ALASKA NATIVE TRIBAL HEALTH CONSORTIUM DENTAL HEALTH AIDE THERAPIST TRAINING PROGRAM October 2008 Monthly Report

DENTEX Training Clinic- First Year Activities



Tatiana Barraclough and Ben Steward, two students from the current class in Anchorage, are pictured here with student candidates interviewing for our next class starting in 2009. The interviews took place in September. An on-line Anatomy and Physiology class begins the end of October for those selected. We will announce the new class in our next monthly report.

Dr. Mark Davis, Retired Clinical Associate Professor of Operative Dentistry at the University of Florida College of Dentistry, Gainesville returned for two more weeks of work with students their on mannequins. They learn how to remove cavities and place fillings. It proved to be very busy with students spending time perfecting their work and then having to pass competency tests. Following the two weeks with Dr. Davis, Dr. Williard worked on skills consolidation.

Yuut Elitnaurviat Dental Training Clinic - Second Year Activities



The students participated in a variety of activities during the month of October. Danielle Boston and Sheena Nelson went on a second village trip with Dr. Brusca from October 6 until October 14, and Christopher Evan and Daniel Kennedy were in Anchorage working with Dr. Williard and Dr. Davis. The students reported that the experiences they had during this timeframe were beneficial in their learning process.

All of the students returned to class at the Yuut Elitnaurviat Dental Training Clinic on October 20, and continued with providing treatment for current patients. The students are working on completing planned treatment on patients they have been seeing this year prior to graduation in December.

Dr. Brusca has focused on building the students' independence level in anticipation of graduation.

For more information, contact Dr. Mary Williard, DENTEX Clinical Site Director 907-729-5600, mewilliard@anmc.org.