

*University of Alaska*  
***AKGEC and Gerontology Program Activities and Accomplishments Report***  
***March 4, 2005***

The following bullet points highlight accomplishments and activities that have occurred from July 1, 2004-March 4, 2005 related to the University of Alaska's efforts to address the training needs of professionals, paraprofessionals and community members in the field of aging and elder services.

**Training Activities sponsored or co sponsored by the AKGEC/UAA Gerontology Program includes the following:**

- Dementia and Aging: The Hope of Brain Science-co sponsored Southcentral GEC, Alzheimer's Disease Resource Agency of Alaska and the UAA Campus Bookstore, (June 17, 2004).
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual UAA Summer Institute in Gerontology-Southcentral GEC co sponsored a two-day workshop with the Northwest Geriatric Education Center during the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Summer Institute in Gerontology (July 22 & 23, 2004) entitled "Keeping Elders Healthy".
- AKGEC consortium partners, Southeast GEC - Sitka, Northern Region GEC - Fairbanks, and Southcentral GEC - Anchorage (Sept 16, 2004), hosted a Video Conference Workshop on Ethnogeriatrics Multicultural Resources: Models for Curriculum Integration with guest speaker Dr. Melen McBride. Additional sponsors include Stanford Geriatric Education Center, Center for Education in Family and Community Medicine, School of Medicine, Stanford University, and UAS Sitka.
- 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Care of the Elderly Conference Sitka (Sept. 16 & 17, 2004) was co sponsored by the Center for Community, Southeast GEC, Alaska Commission on Aging (ACoA), Division of Geriatric Medicine, USC, Keck School of Medicine, Ethel Percy Andrus Gerontology Center, USC and Community Education and Professional Development, and UAS-Sitka.\*
- Traditional Health Practices and Holistic Elder Care with Linwood Tall Bull, Traditional Healer and Director, Elder Program and Shoulder Blade Residential Living Facility, Northern Cheyenne Tribe Lame Deer, Montana, (Sept 22, 2004). Southcentral GEC co sponsored with the National Resource Center for American Indians, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian Elders (NRC), UAA Alaska Natives into Psychology (ANPSYCH), Anchorage Rural Human Service Program, and UAA Recruitment and Retention of Alaska Natives into Nursing (RRANN).
- Traditional Health Practices and Holistic Elder Care with Linwood Tall Bull, (Sept. 24, 2004). Northern Region GEC, co sponsored with UAF Social Work Dept., Tanana Valley Clinic, and the Alzheimer's Resource Agency of Alaska.

- Stories from the Front Lines-Overcoming Frost in an Edenizing Organization, (Oct. 11, 2004) co sponsored by Southcentral GEC, and Providence Continuing Care Services.
- 18<sup>th</sup> Annual NASW Alaska Chapter Conferences “Living Healthy Commitments: Enriching Social Work Practice in the Midst of Multiple Challenges”, (Oct. 11, 2004). Southcentral GEC co sponsored with AMHHTH, State of Alaska Office of FAS, Cook Inlet Tribal Council, NASW, Identity Inc., Gay and Lesbian Community Center of Anchorage, State of Alaska Division of Behavioral Health, and Kids Behavioral Health.\*
- Modifying the Environment to Accommodate Normal and Pathological Age Related Changes in Vision & Hearing, (Nov. 16, 2004). Alaska Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired. Sponsored by the Southcentral GEC.
- Alzheimer’s Disease and Related Dementia, (Nov. 18, 2004) in Bethel. Northern Region GEC co sponsored with UAF Social Work Dept., Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corp., and Kuskokwim Continuing Ed. Dept.
- Alzheimer’s Disease and Related Dementia, (Nov. 19, 2004) in Fairbanks. Northern Region GEC co sponsored with UAF Social Work Dept., Fairbanks Memorial Hospital, Denali Center, and Alzheimer’s Resource Agency of Alaska.
- Alaska Public Health Summit, (Nov. 29-Dec. 2, 2004). Southcentral GEC co sponsored with Alaska Public Health Association, ACoA and Lance Armstrong Foundation Livestrong.\*
- Building Client’s Capacity for Self Care and Social Approaches to Diabetes, (Dec 3, 2004) Northern Region GEC co sponsored with UAF Social Work Dept., Fairbanks Memorial Hospital, Denali Center, and Alzheimer’s Resource Agency of Alaska.

\*Note-Thanks to funding provided by the Alaska Commission on Aging (ACoA), the AKGEC has been able to train 317 professionals and paraprofessionals through the following conferences/workshops, UAA’s 2-day Summer Institute on Aging (July 22-23, 2004). Care of the Elderly Conference in Sitka (Sept. 18-19, 2004), the Alaska Chapter NASW Conference (Oct 10-12, 2004), the Alaska Public Health Summit-Elders Track (Nov. 29-Dec 2, 2004), Fairbanks Seminar (December 3, 2004). This funding will also support speakers at several upcoming conferences including, Full Lives Conference at the Sheraton Hotel (April, 21-22, 2005), Health & Wellness Strategies for Alaska Elders-Fairbanks (April 23, 2005) and the UAA 2-day Summer Institute (June 9-10, 2005).

The Alaska Geriatric Education Center (AKGEC) received funding from the Alaska Commission on Aging, and the Division of Senior and Disabilities Services through the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority to provide travel scholarships for airfare, hotel, or workshop/conference registration fees for these events.

**Faculty Development**

- WWAMI Development Medicine II (1<sup>st</sup> Year Medical Students)-UAA, Sept. 10, 2004.  
Guest Lecture on Adult Development and Aging (Rosellen Rosich).
- Psychopathology 622 (Clinical Psychology Students-MA), Nov. 10, 2004-UAA (Rosellen Rosich)
- Social Work 105 Introduction to Social Work-UAF, Nov. 22, 04 (Denise Daniello)

**Other Activities (Informational and Presentations Open to the Public)**

- Aging Adults in Alaska, Legislative Hearing hosted by Representative Sharon Cissna, Oct. 29, 2004 (research and resources compiled with assistance of Gerontology Program and AKGEC).
- UA/UAA Celebrating Students, Partnerships, and Programs in Aging, Nov. 1, 2004. Sponsored by the Gerontology Program, AGKEC and CHHW.
- UAA The Next 50 Years-Aging in the Last Frontier Feb 4, 2004. Panel Discussion moderated by Rosellen Rosich.
- Careers in Aging and National Public Health Week, April 4-15, 2005 (planned)