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Students Spy on Microbial Life

Students from Sitka, Ketchikan, Metlakatla, Kotzebue, Dillingham and Unalaska participated in Microbiology Lab Week at the UAS Sitka Campus. This was a requirement for their Microbiology (BIOL 240) distance class.

Experiments ranged from testing disinfectants and antibiotics to evaluating the safety of water samples. Students honed their micro-copy skills and examined bacteria from their own bodies. Highlights included making root beer, a hospital lab tour, and a potluck restricted to foods produced by microorganisms. All of the lab work that would normally be covered in a beginning microbiology course was delivered this intense week-long format that lasted all day for five days.



**Cynthia Hudson,
Metlakatla**

"I really enjoyed lab week. Being able to work "hands on" made everything I've been reading and studying about make more sense. I loved putting faces to the voices we heard over the phone. Getting to know everyone personally was a lot of fun."

Two New Academic Facilitators Hired!

This past semester, efforts were made to hire academic facilitators in three additional communities in Southeast Alaska. The three communities targeted were Metlakatla, Haines/Klukwan, and Kake.

The new facilitator hired for Haines/Klukwan is **Bev Schupp**, a veteran teacher in rural Alaska with extensive experience in both teaching and administration as well as a long history of success in culturally diverse communities. She has both a Bachelor's and Master's degree in Education.

In Metlakatla, the new facilitator is **Nina Jordan** who brings a Bachelor's

of Business Administration as well as a long time familiarity with the community to the job. The hiring process in Kake is not yet complete.

Academic Facilitators help students enrolled in distance education courses succeed in their efforts. They can tutor students or locate an expert in the community who can tutor. They may also facilitate study groups, provide a quiet place to work, and help with test preparation and study skills.

Academic Facilitators mentor students, provide encouragement when a course or semester becomes overwhelming, and help students strengthen their personal support systems.

FuniBonz...



A LOGICAL QUESTION...

On the first day of college, the Dean addressed the students, pointing out some of the rules:

"The female dormitory will be out-of-bounds for all male students, and the male dormitory to the female students. Anybody caught breaking this rule will be fined \$20 the first time."

He continued, "Anybody caught breaking this rule the second time will be fined \$60. Being caught a third time will cost you a fine of \$180. Are there any questions?"

At this point, a male student in the crowd inquired: "How much for a season pass?"



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Helpful Hints...SCHEDULING YOUR TIME

MAKE A SEMESTER CALENDAR

Enter important dates, such as mid-term and final exams, holidays, breaks, study days, etc. Enter dates for course quizzes and exams, important papers and projects, even social activities!

Post this schedule in your study area for referral and review, and to chart your progress.

This is the macro view: don't include too much detail

PROJECTED WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Fill in all on-going activities, such as classes, study times, appointments, work, and social events.

This is the micro view: plan your activities in blocks of hours throughout the week

ACTUAL WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Detail the Projected Weekly Schedule

Evaluate your time usage for modification according to priorities:

Are you using your time to best achieve your goals?

Are you studying when you said you would?

Can you identify areas when you can use your time more efficiently?

DAILY SCHEDULE or "TO DO LIST"

Complete the night before or the first thing each morning.

Include things you intend to accomplish that day, including assignments, appointments, and errands.

Check off items you have done to give yourself a sense of completion.



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Remember to use your Academic Facilitator!

He or she can ...

- facilitate your progress
- tutor you
- understand your motivation and your project
- help you find elusive resources
- give you feedback
- encourage you
- suggest ways of getting around obstacles

Meet at least three times a semester in person, beginning, middle, and wrap up.

