

ALASKA NATIVE TRIBAL HEALTH CONSORTIUM
DENTAL HEALTH AIDE THERAPIST
TRAINING PROGRAM
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Brusca, Evan, Nelson, Beckman, Williard, Kennedy, Boston

A first year commencement celebration for the Dental Health Aide Therapist Training program was held in Anchorage on December 14th at ANTHC. Pictured here are the four students Christopher Evan, Sheena Nelson, Daniel Kennedy and Danielle Boston with Dr. Tony Brusca, and Dr. Tom Beckman. Both of these instructors taught in the first year and will be joining the students in Bethel for their second year sessions. Also pictured is Clinical Director, Dr. Mary Williard of the Anchorage based DENTEX Training Center.

Instructors and staff from both the Anchorage and Bethel training sites have focused on curriculum planning and curriculum for the second year of studies. Additionally, orientation for the 2007-08 class was held to prepare the first cohort of students for their second year of training in Bethel.

Students left for home and will be returning to their second year in Bethel January 14, 2008. We are busy arranging travel schedules for the incoming class and making final plans for the current class to travel home in December, and then out to Bethel in January.

Other activities centered on preparing to receive the second class and students began arriving as early as the 24th of December. The holidays passed all too quickly as the Dentex staff finalized the plans for a new Pre-session Class. The 7 day Pre-session Class has been added to better prepare our incoming students for the intense program of study they are entering into. Some of the topics covered are: study skills, medical and dental terminology, introduction to anatomy and physiology, library skills, technical writing skills and professional role development. We are all excitedly looking forward to the New Year and the new class.

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