

Prince William Sound Tidings

June 3, 2022

Calendar

June 11-19
Last Frontier Theatre
Conference

June 23
Second summer class
session begins

July 4-5
PWSC closed for
Independence day

July 11
Payment deadline, \$125
late fee assessed

July 8
Withdrawal deadline

July 22
\$175 late fee assessed
to those with balance.
Summer graduation
application deadline

August 4
Grades available in
UAOnline

August 29
Instruction begins.
Add/drop period begins
Registration begins for
senior citizens using
tuition waiver

September 5
PWSC closed for Labor
Day holiday

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Prince William Sound College announces new site coordinator

Alyssa Kleissler to replace Susan Harding at the Prince William Sound College

By Jane Spencer– May 27, 2022

On Tuesday, May 24, Prince William Sound College announced Alyssa Kleissler will be the new Cordova Extension Site Coordinator, a position held by Susan Harding for 21 years until her retirement. The director of PWSC, Dan O'Connor, made the announcement and thanked Harding for her contributions, "After 21 years of commitment to Cordova, we're so thankful to you."

In attendance were members of the community and students of Kleissler's Spanish classes. O'Connor expressed confidence in Kleissler taking over the responsibilities.

"She'll do great, she's been teaching for us for a number of years and done a great job," O'Connor said. "I think she has a lot of excitement and enthusiasm."

Harding echoed the sentiments about Kleissler.

"She's gonna be great, it's going to be a good thing," Harding said.

With 24 years of teaching experience, Kleissler knows what she'd like to focus on.

"I would like to work with some students that aren't necessarily college bound students, but would like to get their associates degree, or would like to open up their own business," Kleissler said. "I want to support the entrepreneurs."



According to O'Connor, he sees tremendous opportunity in Cordova because of the different communities here and PWSC strives to serve and have a broader impact on the community. With community interest programs, enrichment classes, Alaska Native Arts, teacher training programs and education related to the fishing industry, he thinks a variety of offerings will serve the community of Cordova well. The mission of Prince William Sound College is "to use its unique resources and magnificent landscape to enrich the lives of our students and our communities."

Superintendent of the schools Alex Russin, Susan Harding, PWSC Director Dan O'Connor and Alyssa Kleissler gather for the announcement that Kleissler will replace retiring Susan Harding as site coordinator for Prince William Sound College on Tuesday, May 24, 2022. Jane Spencer/The Cordova Times

<https://www.thecordovatimes.com>

Outdoor Leadership Capstone Trip

Last month Dr. Benjamin Rush, Assistant Professor of Outdoor Leadership, and TJ Miller, Chair and Associate Professor HPER Dept., University of Alaska Anchorage, traveled with students Carrie, Eli, Sarah, Auj, Rafael, Cooper, Sarah, LiAn, and Andrew from Whittier to Valdez.

As part of their end of the semester capstone project, the students planned all the necessary details for their kayaking expedition. Putting their previous course work and Outdoor Leadership instruction into practice, Dr. Rush explained that the students designed the route, prepared the equipment, and purchased and prepared the food needed for their adventure.



TJ Miller

For professor TJ Miller, the PWSC Outdoor Leadership capstone trip was nothing short of a success. Having spent the last two weeks paddling with students from Whittier to Valdez, Miller says he would “absolutely do it again.”

Miller, Chair and Associate Professor for UAA’s HPER department, and PWSC’s Assistant Professor of Outdoor Leadership, Dr. Benjamin Rush spent 14 days with Outdoor Leadership students, paddling across Price William Sound. While as Miller shares, “the weather the first few days really challenged students to pay attention and keep their gear dry,” the remainder of the trip proved to be beautifully sunny, allowing the students and instructors a chance to commune with nature.

For Miller, this trip has been on his bucket list for decades. He shares, “Just being in nature and being disconnected for two weeks from my hectic daily life provided me respite and rejuvenation. I have had this trip on my bucket list since I came to AK 20 years ago, I finally got to complete the journey.”



Sarah King

For Outdoor Leadership student Sarah King, the PWSC capstone trip was not only a chance to put classroom skills into practice, but it was also a time for reflection and meditation.

During the two-week kayaking trip from Whittier to Valdez, students took turns being the “leader of the day.” When King took on this role, she wanted fellow students and her PWSC professors to focus on being present, being in the moment. She shares, “I encouraged others to take time to write their thoughts and feelings down. We ended up having a little open mic on the beach by a fire and sharing poems / stories while we watched the sky change.”

For King and the other PWSC students, the trip was an unforgettable experience that brought them closer to nature and to each other. “I love these individuals immensely and I am so grateful for this experience with them. Seeing everyone’s growth in the past two weeks, including my own, has been incredible.”



Andrew Bradley

How do you describe a trip of a lifetime? Andrew Bradley described his capstone trip as "an adventure that people dream of."

"It was a challenging and amazing trip. We spent the first three nights in Whittier due to weather. Some of our gear... clothes, sleeping bags, tents, and even "waterproof" gear, got soaked. After we left Whittier, the sky cleared up and we were able to dry our gear!"

Andrew shared some of the highlights of the trip:

"We were surrounded by nature and God's Beauty 24/7. People get caught up in life, they forget where we live and the incredible sights. You only hear natural sounds and see natural light. It makes you focus and think with ease. You realize that all you have and who you have is very important, and it makes you treat every little thing with respect and love.

There were so many fantastic life lessons that were learned on this trip."



Benjamin Rush

"The journey of a 1,000 miles begins with one stroke. On May 1st, the Outdoor Leadership Program out of Prince William Sound College took off from Whittier, Alaska and headed to Valdez. We arrived in Valdez on May 14, after paddling 151 miles. The trip started off wet with lots of rain and wind in Whittier that postponed our departure by 2 days. On our third day, the weather cleared and we were good to go. After that, we had 11 days of almost perfect weather. We saw humpback whales, minke, sea lions, otters and eagles. It was an amazing experience for all of us. We carried our food for the entire time and camped on various beautiful beaches along the way. Thank you for all the support from the staff of PWSC and a job well done by the students. "



Natural Resources Technician

Fall 2022 Academy:
Aug 29 to Nov 18, 2022

The PWSC Natural Resources Technician program is a 12-week intensive experience that covers the knowledge and skills needed for an entry level position in a natural resources career.

NRT Core Courses:
Biota of Alaska: Selected Topics
Conservation of Natural Resources
Earth Systems: Elements of Physical Geography

Complete one of the following:
Fundamentals of Oral Communication
Small Group Communication
Introduction to College Writing
Writing Across Contexts

Electives (4 additional credits)
First Aid and CPR for Professionals Basic
Workplace Safety
Wilderness First Aid
Strategies for College Success
Backpack Alaska
Industrial Technology Internship

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Beginning Wine Appreciation

Saturday, June 25, 1-5 p.m.

\$95.00



Instructor: Viticulturalist, Dave Roman

Register at <https://pwsc.asapconnected.com>
21+ All students must show id.

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Safety on the Water

The U.S. Coast Guard has a Boating Safety App that can help you as you set out on the Sound this summer. The app helps you find safety regulations, request a vessel safety check, file a float plan, report a hazard, report pollution, find navigation rules, and much more. It is not meant to act as a replacement for a marine VHF radio. Find out more at <https://uscgboating.org/mobile/>





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Valdez Theatre Conference



The 30th Annual Valdez Theatre Conference takes place June 11-18. This year, there will be 55 developmental Play Lab readings. The authors are in attendance, and afterward they receive feedback from a panel of professionals

There are three 8:00 p.m. performances at the Valdez Civic Center. Sunday, June 12, Cyrano's Theatre Company presents Chantal Bilodeau's *No More Harveys*, a one-woman show starring one of Alaska's greatest actors, Danielle Rabinovich. Tuesday features readings of Joe Barnes and Ashley Rose Wellman, starring Frank Collison, Laura Gardner, Dennis Renard, and Melody Knudson. The final show is Thursday, June 16, is James Hindman's smash New York hit *What Doesn't Kill You...*, a one-man comedy about discovering he had cancer. ALL OF THESE SHOWS ARE PRESENTED FREE OF CHARGE TO THE PUBLIC.



The week also features nightly comedy at Magpie's Bakery with the Valdez Theatre Fringe. The final Saturday, June 18, at 1:00, the Monologue Workshop has its final presentation, a whirlwind of one-minute pieces. This is also free to the public.

This Conference is coordinated by Dawson Moore and his staff and hosted by Prince William Sound College. The full schedule and bios for the artistic staff can be found at www.theatreconference.org.

Prince William Sound College (PWSC) is recruiting for a few key positions at its Valdez campus.

Full-time staff positions include:

- Interim Director of Prince William Sound College
- Director of Business Services
- Accounting Supervisor

Temporary or part-time positions include:

- Temporary Accounting Fiscal Technician
- Conference Services Assistant (summer)
- Museum Attendant (summer)
- Health & Fitness Center Attendant

To learn more about these positions and to apply, visit careers.alaska.edu



PWSC is selling a wooden shed, measuring size 8' x 8'. This shed is being sold as is/ where is, and PWSC/ UAA makes no claims to the suitability of this item for purpose. The price of this shed is \$1,800. To view this shed, visit the PWSC Maintenance shop on Pioneer Drive or call Ben Eisen at 907-834-1636.

"A truly happy person is one who can enjoy the scenery while on a detour."

Anonymous