



**NWACUHO New Professional Award – Alaska/Yukon: Ryan Hill
Nominated by Maria Bonifacio-Sample, University of Alaska, Anchorage**

Ryan Hill, the First Year Experience Residence Coordinator at the University of Alaska Anchorage has done an exceptional job as a young professional. He is currently in his third year here at UAA, but you would not even know that if you didn't know him or were keeping track of how long he has been in Anchorage. When meeting with Ryan and interacting with him, one would think that he has been in the profession for years.

He has done a lot that is above the expectations of his position. Not only does he act as a role model to his peers in the department, but he has also taken on different roles outside of Residence Life, which has included being a key member of SafeZone, our LGBTQ program. He has taken the lead on different ally trainings that we have done and was also one of the trainers that traveled to Valdez, Alaska to train Prince William Sound Community College - so that they would have a SafeZone Program there! Ryan is also an active member of UAA's Staff Council and always makes sure that our Housing and Residence Life staffs are up to date on what is going on with Staff Council and governance at UAA.

With my transition out of the University soon, Ryan has taken more of an active role as a leader among the professional staff and I know that I can count on him to follow through with things that need to be done in my absence. Along with Ryan's normal duties as a Coordinator, he also co-advises the Residence Hall Association, which he has taken an active role in regional events and conferences.

In conclusion, I believe Ryan Hill is very deserving of the New Professional award for Alaska/Yukon area. He has grown so much in time that he has been a professional here at UAA. I know that he has a lot more potential for growth and I can't wait to see where he goes from here and what is in store!