Workforce Drivers

Opportunities at UAA

Challenges for UAA

Welding & Nondestructive Testing Technology
University of Alaska Anchorage

Ignite Your Future!

- Alaska and U.S. departments of Labor project careers related to welding and nondestructive testing will remain in high demand
- Technology advances push the importance of formal education for practitioners in these fields
- Grads’ skills and knowledge apply to multiple industries – oil and gas, transportation, construction and others
- American Welding Society documents significant current skill shortage, and larger one looming, nationwide
- Industry partners prefer hiring entry-level technicians from 2- to 4- year degree programs

- UAA offers the only AAS in Welding & Nondestructive Testing Technology in Alaska
- Curriculum updated in 2012 in response to industry input
- Poised to partner with industry to expand Welding & Nondestructive Testing Technology program

- Full Nondestructive Testing certification requires additional training hours for graduates
- Program demand outpaces available lab and classroom space
- Students would benefit from greater industry advocacy
 Join us in Building Alaska’s Workforce!

Advise
- Share labor market trends and best practices
- Review program goals, objectives, outcomes
- Participate in program evaluation

Assist
- Employ students
- Assist with alumni development
- Help procure funding
- Contribute equipment, supplies, or funding
- Share workplace experiences with students
- Provide internships
- Deliver classroom presentations
- Sponsor a student organization

Advocate
- Solicit greater industry engagement
- Share success stories; promote programs
- Participate in award ceremonies
- Gather legislative support
- Collect information on new legislation

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