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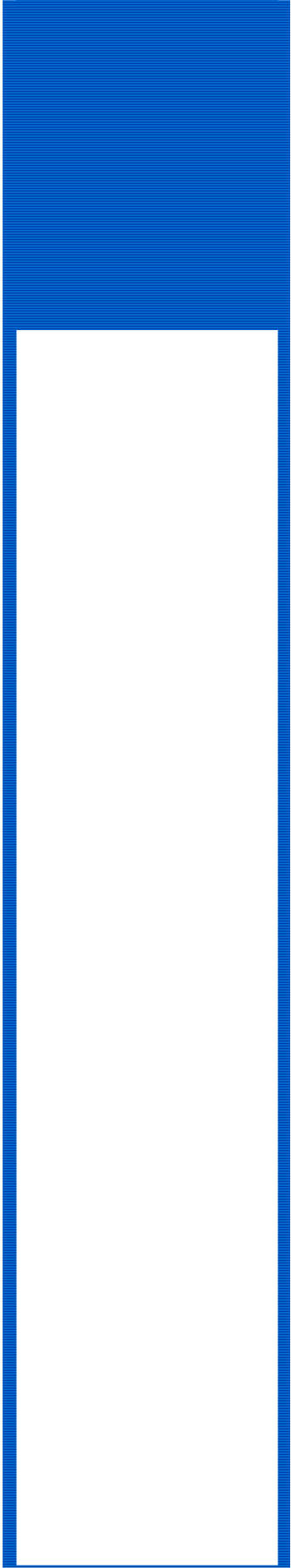
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IT'S TIME TO BEGIN THINKING ABOUT SUMMER INTERNSHIPS

What is an internship, and how is it different from a summer job? Both are great learning experiences, and excellent opportunities to learn, to network, and to earn significant summer money. An internship, however, is a specific academic program that involves the faculty instructor from SOM, you the student, and your supervisor at work. The internship instructor works on your behalf to interface with the job site when necessary, supports your learning, is a resource for questions and problem resolution, and is a guide to getting the most from the work experience in terms of learning, networking and making the experience a significant part of your future employability. Together we develop a learning contract outlining your learning goals for the internship, and a series of "deliverables" that will be the path toward your learning. In the process, you develop a portfolio piece that can be used as part of an employment packet, and at the completion of the summer, you present your portfolio piece to faculty and members of SOM's business advisory board.

If you are interested in a summer internship, the academic portion of which can be done on-line, here are the steps to take:

1. Find a summer job with learning/earning potential
2. Meet with Internship Coordinator Susan Herman (ffsjh@uaf.edu) to discuss course requirements and benefits.
3. Enroll for the internship course.
4. Develop an internship contract.
5. Follow the contract, and present the project during the last Wednesday of September, during the Fall semester.

Any questions? Contact Faith Henry who can guide you on finding an internship site; or Susan Herman, who will be the course instructor and can walk you through the expectations and the benefits of internship.

Kudos for our Students and Graduates...

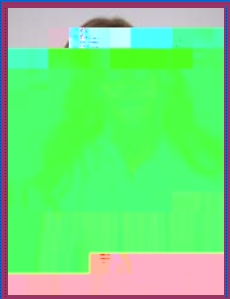
Bernice Joseph was chosen by the board of directors of the Alaska Federation of Natives to be the keynote speaker for its annual fall gathering last Hs

Two SOM students--**Jesse Janes** (pursuing a degree in Economics) and **Kevin Wehner** (pursuing a degree in Business Administration) were among the five senior cadets recently selected from UAF's ROTC program as distinguished military graduates this academic year.

Jack Crow is working as Vice President of Health Services, Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corporation. His responsibilities cover operations at a regional hospital, four sub-regional clinics, 45 village clinics, and outpatient services among other areas. Jack received his bachelor's degree in Business Administration from UAF. He was featured in "Alaska's Top Forty Under 40" publication (Alaska Journal of Commerce 2005)

UAF School of Management alum **Jesse Laner** has opened a store, "Urban Homestead" in Centerra, Colorado along with Bonnie O'Brien. Their store opened in November 2005 and their story is featured at <http://www.lovelandfyi.com/region-story.asp?ID=2980>.

Sherri Wall graduated May 2005 with an M.S. in Resource and Applied Economics and is pursuing an Interdisciplinary Ph.D. through a Fellowship with the NSF's Integrated Graduate Education Research Traineeship program (IGERT). She is researching the economic implications of climate change in Alaska with her primary focus so far being the shortened oil exploration season on the North Slope. In the past year, she has presented her research at three international conferences: the ACIA conference in Reykjavik, Iceland; Climate and Cryosphere conference in Beijing, China; and, the AMAP Oil & Gas symposium in St. Petersburg, Russia. She was also invited to speak at the Fairbanks Alaska Mining Association's monthly meeting in August, and the Fairbanks Alaska Support Industry Alliance meeting in September. Her talks generated interest and contact with local legislators and industry personnel. Sherri is currently an Adjunct Faculty member of the School of Management teaching Econ 100.



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(Thanks to Faith Henry, SOM Public Information Officer and Student Advisor)**