



Please join ANCAP as we congratulate Jordan Skan for his recent success in being awarded the National Institute of Health (NIH) Minority Research Fellowship. Jordan is a Tlingit Alaska Native, born and raised in Ketchikan, Alaska. He is currently a 5th year Doctoral Student in the UAA Clinical Community Psychology Program. He became an ANCAP member while receiving his undergraduate degree at UAA and has previously serviced as the

ANCAP coordinator during his 1st and 2nd year of the doctoral program (2009-2011).

Currently, Jordan is working as a Behavioral Health clinician at Providence Family Medicine Center (PFMC) and working on dissertation. The NIH Minority Research Fellowship will help

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Congratulations to Maria Crouch!

ANCAP is happy to announce that Maria Crouch has also been awarded a NIH Minority Research Fellowship. Maria is of Deg Hi'tan Athabascan and Mexican heritage, born and raised in Alaska. She is currently a 1st year Doctoral Student in the UAA Clinical Community Psychology Program. Maria became an ANCAP member while working

interests include working with Alaska Native Elders and developing a better understanding of Wellness. She is also passionate about the positive implications of research and the dissemination of information. In the past, Maria collaborated with Stanford University to develop a teaching model for caregivers working with Alaska Native Elders. Currently, Maria is utilizing support from her NIH Minority Research Fellowship to develop a contextually-relevant and culturally-sensitive measure of wellbeing. The project is in the initial stages of a four-year endeavor to serve the Alaska Native peoples of the Bristol Bay region. Maria hopes her research will empower and promote wellness within the entire Alaska Native population.

ting from UAA with her PhD in Clinical Community Psychology, working with the Alaska Native population, and working with community

"Psyched" Program

The 2nd a was conducted in collaboration with the WWAMI Della Keats Health Sciences Program. Through the , incoming high school seniors travelled from their home communities and stayed in the UAA campus dormitories for 6 weeks. They were extremely busy during this time, taking courses in psychology, public health, medical ethics, microbiology and genetics, written and oral communication, anatomy and physiology, and medical terminology. Participants who were selected for the program had all expenses paid for by ANCAP, including: (1) travel costs; (2) college placement tests; (3) books; (4) travel insurance; and (5) allowance while living in Anchorage for 6 weeks away from their families.



During the summer of 2014, three Alaska Native students from rural Alaska and one youth from Anchorage were exposed to UAA, college-level standards and expectations, and careers in the mental and behavioral health fields. They were able to explore the UAA campus and learn what they need to do to be prepared and succeed in college. It is hoped that these students will continue with their desire to pursue careers in mental and behavioral health, and that their dedication to serving the Alaska Native community will continue to grow. They all passed their classes and in addition to receiving some high school credit, they now also have 3 college credits that satisfy UAA General Education Requirements. Most importantly, students had fun and developed many new friendships!



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Amber Dennis is Koyukon Athabaskan & from Galena
Tiffany George is Aleut/Athabaskan & from Port Graham
Cyrena Joseph is Aleut/Athabaskan & from Port Graham
Kennedy Trabold is African American & from Anchorage



ANCAP Visits Galena!

In April, previous ANCAP coordinator Chantel Justice, visited the Galena boarding school. She met with junior high and high school students to discuss psychology, the importance of a college education, and how they can use their education within their communities. The students were very excited and had wonderful questions about psychology. Several students are working with ANCAP to apply for college and/or scholarships.





ANCAP offers four competitive grants each year to support an outstanding graduate or undergraduate research or service activity in the broad area of behavioral/mental health or psychological experiences of Alaska Native or American Indian communities. Proposals are due in December. ANCAP offers help to students applying for scholarships and grants.

If you or someone you know is interested in applying for a Service & Research Grant this Fall, 2014, please contact ANCAP Coordinators Jennifer Burkhart or Tracy Stewart at uaa.ancap@gmail.com

You can also contact the ANCAP Director, E.J.R. [PhD at 907-786-6778 or ejrdavid@uaa.alaska.edu

ANCAP can help with finding scholarships that you are eligible for, clarifying questions you have about the application process, filling out the application, requesting letters of recommendation, and editing required essays.

Several scholarship deadlines are



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- x Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority
- x Arctic Slope Community Foundation
- x Arctic Slope Regional Corporation
- x Denali Commission