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Seasons Greetings FEA Community!

It is hard to believe the holiday season is upon us again. On behalf of the Statewide FEA program, we extend our wishes to you and yours for a happy and safe holiday season. We hope students, parents, Advisors and Coordinators find the time for some well deserved rest and relaxation after the hustle and bustle of the fall/winter semester. But be ready for 2010 because FEA has some big plans for the new year!

These e-newsletters will continue on a monthly basis. Please share with others interested in FEA or who are currently participating!

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

- All FEA Starter Kits have been mailed out!
- [Register](#) for the Spring 2010 Distance Delivery Course
- **Advisors: Thursday, December 10, 2009 at 4pm mark your calendar for a Webinar Walk through of the FEA data site, club wiki and new High School packet. Please, expect an email with more information from us.**
- [Enroll](#) your students in the FEA program!
- Next Coordinator teleconference: [January 5, 2010 at 3PM](#)
- Are you a student or advisor interested in college? Take a moment to fill out our [High School Student Survey or Advisor Survey!](#)
- **Start making plans for the annual FEA Student Gathering in Anchorage April 14-16 at the Captain Cook Hotel!**

PITAAS and FEA Partnership!



PITAAS Coordinator, Jacque Tagaban, and FEA Program Director, Sonta Hamilton Roach, pose for the camera with Beardsley the Bearded Dragon at the annual AFN conference in Anchorage, October 2009.

District Affiliates:[Chevak](#)[Crooked Creek](#)[Dillingham](#)[Fairbanks](#)[Juneau Douglas](#)[Kodiak Island](#)[Mt. Edgecumbe](#)***Partner Programs:***[PITAAS](#)[I-AC: Bridging the Gap](#)[Visit Club Wiki!](#)[FEA is now on Facebook!](#)**Join our list**[Join Our Mailing List!](#)**Preparing Indigenous Teacher & Administrators for Alaska Schools (PITAAS) Program**

PITAAS, like FEA, works to fill the need for Alaska Native teachers in schools across the state. In 2000, the University of Alaska Southeast created the PITAAS program with the help of a federal grant to address the unproportioned level of Alaska Native students (25%) and Alaska Native teachers (5%).

The PITAAS program has grown to include many services designed to meet its goals including the following support services: Foundations in Native Education Classes, Mentoring, Tutoring, Wooch.Een student organization, Cultural Infusion/Faculty Fellowship and Native & Rural Student Center.

If you have any questions, or would like more information, check out the [PITAAS](#) website or email [Jacque](#).

Spotlights Across Alaska!**Noorvik, Alaska****School District:**[Northwest Arctic](#)**District Coordinator:**[Michelle Woods](#)**Club Sponsors:**[Roger Frankin](#)**Number of Students: 8****Years in FEA: 3****Aqqaluk High and Noorvik Elementary**

Theses FEA Clubs are collaborating together on many activities including: after school reading, tutoring, kitchen and office assistance, and *safe walks* to school.

Pictured above: High school student, Gerald Cleveland, walks his elementary friend to school one snowy morning. Great team work guys!

Other Spotlights? [Email Us](#)

Deadlines for High School Students!



Registration and Scholarships!

Planning to attend college? There are many scholarships and financial resources available to support you as you embark on this exciting journey.

Whether you're seeking financial aid for yourself, your child or for your student, you can find tools and information about grants, student loans and scholarships [here!](#)

Also, check out the national Future Educators Association for special [FEA scholarships!](#)

Remember there are various preparation and admission tests options available, however many have registration deadlines. To stay on top of SAT, ACT and PSAT deadline click [here](#) for information, registration, calendar dates, prep-test and much more!

Please share this with other FEA Club members, Advisors, educators and anyone else interested in FEA!

Sincerely,

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