

ALASKA NATIVE TRIBAL HEALTH CONSORTIUM DENTAL HEALTH AIDE THERAPIST TRAINING

July 2009 Monthly Report

After over two years of monthly reports it is time to change our format. We will give a brief overview of activities in the training sites followed by a highlight of one of our faculty, staff or students. We hope you enjoy the new look.

Pictured here is Dr. Brusca working with Phylicia Wilde from Mt. Village



1st year Anchorage student activities for July included:

- Project Homeless Connect event at the Egan Center in downtown Anchorage.
- Stainless steel pediatric crown preparation lectures and lab

Pictured below is Dr. Weinstein observing Bernadette Charles and Marian Petla with a patient

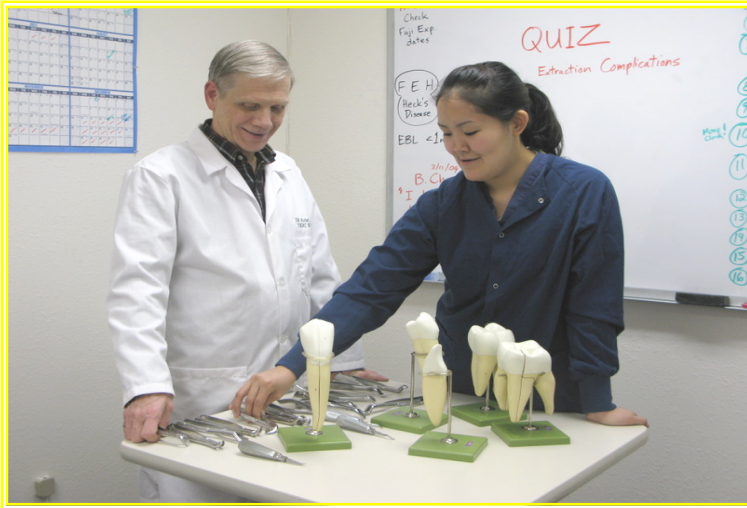


The 2nd year students' activities for July included:

- clinical patient care
- comprehensive treatment planning
- photo documentation
- orofacial pain
- advanced behavior management with Dr. Phil Weinstein of the UW Dental Fears Clinic.

Profile of the Month

Dr. Robert Allen



Pictured to the left is Dr. Allen working with 2nd year student Ooyuan Nagaruk from Elim

Dr. Robert Allen is a favorite with the students and staff in the program especially at our Yuut Elitnaurviat Dental Training Clinic in Bethel where he is not only an instructor but also a mentor to staff, other instructors and students. He has lived in Bethel for more than 30 years, during which time he and his

wife have raised 5 children. He served for many years as the Dental Director of the Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corporation Dental Clinic, and continues to work part-time as a staff Dentist there. YKHC is the second largest tribal dental program in the State of Alaska. He also serves as a Western Regional Examining Board Dental Examiner. Community activities include administrative activities in the Bethel Moravian Church. Even though Dr. Bob retired from the Indian Health Service after 30 years of service, he is busier than ever. He has even managed to work in a few trips to Vietnam to provide outreach dental care for needy populations there. In his free time you might find him on the softball field in Bethel, where he has played and managed Dr. Bob's softball team since 1983. Wherever you find him, you will usually notice he has a couple cameras with him, always an avid amateur photographer.

As an instructor he is knowledgeable, patient and encouraging. Sharing his years of experience seems to be a special joy for him. He is a natural teacher and mentor.

We all are grateful to him in so many ways for his expertise and his inspiring commitment.

Thank you, Dr. Allen, for helping to make our program such a success.

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