



LIFE SCIENCE NEWS

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

BRINA KESSEL MEDAL FOR EXCELLENCE IN SCIENCE

Joan Braddock, Dean, CNSM is soliciting nominees for the Brina Kessel Medal for Excellence in Science.

AWARD CRITERIA

1. Seniors in the natural sciences, either basic or applied and regardless of UAF administrative unit or department, are eligible for consideration. If in an applied field, the student must be well-grounded in the basic sciences and using these sciences and their methods toward solutions of applied problems.
2. To be eligible, a student must have at least a 3.5 GPA in combined course work in the basic sciences, mathematics, and statistics.
3. Eligible students must have an inquiring mind, evidenced at least in part by interest and participation in research. Participation in true research activities of some kind is essential; self-initiated research is a preferred criterion.
4. Essential characteristics for eligibility must include a) highest levels of integrity in all matters, b) evidence of a creative mind, and c) evidence of analytical thinking abilities.
5. Recipient shall have demonstrated a commitment to their chosen scientific field and have exhibited a potential to succeed professionally in science.

Nominations for the Usibelli Awards for Excellence in Teaching, Service, and Research are due February 18, 2008

All members of the university community - faculty, staff, students, and the public - are invited to submit nominations. Nominations will take the form of a one-page memorandum, highlighting the experience of the nominee in teaching, research, or public service. Please choose which one of these areas you are nominating the candidate for and provide rationale for the nominee's qualifications and the nature of the distinguished activity. Please send nominations to the Office of the Provost, 301 Signers' Hall or fax to 474-1836.

For more information, please refer to <http://www.uaf.edu/provost/usibelli/index.html>, or contact Sarah Lewis at x5178.

A Call for Outreach Assistance

40 volunteers needed by January 26 who will read, edit, and/or review 2-3 student papers each. Completion of this review process is slated for February 14.

32 different volunteers to judge 8-10 papers in eight concurrently held student speaking sessions on Saturday, March 1. 7 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Continental breakfast and a hot lunch will be provided.

7-9 additional and different volunteers from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, March 2 to judge the presentation of 16 finalists. Continental breakfast and a hot lunch will be provided.

Please contact Gary Laursen at x6295 or ffgal@uaf.edu for more information.

LIFE SCIENCES SEMINAR

Robert H. Coker

University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences

“Weight Loss and Insulin Action”

Elvey Auditorium

Friday, January 25, 2008, 3:30 p.m.

Judges Needed for Weller Elementary Science Fair

Date: February 7th at 8:45 am to about 11:00 or 11:30.

There will be coffee and sweets in the morning and a great lunch served about 11:00.

Contact: Betsy Sturm at esturm@northstar.k12.ak.us

MONDAY, JANUARY 21

UAF Holiday - Alaska Civil Rights Day

TUESDAY, JANUARY 22

7:00 p.m. - Gold Room, Fairbanks Westmark Hotel (813 Noble Street, downtown Fairbanks)

Science for Alaska Lecture Series

“Polar Dinosaurs: Living the High Life in the Age of Dinosaurs”

Patrick Druckenmiller, Curator of Earth Sciences, UA Museum of the North

Information: www.scienceforalaska.com or 474-7558

THURSDAY, JANUARY 24

Noon - IAB Break Room, 3rd floor

CANHR will host a pizza lunch for graduate students to meet **Robert Coker**, candidate for Associate/Assistant Professor of Nutrition and Physical Activity. Pizza and drinks will be provided.

For more information, please contact Michelle Dondanville at x 6230.

→→TRAVEL→→

- **Brian Barnes**, 1/20-29, Tromsø, Norway, invited seminar, Institute of Medical Biology, University of Tromsø; and to serve as opponent for a dissertation
- **Bert Boyer**, 1/21-23, Bethel and Chefnak, AK, candidate interviews
- **Lara Dehn**, 1/20-24, Anchorage, AK, attend Alaska Marine Science Symposium
- **Scarlett Hopkins**, 1/21-23, Bethel and Chefnak, AK, candidate interviews
- **Erich Follmann**, 1/20-24, Anchorage, AK, attend Alaska Marine Science Symposium
- **Daniel Hayes**, 1/20-26, Woodshole, MA, work with project co-I on Arctic Carbon Research Synthesis
- **Troy Hegel**, 1/14-6/17, Oslo, Norway, attend the University of Oslo
- **Darcy Holcomb**, 1/19-23, attend Alaska Marine Mammal Symposium

- **Christine Hunter**, 1/21-24, St. Petersburg, FL, attend Adaptive Management Meeting
- **Sasha Kitaysky**, Anchorage, AK, 1/29-23, attend Alaska Marine Mammal Symposium
- **Chandra Meek**, 1/22-25, Anchorage, AK, attend Alaska Marine Mammal Symposium and meet with Hunter Group
- **Steffen Opper**, 1/20-24, Anchorage, AK, attend Alaska Marine Science Symposium
- **Nate Pamperin**, 1/20-23, Anchorage, AK, present poster at Alaska Marine Science Symposium
- **Abby Powell**, 1/23-26, Seattle, WA, Cooper attend Ornithological Society Board Meeting

Quote of the week:

“Make the most of yourself, for that is all there is of you.”

~Ralph Waldo Emerson