



## GREETINGS!



Gastineau Channel, Juneau by K. Kussart

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In this issue, we spotlight MetrOasis Advanced Training Center, announce the release of several reports, congratulate Charter College on their new accreditor and more! As always, I invite you to send me your feedback or suggestions for future topics.

## SPOTLIGHT ON...

### MetrOasis Advanced Training Center

MetrOasis has operated as an Anchorage cosmetology school since 1995. The owners and instructors are the husband and wife team of Sue and Franz Sigel Shroy. Mr. Shroy has been a licensed hairdresser and instructor in Alaska since 1992, but his career in cosmetology dates back to 1979. Ms. Shroy has been a licensed hairdresser since 1998 and a licensed instructor since 2000. They offer programs in Hairdressing, Esthetics and Instructor training.

Every year Mr. and Mrs. Shroy travel internationally and domestically to attend beauty conferences. They describe themselves as dedicated to providing an international level of education for their students in the fields of cosmetology and esthetics but not limited to these areas of interest. MetrOasis endeavors to surround its students with world class antiques, international music and techniques and philosophies from around the world.



MetrOasis

They feel that the beauty industry is a great creative release for the artist in you, a sound investment for the investor in you, has a broad curriculum base for the student in you and is very social for the

friendly and engaging person in you.

At the January 9th meeting, the Commission renewed the authorization of MetrOasis Advanced Training Center for three years, through January 31, 2021. Congratulations!

## Alaska Performance Scholarship - 2018 Outcomes Report

The 2018 APS Outcomes Report provides information on applicant numbers and demographics since the APS's inception in 2011, trends in student decisions as they relate to the APS, documentation of how the APS is meeting program goals, data on the proportion of APS recipients who remain in Alaska following graduation, and testimonies directly from students on how this program has impacted their lives.



The APS encourages the next generation of Alaskans to take rigorous course requirements through high school, complete their postsecondary education here at home and remain in Alaska long-term.

To view the report, visit the [Outcomes Reports](#) page of our website.

## Charter College granted initial accreditation by the Accrediting Bureau of Health Education Schools (ABHES)

In late 2016 Charter College began the accreditation process with the Accrediting Bureau of Health Education Schools (ABHES), a national accrediting body recognized by the US Dept. of Education. The College is eligible for accreditation by ABHES as 70% or greater of enrolled students are attending allied health programs. At the January 2018 meeting of the ABHES Board of Commissioners, Charter College was granted accreditation for 4 years, through February 28, 2022.

Charter College, a Vancouver, WA based proprietary school, offers programs in nursing; medical assisting; office occupations; welding; business; information technology; and heating, ventilation, air-conditioning (HVAC) & refrigeration in Anchorage. The Wasilla location focuses on medical assisting only. The College grants certificates as well as associate's and bachelor's degrees. Many programs are offered online or blended.



Charter College nursing students at pinning ceremony

Congratulations to Charter College!

## Recent Commission Actions

### January 9, 2018 Meeting

**Initial Authorization**

## Upcoming Events

### March 1 - 2, 2018

- Alaska Postsecondary Access and

- Alaska Nail & Skin Academy (Anchorage)
- Kenai Peninsula Driving Instruction

Completion Network Conference  
(Anchorage)

### Renewal of Authorization

- MetrOasis Advanced Training Center (Anchorage)

**April 3, 2018**

- Quarterly Commission Meeting (Juneau and via teleconference)

### Program Addition

- Alaska Pacific University (Anchorage) Certificate in Alaska Rural Management, RN to BSN Bachelor's Degree, Certificate and Associate's Degree in Community Health

**IMPORTANT DATE: April 16, 2018**

**Deadline for receipt of materials for items to be presented at the July 24, 2018 Commission meeting**

### Change in Location

- Wayland Baptist University - new branch campus in North Pole

## **IN THE KNOW: Authorization, Program Participation and Accreditation** **Descriptions of terms that are often confused**

### **Authorization:**

Authorization refers to regulation of private postsecondary education by a state. During the authorization process an applicant demonstrates that they meet the minimum standards, set out in statute and further described in regulation, for operating a postsecondary institution. Authorization is not an endorsement of an institution but a recognition that the institution has met the minimum standards needed to operate under the law. Authorization is granted for a limited amount of time - one to five years - and then must be renewed.

### **Program Participation:**

Program Participation is an institutional contract with ACPE in order to offer one or more of the state's financial aid programs, such as Alaska Education Loans or the Alaska Performance Scholarship. A program participation agreement (PPA) is signed by the owner or principal administrator of the institution, who agrees to comply with the statutes and regulations governing the financial aid programs. Authorized or accredited institutions or career/technical education schools, and under some circumstances, exempt institutions, can submit a PPA; however, participation requirements vary by program type.

For more information about Program Participation, contact Joann at [joann.rieselbach@alaska.gov](mailto:joann.rieselbach@alaska.gov)

### **Accreditation:**

Accreditation is a non-governmental, voluntary, peer-review process which sets standards for educational quality. Only accreditors recognized by the US Dept. of Education are recognized by ACPE. To see the US Dept. of Education's official list of accreditors click [here](#) and [here](#).

**ACPE releases inaugural edition of Alaska Higher Education Almanac**  
**Survey of participating institutions forthcoming**

ACPE recently published the first edition of the *Alaska Higher Education Almanac* - a new statewide source for information about higher education in Alaska. The Almanac profiles enrollment and graduation information for Alaska colleges, and highlights workforce training centers. It also includes Alaska's national ranking on key postsecondary access and success metrics, an update on the Alaska Postsecondary Access and Completion Network's 65 by 2025 credentialing goal, and summarizes the economic impacts of financial aid and credentialing. ACPE will send participating institutions a copy of the Almanac soon along with a survey to provide feedback on the publication.

To view the Almanac click [here](#).



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