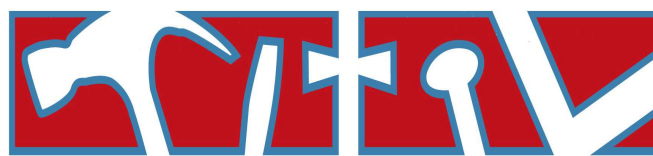


# Amundsen Educational Center



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## AEC Expands Ministry; 32 Now Enrolled

Amundsen Educational Center has an exciting new business venture that is expanding the mission of providing "vocational training in a Christian community for the people of rural Alaska."

In August 2007, AEC was approached with the opportunity to purchase a for-profit vocational training center with a 25 year history in the Kenai area. In November, the Board of Directors voted unanimously to purchase the assets of New Frontier Vocational Technical Center (NFVTC). By January 2008, AEC officially acquired NFVTC. The current staff was all retained and Loretta Knudson-Spalding was hired to be the Executive Director.

NFVTC provides opportunities for career-related education and employment training for individual career interests. Courses include: Accounting Clerk, Clerk-Typist, Computer Information Processing, and Secretarial.

Many of the students at NFVTC have experienced life challenges which have made it necessary to start new careers and relearn valuable employment skills. The NFVTC staff provide a personal and prayerful approach to teaching which has helped transform lives for many years.

The staff at NFVTC looks forward to expanding services to meet the needs of Alaska Natives, while continuing to minister to the current student base.

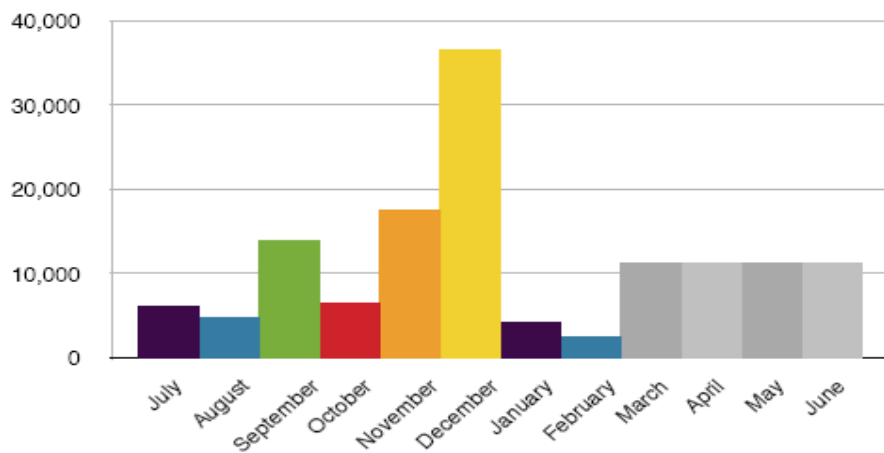


*"It's thanks to NFVTC that I am where I am today. This is a dream job. I don't know where I would be right now if I had not been able to go to that school."*

*- Kate, former student*

For more information please visit their website at [www.newfrontiervoc-tech.com](http://www.newfrontiervoc-tech.com). If you would like to support AEC in this purchase or the ministry operations of New Frontier, please write NFVTC on the memo section of your donation.

Donations Received To Date Fiscal Year 2007-2008



To meet the goal of \$139,000, \$11,420 is needed monthly through June 2008.

## Opportunities to Give

### A special "thank you!"

Thank you to those who have responded to the needs listed in this section each newsletter. The students want to especially thank those who have contributed to the 'work-site heat source' fund. They have an excellent new heater that is serving them well.

AEC would also like to acknowledge special appreciation for memorial gifts received during the past year given in the name of the following:

- Raymond C. Johnson
- Don & Eunice Bruckner
- Erma Moline

AEC is supported largely through the generous contributions of donors like you. Thank you for your prayerful consideration of our ongoing needs.

## Other Ways to Give to AEC

We recognize that everyone is not able to write a check each month or volunteer their time to support the ministry of AEC. Therefore, listed below are other ways you can contribute financially to this ministry.

- Planned Giving (naming AEC in your Estate)
- Stock/Mutual Fund Transfers of Appreciated Shares
- IRA Charitable Distributions
- Memorial Gifts
- Annual Gifts
- Support for AEC/NF Staff
- Monthly Giving
- Employer Matched Gifts
- Land, Vehicle, and Equipment Donations

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## New Staff & Students Join AEC

AEC welcomes Adam and Shirleen London to the staff. Adam will serve as the Director of Student Services with responsibility for residence life, food service, student activities, admissions and financial aid. Shirleen is a full-time education major at Kenai Peninsula College in her last semester of coursework. The London's are actively raising financial support to serve at AEC.



Adam London  
Dir. Student Services



Farrell Soxie  
Student

**Farrell Soxie of Unalakleet** is joining us this semester as a first-year student. Unalakleet is a village of about 800 people where the Covenant ministry began in Western Alaska. As a recent high school graduate, AEC will be Farrell's first post-secondary education. The staff at AEC looks forward to seeing how God works in his life and grows him in our community.

We also welcome new student **Darren Tomaganuk**, who joins us from **Hooper Bay** this semester. Hooper Bay is a larger village, with a population greater than 1100. Darren has been active in the youth ministry of Hooper Bay Covenant church. He is no stranger to the Bible, as he often is known to quote verses from memory. Darren has a lot of potential both as a carpenter and as a leader; the staff looks forward to seeing how God continues to mature him at AEC.



Darren Tomaganuk  
Student

## House of Hope 2007 Sold; HOH 2008 in Negotiations



House of Hope '08  
Under Construction

It's sold! The House of Hope '07 was sold in January after many months of work invested by students, staff, and volunteers. This is a major answer to prayer and we are thankful to have sold the second student-built home of AEC.

On the heels of this terrific news, we are already in negotiations with potential buyers for the HOH '08. Please pray for the perseverance of our student crew as they seek to complete the home by May and for success in selling the home.



House of Hope '08  
(Artist Rendition)