

# ALASKA NATIVE TRIBAL HEALTH CONSORTIUM

## DENTAL HEALTH AIDE THERAPIST TRAINING PROGRAM

### March 2009 Monthly Report



Pictured above is Dr. Sarah Shoffstall with DHAT Student Ferdella Sharp of Manakotak assisting.

March found the students completing their General Health Science classes and preparing for their final exams. Infection control classes were taught by Stephanie Olson of the UAA Dental Assisting Program on Mondays this month. Spring break was held March 23 - 27<sup>th</sup>, and students returned to start the spring quarter on March 30<sup>th</sup>. The recent volcanic eruptions did hamper some students return trips with a couple missing part of the first week.

Spring quarter began by using modeling clay to help learn dental anatomy. The students also began working with dental handpieces on tooth prep simulation blocks. Clinical patients will be seen so student can practice dental exams, X-rays, sealants and fluoride varnish applications.

Pictured to the right: DHAT Student: Alison Kaganak with Ruby Schierholt, and her sister Larissa Schierholt with DHAT Student: Phylcia Wilde while preparing for their dental visit with the students using the pediatric behavior management techniques learned from Dr. Weinstein's course first quarter.





## ***Yuut Elitnaurviat Dental Training Clinic***

Pictured to the left are the 2<sup>nd</sup> year students standing at the sign in front of their new location and clinic in Bethel. Left to right are Bernadette Charles, Ooyuan Nagaruk, Tatiana Barraclough, Tambre Guido, Ben Steward and in front: Marian Petla.

The month of March marks the end of the first quarter at the Yuut Elitnaurviat Dental Training Clinic (YEDTC), as well as the close of our temporary training site in the Bethel Native Corporation office complex. The YEDTC operated out of the temporary site since January 2008, when the first DHAT students arrived in Bethel for classes. The new training site, Yuut Elitnaurviat's Technical Education and Support Services Building, is located next to the student dorms in Bethel.

During the first two weeks of March, Dr. K. Anthony Bolin from Texas provided instruction and clinical supervision for the students. During the second two weeks, March 16– 27 students were on Spring Break.

Dr. Bolin provided the students with numerous relevant journal articles to read and discuss in class. Topics reviewed included sealants, resin-based restorations, and ethics. He also had the students complete various restorations on their typodonts when they were not directly involved with patient care.

While on their Spring Break, Tammy Guido and Marian Petla assisted YKHC dental staff during the annual Smile Alaska Style event on Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>. This event is held each year in conjunction with the Camai Dance Festival. Both students enjoyed the opportunity to work with YKHC and the festival.

Dr. Robert Allen returned as the clinical instructor on March 30<sup>th</sup>, and will work with the students until April 17<sup>th</sup>.

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