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Class of 2006 - 2007 Arrives at AEC

The Amundsen Educational Center is proud to welcome an enrollment of six new students for the fall 2006 semester. These students are all from Western Alaska, and represent five different villages. This is AEC's most diverse student body ever, with our first female student and a mix of both first and second year students.



Oscar Active is from the Yup'ik village of Kongiganak, a coastal fishing village of about 400. Oscar is in the Advanced Home Construction Program, having earned the basic certificate for his work on the 2005-2006 student project house. Oscar has returned in hopes of furthering his construction experience and developing his leadership skills.

Bob Foster is a first year student from the Inupiag village of Noorvik, which is in the Northwest Arctic region above the Arctic Circle. Bob is at AEC to further the construction education he previously received from another institution.





Craig Ivanoff is a first year student from the Inupiag village of Unalakleet. Craig has been an active participant in the ministries of Covenant Youth of Alaska and has attended Covenant Bible Camp for many years. Craig came to AEC so that he will be more employable in the regional construction industry.

Pungak Shoogukwruk is an Inupiag Eskimo originally from White Mountain, which is near Nome. Pungak was previously a student at AEC in 2002 and 2003, and he is returning to complete the Advanced Certified in Home Construction. His main reason for returning, however, is to grow deeper in his walk with Christ so he can be a positive influence among his peers.





Frances Smith is the first female student in the history of AEC! Francis made the decision to be a trailblazer while she was a student last year at Alaska Christian College, which is also located in Soldotna. Her long-term goal is to be an architect but she decided that learning construction first would be beneficial. Francis' father is a pastor with the

Quaker Society of Friends, so she grew up in several Inupiaq villages in the Northwest Arctic region.

Jordan Snyder is a returning student and he is also from Noorvik. Jordan has returned to AEC to complete the Advanced Certificate in Home Construction, which he began in 2004-2005. He has worked in construction steadily since leaving AEC, but is returning to complete his education and be a part of the unique Christian community in Soldotna.



Winter Approaches -Will You Help AEC Prepare?

Construction during the winter in Alaska requires special preparation. AEC has three urgent needs as winter approaches:

1. Work-site Heat Source Cost: \$2000.00

Freezing temperatures will slow progress on the House of Hope this year and in years to come. Winter usually arrives before we are able to get permanent heat connected in our student built homes and a temporary heat source is necessary. Would you consider a gift to help AEC purchase a large gas heater to use each year?

2. Insulation & Roofing Cost: \$2250.00

The Bruckner Building, named in honor of Rev. Don Bruckner, one of the founders of AEC, is now 98% complete. The only remaining projects are completing a metal roof over the entryway to shed falling snow during the winter, and blowing insulation into the attic space. Will you give a gift to help AEC put the final touches on the building that houses our Student Life Director?

3. Professional Snowplow Cost: \$4500.00

Multiple times each winter our campus and House of Hope building site are blanketed in deep snow. Without timely snow removal, work and campus life grinds to an immediate halt. Would you consider a gift to help AEC purchase a commercial grade snowplow for one of our work trucks?

If you would like to give a gift to help enable AEC to better tackle the hardships of an Alaskan winter, you may do so using the enclosed envelope. Please mark your check with the appropriate project designation.

All donations, regardless of size, are very appreciated.

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Meet the AEC Staff for 2006-2007

Grace and peace to you! As the new director of AEC I have come to realize three of our most valuable resources: our students, our staff, and our supporters. I praise God for each of the students He has called to be trained and equipped as 'more than carpenters.' The Lord has blessed this ministry with a terrific staff that is absolutely committed to the discipleship of these young people. Finally, it is an honor to partner with

you to help fulfill the mission of AEC. Your prayer support and financial contributions strengthen and enable us to accomplish more of what God has in store for this ministry. Thank you for your partnership in this exciting venture!

In Christ,

Rev. Mark Hill Exec. Director



Mark Hill, Executive Director



Al Nelson, Const. Instructor Judy Nelson, Food Service



Aune Carlson, Dir. Of Development



Joshua Mathlaw, Dir. of Student Life



Pastor Phil Edgerly, Student Mentor



Kevin Maples, Dir. Special Projects



Roald Amundsen, Founder & Adjunct Faculty

Construction Begins on Second "House of Hope"

On August 21st the AEC class of 2007 broke ground on the second student project house. These houses represent much more than the sum of their parts for our students; they represent hope for a brighter future. Therefore the AEC student project house for 2006-2007 has been designated as "*House of Hope '07*."

The House of Hope '07 is a larger, more ambitious project than the first student project house built in '05-'06. The house is a 2152 sq. ft. colonial plus a partially finished basement and 2-car garage. Construction of the house will be the main educational tool for both first and second year students. Like the previous student project house, all proceeds from the house sale will be used to help support the AEC ministry for the following school year. House of Hope '07 is a key component in building skills and confidence into our students while they simultaneously grow in their relationship with Christ. The house is scheduled to be complete in May 2007.



Artist Rendition of House of Hope '07