

CONTINUED KPC & OTHER UNIVERSITY
certificates conferred

WELDING TECHNOLOGY CERTIFICATE

Duwain D. Aamodt Dean Harbaugh Grant Knauss

OCCUPATIONAL ENDORSEMENT CERTIFICATE
CONSERVATION ECOLOGY

Gina J. Barbosa Colby Griffin Grace J. Ruebling
Jordan S. Best Amelia M. Keesey Molly F. Walters
Olivia I. Coleman Arabella Levinsky
Brookelynn C. Gotschall Emma C. Price

OCCUPATIONAL ENDORSEMENT CERTIFICATE
MARINE MAMMAL BIOLOGY

Chloe Atkins Lauren C. Flicarman Claire Murphy
Jordan S. Best Logan Hytten Emily N. Poteat
Mallory Bradley Reagan N. King
Heather Cormier Savannah K. Lyle

OCCUPATIONAL ENDORSEMENT CERTIFICATE
CORRECTIONS

William R. Way

BOOKKEEPING CERTIFICATE (UAA)

DeAnna E. Holly

CHILDREN'S BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
CERTIFICATE (UAA)

Tina N. Hamlin

RURAL HUMAN SERVICES CERTIFICATE (UAF)

Sonja F. Earsley



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Kenai Peninsula College sincerely thanks Peninsula communities and all students who have attended over the years for helping make KPC a college of first choice.

Degrees are issued three times per year, at the end of each semester, with an annual commencement ceremony in spring as directed by the UA Board of Regents. All degrees and certificates are granted by the authority of the University of Alaska Board of Regents.

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COLLEGE COUNCIL

- Kathy Becher
- Martin Fallon
- Nathan Grilley
- Michael Hawfield
- Jack Hester, *vice chair*
- Kris Holderied
- Mark Jensen
- Brent Johnson
- Michelle Morettini
- Sonja Redmond
- Hal Smalley, *chair*
- Carol Swartz



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Fifty-sixth annual
COMMENCEMENT



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Commencement

Program Prelude & Processional

Mim McKay, *piano*

Posting of National Colors

American Legion Post 20
VFW Post 10046

Land Acknowledgement

Dr. Adam Dunstan
Assistant Professor of Anthropology

KPC Interim Director's Welcome

Brian Partridge

Recognition of Scholarship Donors

Sara Rinearson, *Student Services Director*

Awards & Accomplishments

Student Union Awards

Nathaly Rizo-Hernandez
KRC Student Union President

Lydia Schwartz
KRC Student Union Vice President

Faculty Choice Awards

Clair Kochis & Jim Titus, *Faculty Chairs*

Staff Choice Award

Sara Rinearson, *Student Services Director*

UAA Chancellor's Remarks

Dr. Cheryl K. Siemers

Keynote Speaker

Johna Beech
Executive Director, Kenai Peninsula Food Bank

Presentation & Conferring of Degrees

Brian Partridge, *KPC Interim Director*
Dr. Cheryl K. Siemers, *UAA Chancellor*
Aaron Dotson, *UAA Vice Chancellor*
Jane Fuerstenau, *KPC Director of Academic Affairs*
Christine Resler, *UA Regent*
Joey Crum, *UA Regent*
Hal Smalley, *KPC College Council, Chair*

Valedictorians

Aleca Faulkner
Associate of Arts, Arts & Sciences Division
Lane Koester-Backstrom
Associate of Applied Science, Business & Industry Division

College Council Remarks

Hal Smalley, *Chair*

Closing Remarks

Sara Rinearson, *Student Services Director*

Recessional

Mim McKay, *piano*

Special thanks to...

the American Sign Language (ASL) interpreters for their service.

You are cordially invited

to a reception with cake & soft drinks immediately following the ceremony outside of the auditorium.

HONORS KEY & HONOR SOCIETY MEMBER

* Cum Laude – 3.50-3.74
** Magna Cum Laude – 3.75-3.89
*** Summa Cum Laude – 3.90-4.00

† Alpha Delta Nu
§ Beta Gamma Sigma
‡ Phi Theta Kappa

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Degrees conferred

Associate of Arts

General Program

Hope A. Bishop
Natalya M. Croley**
Madison M. Davenport***
Aleca G. Faulkner***
Annika J. Hagedorn
Hans U. Hesse
Jennifer E. Nickel
Timothy R. Oliver*
Erick D. Paulsrud
Nathaly V. Rizo-Hernandez
Katie E. Rozeboom***†
Ramon A. Sandoval
Shayla Smith***
Madison L. Whittenberg

Associate of Science

General Sciences

Caitlyn Boeshart**
Waylon J. Hall**
William A. Hall***

Associate of Applied Science

General Business

Desiree R. Bunts*
Alyssa J. Koester-Backstrom***
Brianna M. Little*

Industrial Process Instrumentation

Shawnacee L. Brook***
Liz Candee**
Tyle Owens*
Miguel Rojo-Lemke
Stephen Scotti***

Paramedical Technology

Dakotah L. Buhr***
Tucker K. Coleman
Garrick L. Martin**
Elijah Pettet**

Process Technology

Aaron P. Aho*
Rodney W. Cone***
Nathan A. Conway
Hunter J. Frank*
Hayden R. Fuller
Cody E. Johnson***
Lane P. Koester-Backstrom***
Joshua R. Lange
Travis Meyers
Brent A. Michalski*
Daniel Paul***
Steven J. Renfrow*
Joshua A. Williams*

OTHER UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA

Degrees conferred

Associate of Applied Science

Health Science (UAS)

Blujean Kelley

Human Services (UAA)

Tina N. Hamlin**†

Radiologic Technology (UAA)

Matthew J. Lafrentz*
Emily J. Stelzer**

Nursing (UAA)

Brooklyn T. Bull*
Erin Rose Combs
Ashley Garvey*
Jennifer L. Hammond*
Katie Hester***
April J. Ivey***
Alloha May Littrell
Tessa J. Luecker*
Renae A. Olsen**
Whitney N. Tapley***
Angela K. Uno***

Bachelor of Arts Psychology (UAA)

Benjamin A. Veh

Master's of Education

Counseling (UAF)
Miriam A. Olivio

Master's of Business Administration Business Administration (UAF)

Vincent A. Nusunginya

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STATE OF ALASKA & NATIONAL WELDING CERTIFICATIONS

Structural Aluminum, GMAW

Nels Dahl
Elias Fulk
Dean Harbaugh
Bradley Morrison
Bernie Nyagaka
Draven Willard

Pipe, SMAW ASME IX

James Bouck
Nels Dahl
Elias Fulk
Dean Harbaugh
Bradley Morrison
Bernie Nyagaka
Draven Willard

Structural Steel, SMAW

Russell Akers
Malakai BeDunnah
James Bouck
Brock Cheesman
Dylan Hammerle
Dean Harbaugh
Isaac Hesse
Indiana Jones
Grant Knauss
Alex Martinez
Sean McMullen
Bradley Morrison
John Nelson
Noah Payne
Draven Willard

Structural Steel, FCAW

James Bouck
Tyler Cruickshank
Wyatt Dyer
Elias Fulk
Owen Fye
Ben Hand
Dean Harbaugh
Elias Kerrone
Gabriel Kerrone
Grant Knauss
Alister Kuzmin
Alex Martinez
Bradley Morrison
Matthew Olson

GED GRADUATES

Among the graduates are the following:
Brianna Pennell Abraham W. Pellegroni Gregory Morey

CERTIFIED NURSING ASSISTANTS

Among the certificants and course completers are the following:

Sydney Abrams	Hannah Dunn	Hannah Klima	Samantha Schafer
Nessa Affleck	Hanna Embre	Maria Kratsas	Rebekah Siegersma
Virginia Beck	Bailey Garrett	Alexis Martinez	Anna Springer
Maxwell Berninger	Ella Gustafson	Ellee Pancoast	Leah Stocks
Apphia Bowser	Gabrielle Heihn	Morgan Paddock	Kaitlyn Von Buelow
Payton Boze	Kayla Heinrich	Nova Paulk	Zach Welch
Cheyenne Buchholz	Rachel Jamison	Jamie Pennington	
Kathleen Culver	Tessa Kameroff	Nicha Ritcharutphan	

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