

**ALASKA NATIVE TRIBAL HEALTH CONSORTIUM  
DENTAL HEALTH AIDE THERAPIST  
TRAINING PROGRAM  
Report-November 2007**



Danielle Boston of Chistochina, Christopher Evan of Russian Mission, Daniel Kennedy of Klawock, Dr. Robert Allen of Bethel and Sheena Nelson of Yakutat.

Dr. Robert Allen, who taught our radiology course earlier this year, returned this month to evaluate the students' performance of tooth preparations and restorations on mannequins. Dr. Allen's calm presence and sense of humor is always a welcome addition at the training center.

Other sessions held this month included those taught by Louise Achey, pharmacist from UW MEDEX program instructing in pharmacology, and UW's Marco Alberts, DDS, teaching dental ethics. Sharon Peabody, ANP from the Community Health Aide Program taught a three day class on possible medical emergencies in the dental office. Dr. Williard has spent much of the month working with the students completing various required competencies as they prepare for their clinical year in Bethel.

Meetings held in Anchorage this month included those of the Alaska Tribal Dental Chiefs and that of the American Association of Dental Therapists (AADT). The DENTEX students were able to attend portions of both of the meetings. University of Washington staff, Drs. Louis Fiset and Marco Alberts, presented to the Dental Chiefs.

We are busy arranging travel schedules for the in coming class and making final plans for the current class to travel home in December and then out to Bethel in January for their 2<sup>nd</sup> year of training. The Thanksgiving holiday was a welcome break and a nice chance for the students to reconnect with family.

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