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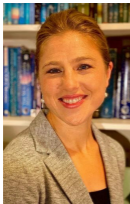
February 2024 Newsletter

Alaska Capital Engineers Awards and Scholarship Banquet

Date: February 24th
Cocktail hour at 5:30 PM
Dinner served at 6:30 PM

Location:
Elizabeth Peratrovich Hall

Limited seating available until sold out, RSVP to chris@prohns.com



ACE Juneau Branch is excited to host our annual Awards and Scholarship Banquet. The banquet will include dinner, a silent auction, keynote address, and the presentation of the 2023 Engineer of the Year and Project of the Year awards. This year's banquet will help raise money for ACE's local scholarship fund through donations and a silent auction. Featured in the auction will be 2 tickets for an Allen Marine Tracy Arm Tour, 2 tickets for the NorthStar Helicopters Glacier Walkabout or Glacier Trek tour, 2 round trip Alaska Seaplanes flights from Juneau to anywhere in Southeast, and 1 recreational launch ramp permit. Venmo, cash and check payments will be accepted.

Keynote Speaker bio: Katie Koester began working as Juneau's City Manager in September 2023. She joined the City and Borough of Juneau in 2020, serving as the Director of the Public Works and Engineering Department, one of CBJ's largest departments. Prior to joining CBJ, Koester served as the City Manager of Homer, Alaska for five years.

EOTY & POTY 2023 Winners



The 2023 ACE Juneau Branch Engineer of the year is Lucas Chambers, PE, M.ASCE, Principal Engineer and Owner of proHNS LLC since 2017. Lucas has been practicing engineering in Southeast Alaska for 13 years. Lucas's notable projects in 2023 include Mendenhall River Streambank Stabilizations, 35 Mile Off-Road Vehicle Park Design, and Hank Harmon Public Range Improvements.



The 2023 ACE Juneau Branch Project of the year is PND's NOAA Fairweather Home Port. This recapitalized facility designed by PND Engineers, Inc. serves as a crucial hub for supporting NOAA's research vessels. Ketchikan Mayor Dial said of the project "A vessel this size requires expensive maintenance - we are going

to argue that that should be done in our shipyard. There will be fuel that will be sold, supplies, employee payroll, and all of that will circulate through our economy."

Announcements and More!

E-Week

Engineer's Week (or E-Week, for short) is February 18th-24th

This year's E-Week theme "Welcome to the Future" emphasizes the important role our youth plays in the future, as they will continue to innovate and expand STEM fields. Founded in 1951 by NSPE, E-Week is "dedicated to ensuring a diverse and well-educated future engineering workforce by increasing understanding of and interest in engineering and technology careers." Visit <https://discovere.org/programs/engineers-week/> for more information on local E-week events.

Opening the Box: STEAM

The Sealaska Heritage Institute works with public school teachers through its STEAM program, which teaches math skills to middle-school students through Northwest Coast art. Teams of teachers, artists, and SHI staff are producing, field testing, and disseminating a series of supplemental math resources that incorporate Tlingit culture and language geared for beginning algebra and geometry courses. Applications for summer internships, mentors, hosts, and classes are open for 2024. Visit <https://www.sealaskaheritage.org/institute/education/programs#STEAM> for more STEAM information.



Pictured above: JunEAU Engineers standing for E-Week proclamation at the Feb. 5th assembly meeting

APDC Fly-in

The APDC (Alaska Professional Design Council) Fly-in will be in Juneau next week on Feb. 21st and 22nd. The APDC will be meeting with legislators to discuss several important topics: supporting local workforce development initiatives, providing funding for capital improvements, closing the gap on deferred maintenance for public infrastructure, and providing additional funding to adequately maintain and operate public facilities. If you are interested in joining APDC for Fly-In meetings, contact David Gamez, PE (d.gamez@lounsburyinc.com)

Lunch and Learn: "1964 Great Alaska Earthquake"



As part of their fly-in, APDC will be hosting a special Lunch & Learn presentation in the Capitol Building for the 60th anniversary of the 1964 Great Alaska Earthquake. The presentation will be held on Feb. 22nd at 12 pm in Butrovich 205. All are welcome, but lunch will be first-come, first-served.

Pictured on the left: photo from southcentral Alaska in March, 1964 of the Great Alaska Earthquake

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UAS - Project Manager Full Time - Juneau, AK
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RESPEC - Student Civil Engineer Intern - Summer 2024 - Juneau, AK
RESPEC - Senior Civil Engineer - Juneau, AK
DOWL - Transportation Project Engineer 1 - Juneau, AK
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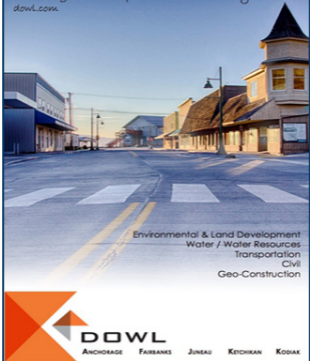
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