



**Alaska Native  
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**“Dare to dream big”  
Famed musher and explorer Colonel Norman Vaughn  
addresses Native interns at  
Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium**

**3:30 p.m. Friday, June 29, Conference Room 312  
4141 Ambassador Drive (BEHIND and west of Alaska Native Medical Center)  
Interns will give presentations earlier, from noon to 3:00 p.m.**

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Friday Colonel Norman Vaughn will speak to high school, college and graduate students taking part in a health careers internship program at the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium (ANTHC). The 96-year-old Vaughn will speak about the history of healthcare in Alaska and some of his extraordinary life experiences.

Twenty-seven students are taking part in the nine-week ANTHC Summer Internship program from June 4 to August 3, 2001. The students have come from across Alaska to learn about a wide range of health career fields – everything from surgery, labor and delivery, to engineering, and telemedicine.

The internship program is designed to encourage Alaska Native and American Indian students to pursue higher education in health fields. The interns attend weekly educational presentations on topics such as customer service, conflict resolution and resume building skills. Friday each will also give a 3-to-5 minute presentation on his or her field of interest.

Colonel Vaughn is perhaps best known for his part in Admiral Byrd’s 1928-30 expedition to the South Pole. Vaughn has run the Iditarod Race several times.

ANTHC was formed in 1997 to administer health services previously managed by the Indian Health Service. ANTHC manages tertiary care services at Alaska Native Medical Center, statewide water and sanitation projects, recruitment, telemedicine, regional supply, immunization, behavioral health consulting and other statewide programs to support the Alaska Native health system.

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