



Walk a mile ...

Alaska tour planned

Colby Community College is offering a spring study expedition tour to Alaska May 20, 2007.

The tour starts in Fairbanks, located in the interior of Alaska, not far from the Arctic Circle. Participants will travel south through the pristine wilderness to Denali National Park and then to Anchorage, Alaska's largest city.

Two options are available for those who sign up for the trip. The one-week option is scheduled from May 20-27. Participants will visit the Fairbanks UAF Museum, Animal Research Station, cruise the Chena and Tanana Rivers on the Riverboat Discovery III and may opt to take a flight above the Arctic Circle.

On May 22, the group will board a motorcoach for a tour to Denali National Park and participate in a Tundra Wilderness Tour. The following day students will participate in a service program at Denali National Park.

A scenic journey on the Alaska Railroad is May 24 with Anchorage as the destination. The next day is the Anchorage City Tour and a visit to the Alaska Native Heritage Center.

On May 26, participants will board a motorcoach for a journey south on the scenic Seward Highway and a glacier cruise.

Upon completion of the glacier cruise, passengers who are staying for another week board the Princess Cruise Lines ship for a seven-night voyage.

The cruise includes College Fjord, Glacier Bay National Park, Skagway, Juneau, and Ketchikan with a destination of Vancouver, British Columbia, June 2.

Cost for the one-week option is \$2,475 based on double occupancy. Participants will fly into Fairbanks and out of Anchorage.

Cost for the two-week option is \$3,450 based on double occupancy.

These prices do not include tuition and fees for those who enroll to receive college credit.

Credit is available for those who enroll in Cultural Anthropology (3 credit hours), Historical Geology (3 credit hours), or Observational Astronomy (1 credit hour).

For more information or reservations, contact Peggy Ohlrogge at (785) 462-3984, ext. 345, or e-mail peggy.ohlrogge@colbycc.edu.



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Students in the physical therapist assistant program practiced their skills on crutches as they walked around the campus. Students were required to use crutches and wheelchairs to have the same experience as their patients. One of the required tasks was to enter a retail business using crutches and

wheelchairs. The college has had an accredited physical therapist assistant program since 1975 and is accredited until spring of 2016. Director Pat Erickson and registered physical therapist assistant Kathy Robert have a combined 30 years experience in education and 21 years of full-time clinical experience.

Miss Kansas Rodeo prepares for 2007 activities

Amy Wilson will be logging a lot of miles beginning in January 2007 as she begins her reign as Miss Rodeo Kansas 2007.



A. Wilson

The Colby native is expected to travel over 30,000 miles in 14 states and Canada.

Serving as an ambassador for the sport of rodeo and the state of Kansas, she'll be making appearances at everything from rodeos to school events.

Wilson's selection as Miss Rodeo Kansas was based on her horsemanship skills, personal interviews, appearance/modeling, written test scores and speaking abilities. In

addition to capturing the Miss Rodeo Kansas title, she also won the photogenic, speech and horsemanship competitions.

The 20-year-old daughter of Lonnie and Lori Wilson grew up on a farm near Colby.

She helped her dad with many responsibilities ranging from driving the tractor to pulling a calf. In addition to helping on the farm, she enjoys riding and training horses, checking and feeding cattle and raising registered Welsh Corgi puppies. A full-time student at Colby Community College, she plans to graduate in May 2007 with an Associate of Science Degree in agribusiness and an Associate of Arts degree in television.

"I was homeschooled from second grade through high school," said Wilson. "It was an easy transition when I enrolled at CCC and I

have really enjoyed all the activities and being a member of the rodeo team."

As a member of the Colby Community College rodeo team, she competes in barrel racing and breakaway roping.

Wilson is the Rodeo Club secretary/treasurer and the president of the college Farm Bureau organization. She is also a member of the Block and Bridle Club and attends the OPTIC Bible study.

Her future plans include a career as a television broadcaster for the PRCA. She is a news anchor for the CCC student television broadcast which airs on cable channel 118 in Colby.

"Amy is the real deal," said broadcasting department director Rod Thomasson.

"She has a genuine warmth and approachability that you can't

learn about the competition and prepare for my year as Miss Rodeo Kansas."

As Miss Rodeo Kansas, Wilson is responsible for all her expenses which are estimated to be \$25,000. In January 2007 she will be hosting a coronation celebration to raise funds for her travel.

Approximately 400 people are expected to attend the event which will include a dinner, auction, entertainment and dance.

"I need the financial help of businesses and individuals to fulfill my duties," said Wilson.

"Miss Rodeo Kansas is a non-profit organization and donations are tax deductible.

"I would also really appreciate any items which could be auctioned at the coronation celebration."

For more information contact Wilson at (785) 443-2681.

Student helps other students

Learning center offers assistance in many classes

Anton Sandoval's goal is to be a biology teacher.

One of the ways the Colby Community College sophomore is preparing for that career is working as a peer tutor in the Comprehensive Learning Center.

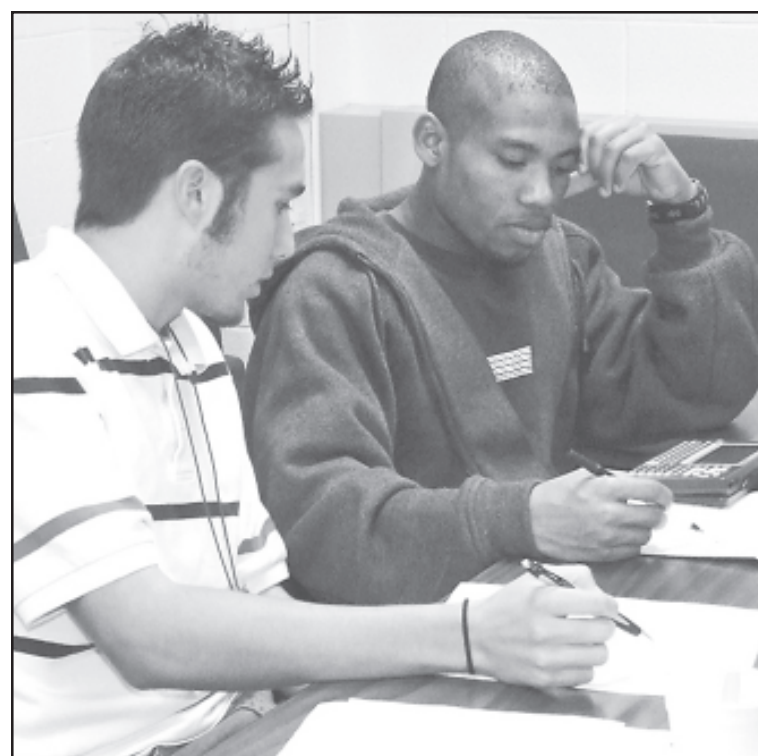
Sandoval, a native of Lamar, Colo., works 10 hours each week in the center helping students with algebra, chemistry, anatomy and physiology and English composition courses.

"I especially like tutoring the math courses," said Sandoval. "Although I really enjoy helping with the comp courses as well."

In recognition of Sandoval's outstanding tutoring skills, he was recently presented with the "Exceptional Peer Tutor Award" by Joyce Washburn, director of developmental services, and Brenda Kinderknecht, Comprehensive Learning Center director.

"Anton is one of our most sought-after tutors," said Washburn. "He is amazing and one of the best tutors we've ever had in the center."

In addition to working as a tutor, Sandoval is a member of the Colby Community College cross country team and Phi Theta Kappa honorary fraternity.



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Anton Sandoval, left, tutors Sandino Nero in the Comprehensive Learning Center in Thomas Hall.

"I plan to transfer to Emporia State University after graduating from CCC," said Sandoval. "I've always wanted to teach biology and will major in secondary education at ESU."

The Comprehensive Learning Center at Colby Community College is equipped with 19 computers

for student use, all with Internet access and laser printers.

The Comprehensive Learning Center also offers supplemental materials to aid students in their college course work. These materials include computer-assisted instruction, videotapes, audiotapes, and instructors' notebooks.

Team work activity

Beth Eschliman, left, who attends practical nursing program classes on the Norton campus, built a tower using straws. Students in the practical nursing program at Colby Community College participated in Leadership Day activities Friday. The Colby Community College students were required to build the towers together without talking. The leadership activities are designed to prepare the student to be hired as a charge nurse in a nursing home or hospital setting.



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