition to being a very hands-on parent, Cori shared, "My life is pretty hectic.... I am currently pursuing my bachelor's degree in social work through UAA while working full time. To be honest, I truly love the chaos, and I don't think I would thrive without it."

Cori's college journey has been anything but linear. Cori explained that she enrolled at PWSC after high school to pursue her education. She explained, "As time went on, I took a break ...for 10 years." Being a Peer Support Specialist at Providence Valdez Counseling Center motivated her to return to school. "Through my job, I get to work with the community using my own journey of recovery to help those affected by substance abuse and mental health."

Returning to school has not been easy. "It is challenging but with the support of family, work, and PWSC staff, I am keeping afloat. PWSC has always been so supportive. I absolutely love this college because everyone here really cares about the students, and you can feel that. They have given me great guidance and are always really involved in each student's academic journey."

First Aid/CPR/AED Class



Saturday, February 19
8 a.m.-5 p.m.
\$100

Upon successful completion, students receive certification from the American Heart Association (good for 2 years)

Instructor: George Keeney
Location: PWSC Room 162

Register at <https://pwsc.asapconnected.com>
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First Aid/CPR/AED Class



Saturday, March 26
8 a.m.-5 p.m.
\$100

Upon successful completion, students receive certification from the American Heart Association (good for 2 years)

Instructor: George Keeney
Location: PWSC Room 102

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Motivational Mondays

At the start of each work week, people often have what we call a "case of the Mondays." But for PWSC's Dawson Moore, Monday is a day of motivation, a day to set the tone for the rest of the week. Moore quite likes Mondays because, as he shares, "I love my job...I don't see it primarily as something I have to do, but as something that I enjoy and am proud of. It's the great honor of my life." Moore acknowledges that not everyone views work or Mondays the way he does. - "I'm atypical on Mondays, I like them!"

So let Mondays be motivators, and let having a "case of the Mondays" be a good case to have!



Dawson shared, "This picture is a gathering of people I love from the 2013 Last Frontier Theatre Conference. My participants, helping improve their lives and artistic skills, keep me motivated."

Asbestos Operations & Maintenance

March 1 & 2, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

\$484.00

This 16 hour training meets the requirements of Federal OSHA 29CFR 1926.1101 and EPA 40CFR 763.92 for Operations and Maintenance (O&M) training. This seminar covers the basics of asbestos for O&M activities through lectures, video, and slides. This training is required for all maintenance personnel engaging in Class III work.



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Crazy Clay Critters

Jan Whalen is a retired school teacher and artist who works well with students of all ages. One of her goals is to make learning fun, and the recent Ceramic Critter Pots class she taught at PWSC is no exception. This class encourages students of all ages and experience levels to grab a ball of clay and make something fun with it. Teaching the necessary skills of pinch pot, score and slip, slab, and coil, as well as the physical limitations and adaptability of clay, Jan encouraged her full class to embrace the "wonky" and set their insecurities aside. The results were diverse and fun! PWSC hopes to offer more classes taught by Jan this spring.



Kids Can Cook!

Saturday, February 19

10:00-12:30

Skills are geared toward ages 8-12

Kids who learn to cook become healthier adults. Your kids will learn basic cooking skills while they cook new recipes each month!

Students will learn hands-on skills in the kitchen. Be sure to let us know in advance if your child has any food allergies.



\$30

Instructor: Jamie Arciniega

February: chocolate truffles and chocolate-covered strawberries

Parent or guardian must sign waiver and check your child in and out of class.

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Acrylic Painting with Julie Mason

Wednesday, February 23, 6-9 p.m.

\$43, includes all supplies



Enjoy a fun evening learning to paint with acrylic paints. Techniques include blending, mixing colors, organic mark making, and creating depth and atmosphere with cool and warm color choice.

In this class, students will use an existing painting for inspiration and as a starting point for their own interpretation. Individual artistic expression is encouraged, and each painting will be unique.

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Enamel Jewelry Classes

Saturday, March 26

Class A= 10 a.m.-noon

Class B= 1:00-3:00 p.m.

\$75



Each class can accommodate 6 students.
Students will be required to wear a face mask.

In this class, students will get the opportunity to create beautiful enameled jewelry. The process of enameling entails layering glass on top of copper using heat. You'll love it because the colors are vibrant, and there is an element of mystery to what you create since you never quite know how it will turn out until it cools! There will be many copper shapes available in small, medium, and large sizes.

You can expect to create finished earring pairs and/or necklace pendants (to string on your own necklace chains), you'll be able to produce multiple pieces in this class.

To protect ourselves from the glass dust and the torching process, we will be wearing dust masks and safety glasses.

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907-834-1689 for questions

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COPPER BASIN EXTENSION CENTER

Memoir as Roots and Branches

WITH MARY ODDEN

A powerful narrative of the pandemic is human life in isolation and anger, our political and personal storms mirroring storms and disruptions in nature. A different story is emerging in biology, about trees' communication with us and with each other – a narrative of cooperation and even mothering. In these memoir-writing sessions, let's explore and expand our personal stories with what is being said around us by our green elders.

Class will be held over ZOOM

Tuesdays, 6-9 pm

February 22, March 1 & 8

Enrollment Fee: \$110

Register by February 11, 2022

online at pwsc.asapconnected.com

or call: 907-822-3673

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Wilderness First Responder Rescue

by Ben Rush, Assistant Profession of Outdoor Leadership

On January 29 the Wilderness First Responder (WFR) class at Prince William Sound College held their mock rescue. It started with a text message at 5 p.m. to the Incident Commander, Carrie Abruzzo. The report was 3 overdue sea kayakers. The mock rescue began. At 5:50 the rescue team located the 3 kayakers in the ocean about 1/4 mile from shore west of Homestead trail. It was low tide. Students were challenged with the temperature of 27 degrees, incoming tides, winds, and snow. The 10-member class did an amazing job considering all the obstacles. The 3 mock victims in the water were students from last year's WFR course. They weren't wearing wetsuits or dry suits. They were truly cold, although never in any real danger. The rescue team had to assess the situation, change clothes, build splints, set up shelters, boil hot drinks, and eventually build a stretcher to carry the patient who was unable to walk from the beach to the parking lot. The rescue was finished at 12:15. Great job, everyone!

Shovel Safely

www.osha.gov

Valdezians are no strangers to snow. Don't become complacent, though, about the dangers of shoveling. In addition to advising hydration, OSHA has this to say as a good reminder:

"Workers should warm-up before the activity, scoop small amounts of snow at a time and where possible, push the snow instead of lifting it. The use of proper lifting technique is necessary to avoid back and other injuries when shoveling snow: keep the back straight, lift with the legs and do not turn or twist the body."

Prince William Sound College
Copper Basin Extension Center

Toyostove *Troubleshooting and Maintenance*



CRSD Auto Shop

Date: February 15

Time: 6-9 pm

*With Jim Odden,
owner of Snowshoe Heating*

A session on Toyostove maintenance and trouble-shooting. We will take a look at the inside of a Toyostove and its flue system and discuss the most common maintenance and repair issues. Participants should bring their questions.

Enrollment Fee: \$60

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"Your idea doesn't have to be big. It just has to be yours alone. The more the idea is yours alone, the more freedom you have to do something really amazing. The more amazing, the more people will click with your idea. The more people click with your idea, the more it will change the world." -Hugh Macleod