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EPSCoR: What It Is & What It Does

Part 2

Alaska EPSCoR Focuses on Four Research Focus Areas



Dr. Elena Sparrow, EPSCoR's Education Outreach Coordinator

Alaska's Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCoR) operates under the following premise:

Universities and their science and engineering faculty and students are valuable resources that have the potential to influence a state's development in the twenty-first century much the same way that agricultural, industrial, and natural resources did in the twentieth century.

EPSCoR identifies, develops, and utilizes a state's academic science and technology resources in ways that ultimately will support wealth creation and a more productive and fulfilling way of life for its citizens. To achieve this end, the National Science Foundation (NSF) cooperates with state leaders in government, higher education, and business to establish productive long-term partnerships in support of common goals. Such partnerships are designed to stimulate local action that will result in lasting improvements to the state's academic research infrastructure and increased national research and development competitiveness.

Alaska's program is centered on four Research Focus Areas (RFAs). Each RFA is defined by a set of broad scientific topics, chosen not only because they are national priorities but also because they are especially relevant to Alaska's northern latitudes and arctic environments. Funds are targeted at critical infrastructure needs, with emphasis on:

- New faculty positions at UAA and UAF.
- New state-of-the-art research instrumentation and facilities.
- Undergraduate and graduate student research stipends.
- Support for competitively reviewed seed projects at UAA and UAF and for collaborative research among all campuses.
- Statewide videoconferencing among distant campuses.

The four RFAs are Integrative Approaches to Environmental Physiology (IAEP), Alaska Genome Diversity Initiative (AGDI), High Latitude Environments Contaminants Consortium (HLECC) and Infrastructure and Systems for Cold Regions (ISCR).

Sixty-six existing faculty members from around the UA

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Special Lunch Seminar on Women's Issues

Are you in pain? Are you sick and frustrated because you don't know what to do to get better or even why you are really sick at all?

During the lunch hour on Wednesday, February 20th, Dr. Beth Laughlin of the Holistic Medical Clinic will be speaking on pms, menopause and other women's health issues. This is an excellent opportunity to ask questions and get some answers to those frustrating questions we all ask ourselves.

Dr. Beth graduated with honors from Southwest College of Naturopathic Medicine where her studies focused on nutrition, herbal medicine, counseling and homeopathic medicine. Her emphasis is on Family Medicine including GYN, nutritional/hormonal evaluations and allergy desensitization. Naturopathic doctors treat the cause of the illness, rather than the symptoms.

Bring your brown bag lunch and join us next Wednesday from 11:45 am to 1 pm in the Sherman Carter Conference Room, Butrovich Building, Fairbanks for this free presentation.

For more information, contact Adela Batin Jackson, 474-7272.

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system are involved in the four research areas, and eight more are to be hired this fall. In each area, there are also funds for graduate and undergraduate student support as part of integrating education and research. EPSCoR's pre-college outreach program was discussed in Part 1.

For more detailed information about EPSCoR and its programs, you may contact Dottie Moss, EPSCoR administrative assistant, at 907-474-5895, or visit the website at: www.alaska.edu/epscor.

UA Academy Focuses on State Needs

The third annual University of Alaska Management Meeting - - the UA Academy 2002, was held last week at the Chena River Convention Center in Fairbanks.

The three-day meeting was organized to give industry and state leaders an opportunity to share with the university what they see as being the needs of the state for the remainder of this decade. The meeting provided university leaders an opportunity to discuss how the university will meet the state's economic diversification and workforce needs. Students were also a major theme as national experts on enrollment management conducted a seminar workshop on recruitment and retention strategies.

Open Invitation

Aurora Borealis ROTARACT Community Service Organization for young professionals invites you to join them. Rotaract is an international organization of service clubs for men and women aged 18-30 that fosters leadership and responsible citizenship, encourages high ethical standards in business and promotes international understanding and peace. Visit www.rotaract.org/aurora for more information or call John Pile at 474-7061. Local meetings are at UAF Wood Center Conference Room B, 5:45 pm first and third Tuesdays of every month.

Students Rally to Support UA Budget Request

In an effort to encourage the Alaska legislature to fully fund the $17 million increase in the Board of Regents' budget request, student governments across the state have been participating in a statewide grass-roots legislative campaign coordinated by the Coalition of Student Leaders.

Thousands of yellow "Minds at Work" postcards have been distributed around the state and signed by Alaska voters who support the university.

On Tuesday, February 19th, the Associated Students of UAF will hold a rally in the Wood Center from 1 to 4 pm to kick-start the Coalition's "Road Show" campaign. All Alaska voters and university supporters are encouraged to attend. There will be free food and live music provided by ASUAF.

Paul Jenny



Transitions...



Britt Arnesen (above) recently signed on as the Legislative Affairs Coordinator for the Coalition of Student Leaders until the end of the legislative session. She coordinates the grassroots legislative tactics of the coalition. Britt is a senior majoring in Biology and hopes to go to graduate school in ecology.

Rolonda Horning is moving from Public Affairs to provide administrative support to Dave Veazey, assistant to the vice president for academic affairs, and to Mark Standley, executive director of the Alaska Center for Excellence in Schools. She assumes her new position next week.

Paul Jenny is the new Associate Director of Statewide Budget and Institutional Research. Paul comes from Washington, DC where he was the Director of Budget at the Brookings Institution. From 1990-95, Paul worked with the Denali Foundation in Denali National Park.

For Sale or Trade

Send your items for sale or trade by e-mail to: bob.miller@alaska.edu

From Kristen Clare, 337-3175:
Pentax 35m manual camera, includes regular and zoom lenses, flash and bag. $225.

From Kathy Tamburello, 474-7213:
MUST SELL! 97-Toyota Tacoma, extcab, 4x4, 5speed, 4cyl., new tires & brakes, CD player, excellent shape in & out, 75 K. $12,800 obo.

From Jennifer Bowers at x6281:
Brand new medium size dog kennel/crate. Bought in December, barely used. 27"L x 20"W x 19"H with handle. Light tan in color, ideal for Beagles, Shelties, Min. Poodles, Cockers, Lhasa Apsos. Paid $39.99, asking $20.00.

From Thom & Torie Foote, 479-0908:
98' Dodge Grand Caravan LE, AWD, Loaded, remote start, studded tires and a summer set as well, Great condition. $17,700 or best offer.

From Gene McGill at 5507:
4 1997 GMC Sierra 1500 OEM aluminum 6 bolt rims with LT245/R16 tires in various conditions. Includes lug nuts. $300 or offer. Leer pickup topper to fit 1997 GMC x-cab short-bed pickup or similar. Red, with clamps. $400 or obo.

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Go to: www.alaska.edu/opa/onthemove. **Deadline** for the next issue is Monday, February 25th by the end of the day.