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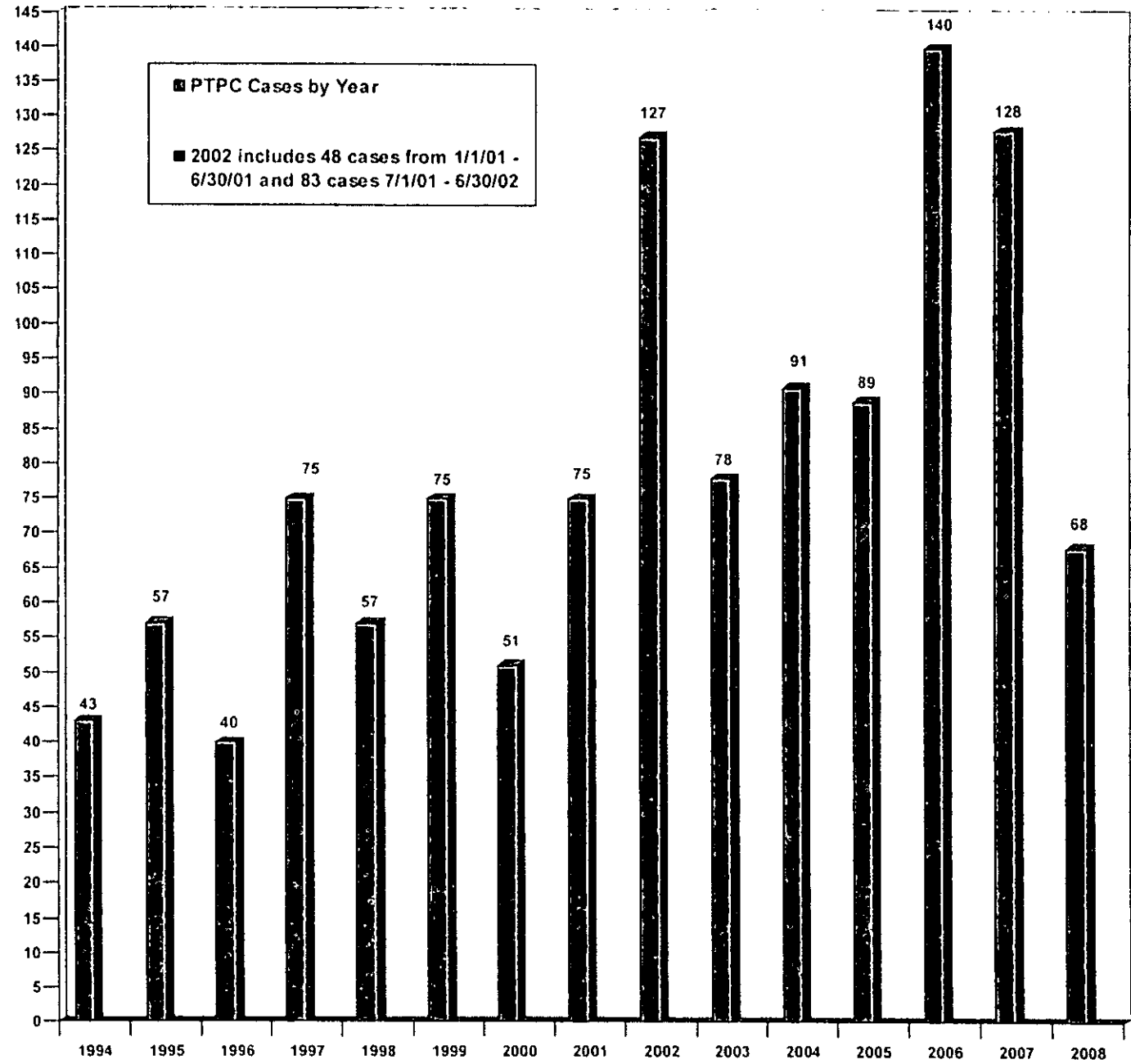
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**PROFESSIONAL TEACHING PRACTICES COMMISSION**  
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*Frequency of Sanctions Invoked*

	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Sexual Harassment of Staff		1													0
Sexual Misconduct with Students	3	3	4	2	2			2	2	1	3	1	2	1	2
Drug, Alcohol Offenses	1		1									3	2		0
Criminal Conduct, Non-Drug	1		1	1	1		1				2			2	1
Fraudulent Certificates/Applications		2	1	1			2	1				2	1		0
Contract Violations	1				2	5	3	2	2	5	3	2	1	3	3
Financial Misconduct				1		1						1			0
Professional Misconduct	2	2					1	1	2	3	4	3	2	1	4

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## Briefing Topic Areas

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- ✦ Organizational Overview: History, Organization, Management, Objectives, and Current Environment
- ✦ AlaskAdvantage Programs Overview
- ✦ ACPE/ASLC Financial Context
- ✦ Alaska's Current Non-Loan Financial Aid Programs



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## Organizational Overview: History, Organization, Management, Objectives, and Current Environment



## Agency History

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- ✦ 1968 – Undergraduate loan program created
- ✦ 1974 – Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education (ACPE) established as State coordinating and financial aid agency
- ✦ 1981 – State loans of up to \$7,000 per year with 50% forgiveness
- ✦ 1987 – Oil drops below \$10 per barrel—Alaska Student Loan Corporation (ASLC) established as new financing source
- ✦ 1988 – Loan terms begin to change to reflect new financing model
- ✦ 1995-98 – Significant program changes made to reverse financial losses; (1996) HELMS successfully implemented



## Agency History

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- ✦ 2001 – Financial improvements reflected in annual payment to the State
- ✦ 2002 – AK Advantage legislation creates new suite of federal/state education loans; new duties encompass delivery of outreach and early awareness services under agency mission and goals
- ✦ 2003 – Alternative consolidation loan added to suite of programs
- ✦ 2004 – Receive Lumina Foundation Grant for College Goal Sunday, CASHE founded (Coalition of Alaskans Supporting Higher Education)
- ✦ 2005 – Alaska legislature establishes Ak Advantage Education Grant Program
- ✦ 2008 – Designated by Governor as Alaska’s College Access Challenge Grant agency
- ✦ 2009 – Peer Mentor pilot program on track for launch



## Organizational Structure

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- ✦ Partner entities
  - ACPE develops and delivers higher education access and support services
  - ASLC underwrites the costs of mission-related services
  
- ✦ 14-member ACPE board with representation from:
  - University of Alaska Board of Regents (2)
  - Private higher education (1)
  - Proprietary postsecondary education (1)
  - Alaska State Senate (1)
  - Alaska State House of Representatives (1)
  - General Public (4)
  - Student (1)
  - Alaska Workforce Investment Board (1)
  - Community College (1)
  - Alaska Department of Education and Early Development (1)



## Organizational Structure

- ✦ Five-member ASLC Board
  - Commissioner of Administration represented by Deputy Commissioner Kevin Brooks (4-year member)
  - Commissioner of Commerce, Community and Economic Development represented by Investments Director Greg Winegar (9-year member)
  - Commissioner of Revenue represented by Deputy Commissioner Jerry Burnett (1-year member)
  - Two ACPE members appointed by the Governor



## Management and Staffing

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Diane Barrans, 14 years as CEO; 26-year tenure at ACPE

Charlene Morrison, CPA, 6 years as ACPE CFO; 19 years in private and public accounting/finance

Stephanie Butler, CIA, 7 years as Director of Operations; 10-year tenure at ACPE

Kenneth Dodson, 14 years as Information Support Services Director; 21 years in education lending IT

Lora Jorgensen, 2 years as Outreach Director; previously with community-based non-profits

Frank Love, 12 years as Human Resources and Admin. Officer; 30 years in HR management—USCG, retired

102 full-time employee positions

- Average management tenure – 13 years
  - Average staff tenure – 7.5 years
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## Organizational Objectives

- ✦ Deliver on public service mission to promote, support, and provide access to postsecondary education in Alaska and for Alaskans
- ✦ Mission-centered core services to:
  - Provide postsecondary education and training access product and services
  - Promote postsecondary education participation in Alaska
  - Protect consumers through regulation of postsecondary education institutions in Alaska and investigation of related consumer complaints



## Organizational Objectives

- ✦ Ensure long-term sustainability of programs and services
- ✦ Foster key institutional and organizational partnerships to improve the continuity and connectivity of Alaska's education pipeline
- ✦ Implement robust suite of performance metrics for internal and external audiences
- ✦ Continue to grow loan portfolio while containing administrative costs by leveraging new technologies
- ✦ Increase public utilization of ACPE/ASLC resources



## ASLC/ACPE Environment

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- ✦ Long-term, recognized effective leadership
- ✦ Strong organizational culture and core values
- ✦ Record of positive performance as public enterprise agency
- ✦ Integrated ASLC/ACPE oversight
- ✦ Longstanding bipartisan legislative support of current management and programs and services. ACPE/ASLC viewed as very successful
- ✦ Alternative loan program is in its 41<sup>st</sup> year



## Alaska Advantage Programs Overview

## Alaska State Education Loans: 1968-1987



### ✦ **Student Loans Structured as a state entitlement program:**

- Fully financed by the State General Fund
- Any State resident, age 16 or older, could borrow
- Minimal Alaska institutions' requirements
- Extremely generous loan terms, set by statute
- Borrowers entitled to 50% loan forgiveness
- No credit reviews, cosigners or collateral required
- 0% interest during school, grace and deferment; 5% simple interest during repayment
- 12-month grace period prior to repayment; 6-month grace period after a deferment.
- Loans serviced internally, using limited resources
- Minimal collections and due diligence activity
- Program focus was providing funds to the students, not collecting loans for the State

*These attributes led to a perception that Alaska student loans were not serious financial obligations, and repayment performance clearly reflected that perception. In addition, a vocational school "cottage industry" grew quickly, since funding was so easily available to prospective students.*

## Alaska State Education Loans: 1988-1993



- ✦ Program evolves from state entitlement into a troubled enterprise
- ✦ With creation of ASLC in 1987, modest changes were made to reflect the migration from a state funded model to a capital markets funded model
- ✦ Loan program changes were more symbolic than substantive, and did not improve credit quality or loan performance:
  - A 1% loan origination fee was imposed
  - Interest rates were raised to 8% during repayment (0% in school interest rate)
  - Grace period before repayment reduced to 6 months
  - Monthly bills replace repayment coupon books in the early 1990s
  - In 1992 an ACPE servicing system conversion failed catastrophically
  - Following the devastating servicing audit performed by Deloitte & Touche, ASLC was denied bond insurance in 1993

*Net of State appropriations, ASLC incurred annual losses in each of its first 10 years of operation, and by the mid-1990s had an equity deficit approaching \$50 million.*

## Alaska State Education Loans: 1994-2001



- ✦ **Program changes needed to transform the troubled entity into a self-supporting student loan provider are made**
- ✦ **ACPE hired its first executive director with education loan expertise in 1993. New ASLC executive began addressing areas of deficiency related to loan eligibility and repayment terms, management capacity, servicing systems, operations and corporate culture**
- ✦ **Key program and staffing changes during this transitional period included:**
  - A series of legislative changes to loan terms and collection tools—loan rates tied to program costs, admin. collection methods were authorized, and modest credit standards were added to eligibility criteria. (1994-1998)
  - In 1995 IT and Operations management was reorganized, and a due diligence unit was established and equipped with appropriate technological tools and office hours
  - Institutional Program Participation standards were implemented (1998)
  - Credit reporting was implemented for the entire loan portfolio (2000)
  - Automated payment option was rolled out to borrowers (2001)
  - Staffing was stabilized, and employee turnover was reduced 60%, from 27% to 11% (1998 – 2001)

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*By the end of this transitional period, ASLC had completed its transformation from a government funded/administered program to a self-sustaining business enterprise.*

## Alaska State Education Loans: 2002-Present



- ✦ **Heightened standards and oversight of Alaska's institutions led to a drop in loan program participation from 140 to fewer than 40**
- ✦ **Consistent, improved performance results:**
  - ASLC's equity deficit was erased by 2000
  - ASLC on solid financial and administrative platform
  - Modest dividend payments made to the State, based upon annual net income
- ✦ **ASLC enters the FFEL program to efficiently bundle Federal and State aid**
- ✦ **New, combined program authorized by the Alaska State Legislature in 2001**
- ✦ **2002 to Present: the AlaskAdvantage Years:**
  - ACPE and ASLC now offer a "one-stop" financial aid alternative
  - Serving Alaska residents and non-Alaskan students attending school in the State

## AlaskAdvantage Loan Programs



### Federal Family Education Loan Program

- ✦ ASLC enters FFEL Program in 2002
- ✦ ASLC qualify as state agency/nonprofit lender
- ✦ Alaska's #1 lender for seven consecutive years
- ✦ \$34.5 million program FY08 loans awarded
- ✦ \$40.6 million FY09 loans awarded thru 12/26/08
- ✦ 51% volume growth over prior YTD

## AlaskAdvantage Loan Programs



### Alaska Supplemental Education Loan (ASEL) Program

- ✦ Program supplemental to funding available through federal program
- ✦ Terms and conditions controlled by State statute and regulations
- ✦ Loans are fixed rate based on:
  - Municipal Market Data Insured AMT Revenue Bond Yield Curve plus 30 bps and administrative costs
  - Minimum rate is the unsubsidized Stafford fixed rate plus 50 bps
- ✦ Interest reset announced each July 1; 008/09 rate is 7.3% (minimum rate)
- ✦ \$43.9 million for FY08
- ✦ \$34.9 million for FY09 loans awarded thru 12/26/08
- ✦ Decrease of 6.8% of prior YTD

## Alaska Advantage Loan Programs



### Borrower Benefits (08/09 academic year):

	Stafford	PLUS	FFELP Consol.	ASEL	ALT Consol.	Loan Elig Percent <sup>(2)</sup>	Elig Loan Utilization <sup>(2)</sup>
<b>Fee Subsidies:</b>							
Origination Fee	1.00%	—	—	—	—	33%	100%
Default Fee	1.00%	1.00%	—	—	—	13%	100%
<b>Rate Subsidies:</b>							
<b>In-School Status</b>							
General Benefit	0.80%	<sup>(1)</sup> —	—	—	—	31%	98%
Alaska Presence	1.00%	<sup>(1)</sup> —	—	0.50%	—	76%	67%
<b>Repayment</b>							
General Benefit	0.50%	1.00%	1.00%	—	—	31%	98%
Alaska Presence	1.00%	1.00%	1.00%	0.50%	0.50%	76%	67%
First 48 On-Time Payments	2.00%	1.00%	1.00%	2.00%	1.00%	3%	8%
Direct Payment Option	0.25%	0.25%	0.25%	0.25%	0.25%	34%	23%

<sup>(1)</sup> Not applicable to subsidized loans.

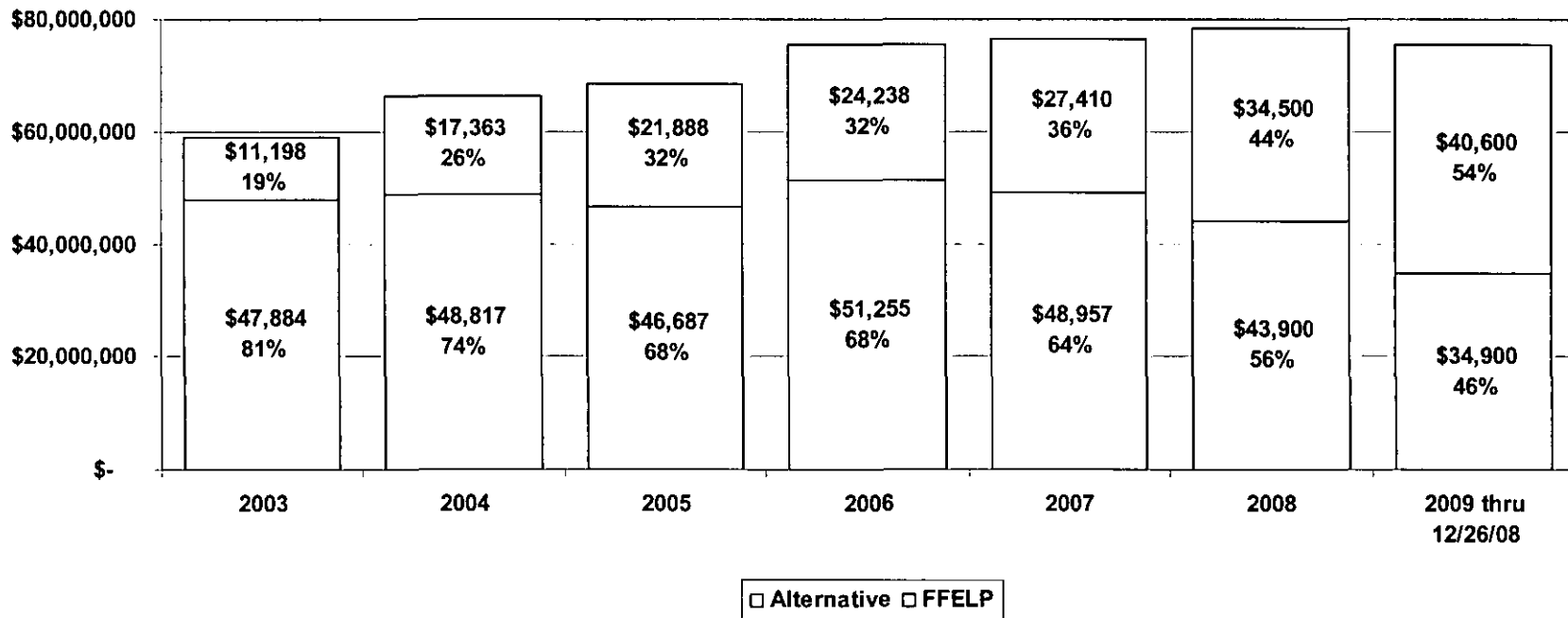
<sup>(2)</sup> Applicable to loans pledged to the 2002 Trust only.

**Note:** A borrower benefit not shown in the table above is the Borrower Cost Reduction. This benefit reduces the interest rate on legacy program Alaska Student Loans from the original fixed rate to 8.3%. Six percent or \$23.9 million of loans in the 2002 Trust are eligible for this benefit and 71% or \$17.0 million of those eligible are receiving the benefit. Five percent or \$6.8 million of loans not pledged to a trust are eligible for this benefit and 67% or \$4.5 million of those eligible are receiving the benefit.

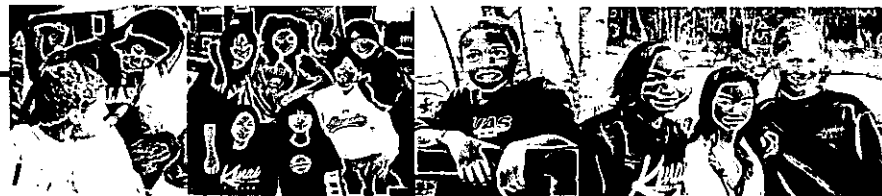
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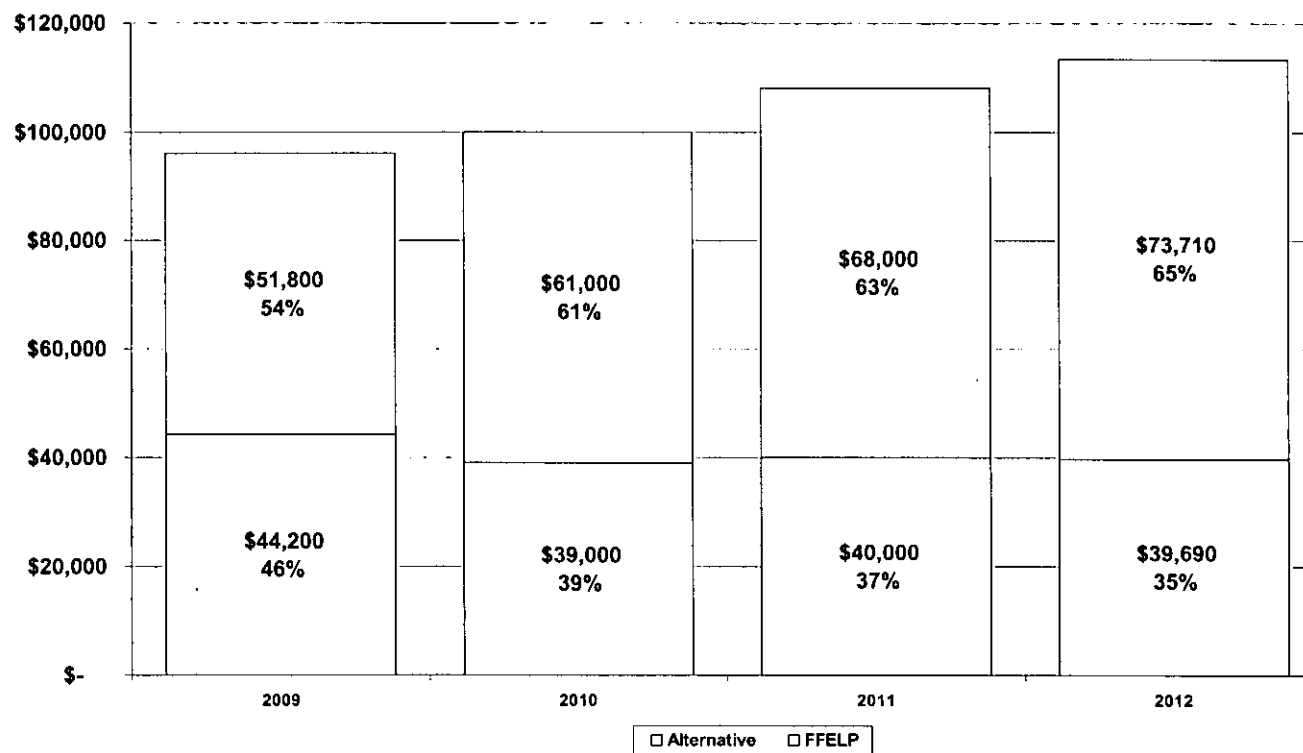
Gross loan awards by school year (in thousands and excluding consolidation loans):



# AlaskAdvantage Loan Programs



Projected loan demand through 2012 (in thousands and excluding consolidation loans):



## AlaskAdvantage Loan Programs



### Loan Servicing

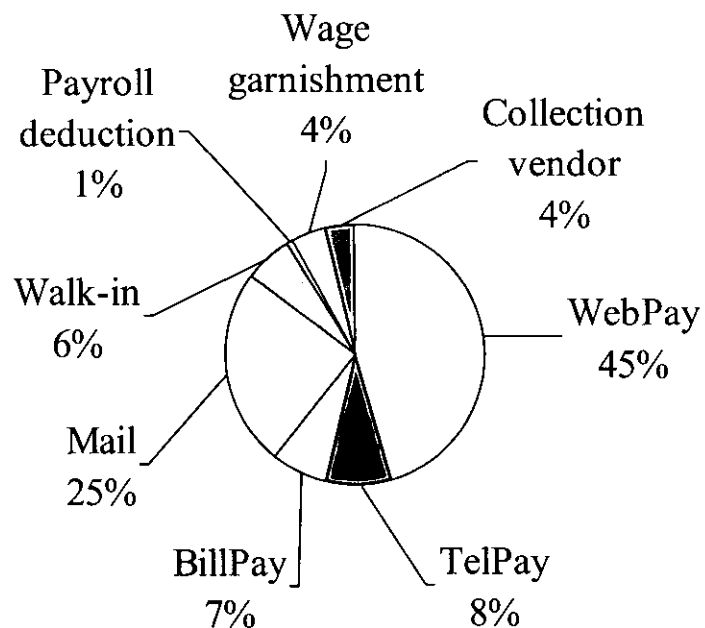
- ✦ ACPE originates, holds and internally services all ASLC loans
- ✦ System upgrades and ongoing maintenance ensure FFELP compliance and quality servicing
- ✦ Standard lending activities:
  - Application and origination
  - Loan forbearance or deferment
  - Loan repayment support and debt management counseling
  - Default aversion activities
  - Collection enforcement and activities
  - Business continuance planning
- ✦ Ongoing internal process analysis on all service processes has assisted in achieving a culture of quality control and improvement



## Payment Processing

Payments are collected in many different ways. Typically sixty-four percent of payments received are processed electronically.

### Payment Statistics by Delivery Method



## Credit Enhancement/Collection Levers



- ✦ Mitigating loss risk through:
  - Credit review
  - Co-signer requirements
  - Institutional default rate management
  - Origination fee collected on alternative loan
  
- ✦ Unique administrative collection tools (applied to borrower or co-signer):
  - Permanent Fund Dividend (PFD) garnishment (\$95 million since FY98)
  - Administrative lien authority
  - Administrative wage garnishment authority (\$11 million since FY01)
  - Status reporting to national credit bureaus
  - Litigation, including filing of court judgments
  - Authority to deny occupational or professional license renewals
  
- ✦ Skiptrace tools and resources:
  - Access to mine State databases: Labor, PFD, vehicle licensing, Fish and Game licensing, etc.
  - Industry standard resources: Experian and Accurint-type search engines

## Institutional Authorization



- Institutional Authorization Programs
  - Approval of postsecondary education institutions & programs operating in Alaska
  - Investigation of student complaints
  - Institutional closure rules enforcement
  - Statewide liaison with accrediting bodies & USDOE (OPE, IPEDS, PEPS, etc.)

## Additional Mission-Related Agency Activities



- ✦ ACPE developed and deployed a statewide outreach and early intervention unit to promote Alaskans' participation in postsecondary education
- ✦ ACPE focuses on developing a college-going culture in Alaska
- ✦ Advise and assist State Legislature relative to programs and services in support of workforce development



## Outreach Programs

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Programs and services to increase awareness of benefits of higher education and our ability to access those benefits

- Age-Based Sequenced Outreach
- Community Visits and Presentations
- College Goal Sunday
- AKCIS & Career Planning Awareness
- Community Mentors (new)
- Policy Projects (Ex: *Making Alaska More Competitive*)



## Outreach Strategies

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### Age-Appropriate Sequenced Information & Activities

- 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, classroom reading with UA
- 5<sup>th</sup> grade, *I'm Going to College* orientation and campus visits
- 5<sup>th</sup>- 8<sup>th</sup> grade, promotional posters & newspapers
- 11<sup>th</sup> grade, *Going to College in Alaska*
- 12<sup>th</sup> grade, *Got Dates?* HS senior year calendar



## Outreach Partnerships

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- *College Goal Sunday* – free FAFSA help
  - ACPE, UA, ANSCA, ALASFAA
  - 30 locations statewide
  - February 8, 2009
  - [www.alaskacollegegoalsunday.com](http://www.alaskacollegegoalsunday.com)
  
- AKCIS – Alaska Career Information System
  - ACPE, AKDOLWD & EED partnerships
  - Free to school districts and Job Centers
  - [www.akcis.org](http://www.akcis.org)
  
- *I'm Going to College*—thru partnerships now in: Barrow, Bethel, Valdez, Fairbanks, Juneau, Ketchikan, Kodiak, Palmer and Anchorage
  
- *I Know I Can*
  - ACPE and UA
  - Introduces second graders to concepts of college and career
  - Programs in Anchorage, Bethel, Fairbanks, Galena and Juneau



# Community Connections



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## 21<sup>st</sup> Century Stats



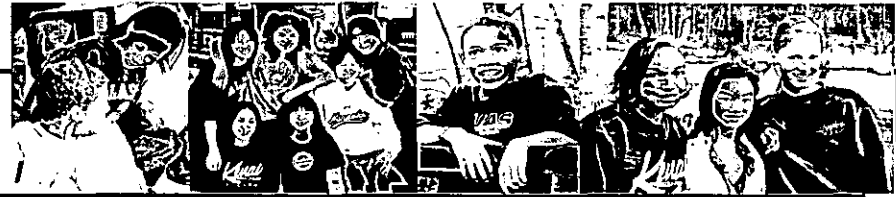
- Working together, ACPE and ASLC provide Alaskans with increased access to the benefits of higher education:
  - Provide Alaskans with extensive direct-service outreach programs and support for counselors and teachers
  - Offer Alaskans lowest cost financial aid package in the nation, including
    - Grants for needy students
    - Federal loans with additional state subsidies
    - Lowest-cost state supplemental programs in the nation
    - Extensive exchange program options
  - Coordinate statewide access programs and advisory bodies
  - Returned >\$160 million to SOA for capital projects



## 2008 Accomplishments

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- Provided **\$24 million** in cumulative borrower benefits thru 12/08
  - Provided > **\$500,000** in grants to over 500 needy Alaska students
  - Made AKCIS available at no cost to schools and mentors statewide
  - Expanded grant program to add priority for students pursuing careers in process & natural resources extraction industries
  - Offered federal and state supplemental loans with rates ranging from 2.25% to 7.3%
  - Provided free higher education outreach to almost 40,000 Alaskans and hosted or participated in 491 outreach events in communities statewide
  - Provided >1,600 Alaska students access to the Western Undergraduate Exchange, saving their families ~ \$11.6 million in tuition without forgoing their Alaska residency
  - Provided a cumulative dividend to the Alaska General Fund of >\$32 million
  - Attracted almost \$6 million to Alaska's higher education system by offering financial aid to non-residents who invest their higher education dollars in Alaska
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## 2009 Goals & Challenges

- Continue to offer Alaskans lowest-cost financial aid in the nation
  - Despite federal cut-backs
  - Despite upheavals in financial markets
- Implement strategies to avoid disruption of ASLC lending activities
- Support of program expansion w/o jeopardizing ability to self-sustain
- Expand access through grant programs
  - Federal GAP and Challenge Grants
  - AlaskAdvantage Education Grant Program
- Advocate for federal HEA recognition of state financial aid programs and services

## Alaska's Current Non-Loan Financial Aid Programs



The *UA Scholars Award* is an \$11,000 scholarship for eligible expenses (undergraduate tuition, fees, room, board, books, supplies and other educational costs) incurred for attendance at University of Alaska.

UA Scholars are designated by their high schools at the end of their junior year if they are in the top 10% of their graduating class.

The award is paid out in increments of \$1,375 for every semester the UA Scholars is eligible, for up to eight semesters.

Scholars are required to maintain a full time status and keep their cumulative GPA at a 2.50 or higher.

The AlaskAdvantage Grant is a last-dollar, need-based grant for up to \$2,000 per year for attendance on at least a half-time basis at any accredited institution in Alaska.

## Alaska's Current Non-Loan Financial Aid Programs



Through 2008 the AlaskAdvantage Grants were funded with a mix of federal LEAP and ASLC funding totaling approximately \$625,000 per year.

Program objectives do overlap in some regards—statewide application, Alaska-centered, and designed to incent behaviors.

Both programs are tenuously funded by UA and ASLC.

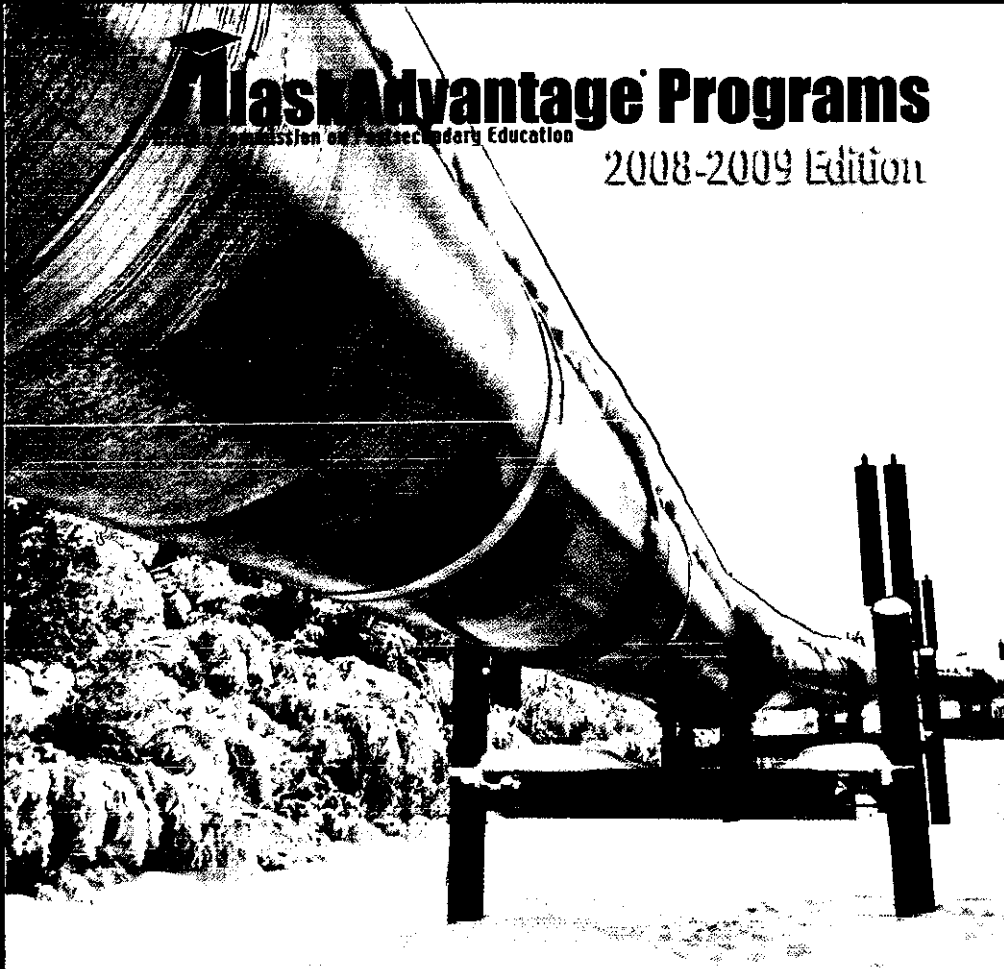
Neither program requires specific college-prep agenda.

Neither program ensures broad-based access to non-loan aid for Alaska students.

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# *A Message from* Governor Palin



Dear Fellow Alaskan,

I am extremely pleased to invite you to explore the opportunities for postsecondary education and training offered by Alaska's own vocational and higher education institutions.

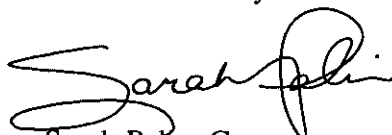
These institutions have developed Alaska-centered programs to prepare our citizens for the exciting challenges and to reap the rewards which lie ahead for the Great Land.

As you plan for your career and seek to acquire the education and skills that are increasingly in demand by employers, carefully consider the quality institutions that are right here at home.

Alaska schools, colleges, and universities, in addition to offering work skills and academic programs, have established relationships with key Alaska employers to insure that their certificate and degree programs are tailored to ongoing and emerging workforce needs. Through the efforts and support of the Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education's AlaskAdvantage® Programs of financial aid and educational outreach, we are working together to make college education and technical training affordable and accessible.

As your Governor, education is among my administration's top priorities and we are working hard to ensure that every Alaskan has the opportunity to contribute to and benefit from our statewide community. Together, we share an opportunity to grow a robust, expanding economy with good-paying jobs to provide you with attractive and exciting career opportunities right here at home. We are here to work with you in planning and preparing for educational success beyond high school. Together, achieving these endeavors will translate to a dynamic workforce and strong economy, in which you play a vital role.

Best wishes for your future success,

  
Sarah Palin, Governor



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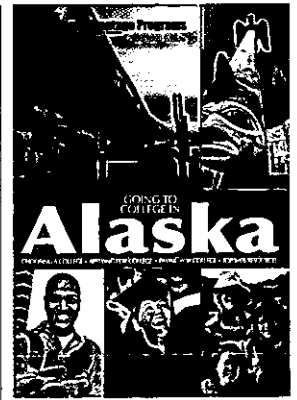
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**A MESSAGE FROM THE  
ALASKA COMMISSION  
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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**



Dear Higher Education Consumer and Stakeholder,

Welcome to the 2008 edition of *Going to College in Alaska!* The Commission on Postsecondary Education and its partners are very pleased to provide you with this publication containing current profiles, information and photographs of Alaska's featured postsecondary education institutions.

ACPE, its partner, University of Alaska, and its other partner organizations are fully committed to Governor Palin's goal of promoting, delivering and supporting higher education and training in the state. We understand that wise development and use of Alaska's human capital is critically important to our future, as individuals and as a state community. We further understand that you need access to current information and higher education resources to make the best choices for your future.

Please use this publication to identify your postsecondary options here at home. The institutions, colleges, and universities highlighted in this publication offer career and degree programs varying from short-term vocational training to world-class, doctoral degree programs which are second to none—all available to you without leaving your home state. Each school has its own unique strengths, and all share a strong tradition of offering Alaska-centered programs of study.

If you choose to attend school in Alaska, through ACPE, and funded by the Alaska student loan corporation, your state offers you the lowest cost financial aid packages in the nation with our **AlaskAdvantage**<sup>®</sup> state and federal financial aid programs. We're here to ensure that higher education is accessible and affordable for all Alaskans.

Become an important, productive, and financially successful part of Alaska's future by making smart choices. Take advantage of Alaska's exceptional educational resources. ACPE is here to help make your dreams a reality. Your future is in your hands.

Best wishes for success,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Diane Barrans". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Diane Barrans  
Executive Director

# COLLEGE IN ALASKA A PIPELINE TO YOUR FUTURE

Some students may question why education after high school is important. The answer is simple. Higher education, either college or vocational training, provides you with opportunities and choices that other high school graduates may not have.

For many high school students, the thought of "cashing in" on immediate income with a job after graduation is very exciting. But will that job provide the kind of lifestyle you will want five to ten years from now? Will you be able to live in the house you want to live in and drive the kind of car you'd like to be seen in? More importantly, will your mind be the kind of mind that is appealing to employers?

You may have heard this a million times: High school graduates today are unable to get the number of high-paying jobs that were once available to generations past. It's still true! The importance of a college education today can be compared to that of a high school education forty years ago. Higher education serves as the pipeline to better options and more opportunities.

With all qualifications being equal, higher education will, more often than not, provide you with a greater promotion opportunity.

The choice is yours.

Whatever your preferences, you may not need to look further than your home state to find a college or training program that's right for you. Alaska offers a power-

ful flow of opportunities for higher education.

*Going to College in Alaska* profiles accredited colleges, universities, and vocational schools to give you greater insight into academic and vocational opportunities and campus life right here in this great state.

Always keep your career goals in mind when considering colleges.

The cost of higher education may be a consideration in your search, but keep in mind that college is a wise investment in your future. Statistics show that college graduates can expect to earn at least \$1,000,000 more in their lifetime than those without a degree. In addition, Alaska is committed to ensuring college access and affordability. Did you know that tuition at many schools in Alaska is among the lowest in the nation? Alaska's higher education agency also offers a variety of financial aid programs, including grants for needy students and the lowest-cost student loans in the nation.

Once you determine which schools top your list, be sure to write, phone, visit their web sites, or take a tour. May your choice in the end be the one that leads to success in your future.



# AFTER HIGH SCHOOL



In Alaska, students have access to a variety of postsecondary institutions that offer vocational programs, certificates, two-year degrees, four-year degrees, and graduate programs. Our institutions provide highly diverse programs of study designed to meet the individual needs of students as they prepare for future careers and to meet workforce demands of our state.

## Community Colleges

These schools usually serve city, borough, or region residents. They typically offer vocational certificates and associate degrees and they have open admissions, meaning no entrance exams required.

EXAMPLE: Ilisagvik College in Barrow provides postsecondary academic, vocational and technical education training in an environment designed to strengthen Inupiat culture, language, values, and traditions and enable local residents to thrive and succeed.

## Vocational Schools

Vocational schools offer career and technical training in a "hands on" environment.

EXAMPLE: Alaska Vocational Technical Center (AVTEC) in Seward, is a public school within the Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development specializing in job training for Alaskans entering the workforce or advancing in their current occupation.

A private vocational school is also referred to as proprietary school. These institutions are privately owned businesses.

EXAMPLE: Career Academy is an accredited private vocational school offering specific courses to meet the requirements of the growing tourism and hospitality industries.

## Four-Year Colleges & Universities

These schools grant bachelor's degrees, also called the baccalaureate (Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science). Many also offer vocational certificates, associate and master's degrees.

EXAMPLE: University of Alaska Anchorage, University of Alaska Fairbanks, University of Alaska Southeast, Alaska Pacific University, Wayland Baptist, Charter College

## CHOOSING A COLLEGE

### CONSIDER:

#### ■ Location -

Close or far from home?

#### ■ Academic Strengths & Weaknesses -

Do you prefer "hands on" training or academic learning?

#### ■ Classroom/Student body Size - Large or small?

#### ■ Costs

#### ■ Other Goals / Interests

- Do they offer extracurricular activities of interest?



# Applying to



# College/Training



**Apply to the schools that most suit your interests and offer programs which match your objectives. You can obtain applications by contacting the college or school or apply online through the school's web site.**

You may be required to complete an application for each school in which you have an interest.

*Tip!* Your application may be your introduction to an institution, and you want to make a good impression. Make sure your forms are clean, neat and thoroughly completed. Make note of deadlines and submit your application well in advance. Proofread your application and your essay, if asked to submit one. Make a copy of your application and any attachments for your records. You may want to complete your application on blank paper first, so you can make corrections before entering your information on the actual form.

#### GETTING ADMITTED

Institutions have admissions requirements, which vary by school. To make an acceptance decision,

#### College application forms may ask for:

- personal information
- educational experience
- high school transcript
- standardized test scores
- class rank
- letters of recommendation
- awards and honors
- extracurricular activities
- work experience
- essay, if needed

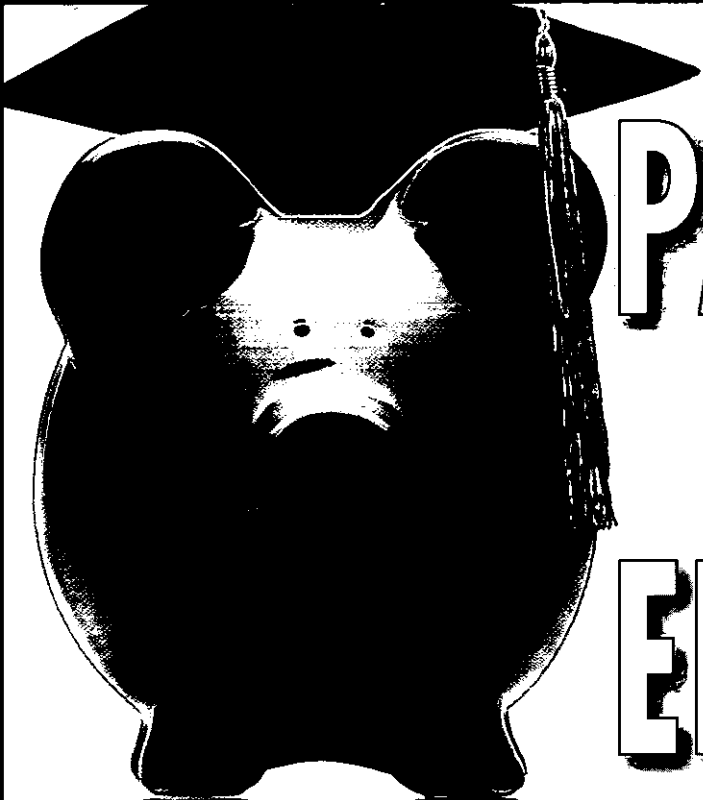
institutions will carefully review the information you provide on your application and may require a personal interview.

#### OPEN ADMISSIONS

Many colleges and vocational schools have open admission poli-

cies. This means if you have a high school diploma or a general educational development certificate (GED), or if you are at least 18 years old, you may qualify to begin taking classes without being admitted. Consult each school for specific admissions policies. Vocational schools may not need an application.





# PAYING FOR EDUCATION

Student financial aid can help you reach your goals!

## WHERE TO BEGIN:

Fill out a FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) from the U.S. Department of Education. ([www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)) regardless of your family's income.

## WHEN:

Beginning Jan 1 (or shortly after) of every year

## WHY:

A FAFSA determines your eligibility for financial aid programs such as grants, scholarships, work-study, and loans.

- Grants and scholarships do not have to be paid back.
- Work-Study provides part-time jobs for students
- Student loans are borrowed money that must be paid back

## HOW:

It's easy. Apply on online at: [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov). If you need one-on-one help attend Alaska College Goal Sunday on February 8, 2009, for information on college goal sunday sites visit [alaskacollegegoalsunday.org](http://alaskacollegegoalsunday.org).

## THEN WHAT?

Four to six weeks after submitting the FAFSA you will receive a SAR or Student Aid Report. The SAR details your family's eligibility for aid and your Expected Family Contribution toward your college expenses

## TYPES OF GRANTS:

- Federal Pell Grant
- Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (SEOG).
- Academic Competitiveness Grant (ACG)
- Science Mathematics Access to Retain Talent (SMART)
- Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH)
- AlaskAdvantage Education Grant

*Award amounts for all grants are based on your eligibility and the cost of your school.*

## TIP

**Every college you apply to will also have their own financial aid deadlines.** Make sure you meet them. The FAFSA is a free application and you should not be charged a fee. If a fee is requested chances are you have logged on to the incorrect web address. Try again at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov).

If you think you will not be eligible for grants or work-study, it is still import to fill out a FAFSA to ensure that any loans you apply for are those with the lowest interest rates possible. If you need a loan, research your lender options to find the lowest interest rates and costs. Always choose a federally guaranteed loan over a private loan.

## SCHOLARSHIPS:

Scholarships are usually awarded for academic achievement, talent, skill, community service, leadership, school activities, or your affiliation with a particular club or organization. Scholarships can be awarded by your school or college or by any organization sponsoring the scholarship. Be aware that many online scholarships may try to charge you a fee. There is no need to pay a fee as there are several free searches available. For a free scholarship search try: [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com).

## TYPES OF LOANS:

### > STUDENT

#### FEDERAL

- Perkins - Based on your need (Offered by qualifying school)
- Stafford Subsidized - Based on need. The government pays the interest on this loan while in school.
- Stafford Unsubsidized - Not based on need. Any student can apply.

#### STATE

- AlaskAdvantage Federal Stafford (Subsidized or Unsubsidized). You get a lower costs on your Federal Stafford when you borrow from your Alaska Higher Education Agency.
- Alaska Supplemental Education Loan (ASEL)

#### SPECIALIZED ALASKA STATE LOANS

- Teacher Education Loan (TEL)
- A.W. Winn Brindle - Fisheries Loan
- Michael Murphy - Law Enforcement Loan

### > PARENT AND FAMILY

- Federal - PLUS
- State - Alaska Family Education Loan (FEL)

## ADDITIONAL SOURCES OF AID

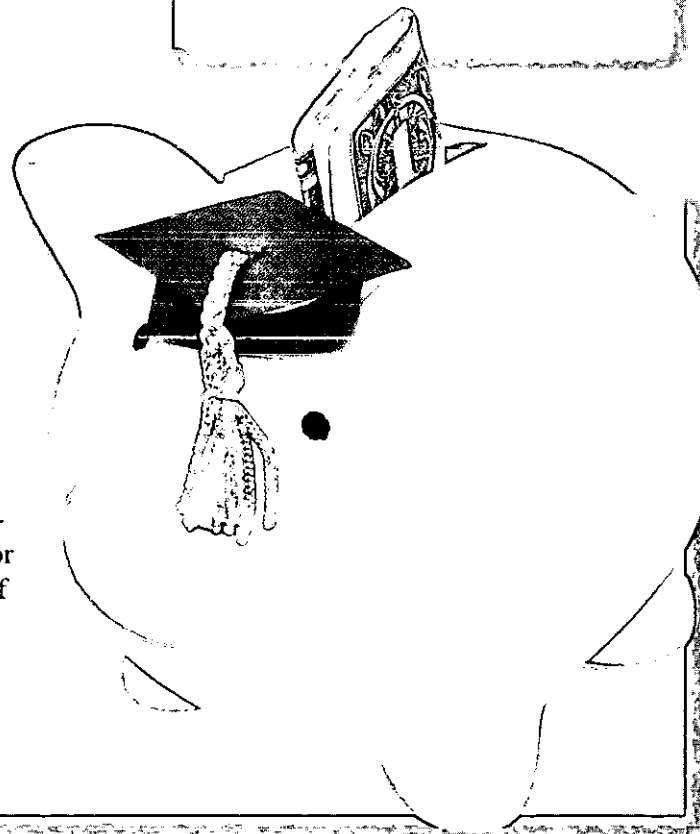
- Personal savings
- Community and corporate grants and scholarships
- Service programs such as AmeriCorps, a domestic Peace Corps
- Employer-sponsored tuition assistance programs

There are also state and federal student assistance opportunities for Military veterans, dependents of veterans who died or became disabled as a result of active duty, and dependents of military service personnel who were officially declared prisoners of war or missing in action. If you think you may be eligible, consult the veterans coordinator or financial aid office at your target institutions for more information.

# HOW TO APPLY?

Complete a FAFSA on  
line at:  
[www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)  
or call  
(800) 4-FED-AID

Contact the Alaska  
Commission on  
Postsecondary  
Education (ACPE) at:  
[AKadvantage.alaska.gov](http://AKadvantage.alaska.gov)  
or  
[AlaskaCollegeGoalSunday.org](http://AlaskaCollegeGoalSunday.org)  
or call  
(800) 441-2962



# ALASKA'S TOP JOBS

(projected through 2014)

## Earnings

SSS- average annual wages between \$37,850 and \$53,700

SSSS- average annual wages greater than \$53,700

Bachelor's Degree and Above	
OCCUPATION	WAGE Quartile
General and Operations Managers	SSSS
Elementary Teachers	SSS
Construction Managers	SSSS
Accountants/Auditors	SSSS
Secondary Teacher	SSS
Chief Executives	SSSS
Financial Managers	SSSS
Airline Pilots, Co-pilots, and Flight Engineers	SSSS
Administrative Services Managers	SSSS

Associate's Degree or Vocational Training	
Registered Nurses	SSSS
Automotive Service Technicians/Mechanics	SSS
Aircraft Mechanics and Service Technicians	SSS

On-The-Job Training	
Carpenters	SSSS
Electricians	SSSS
Plumbers, Pipefitters, and Streamfitters	SSSS
Law Enforcement Officers	SSS

Source: Alaska Department of Labor & Workforce Development, Research and Analysis Section

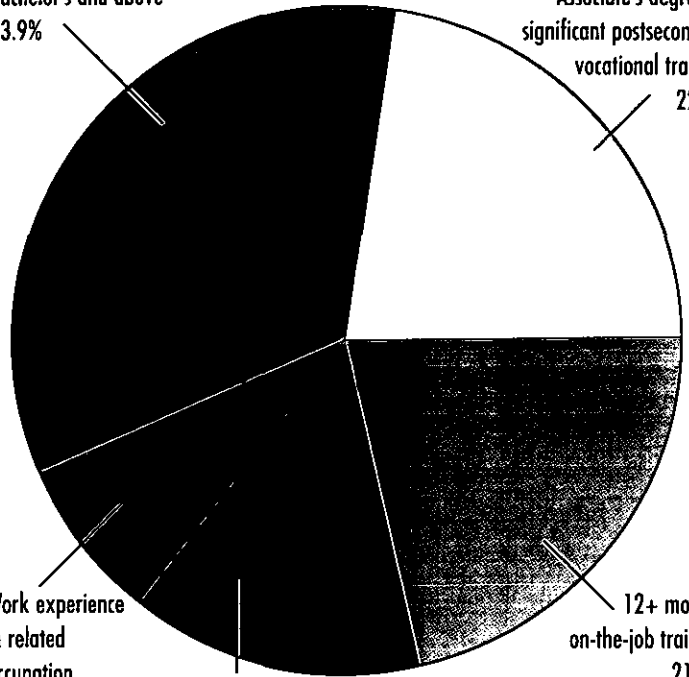
Bachelor's and above  
33.9%

Associate's degree or  
significant postsecondary  
vocational training  
22.5%

Work experience  
in related  
occupation  
7.8%

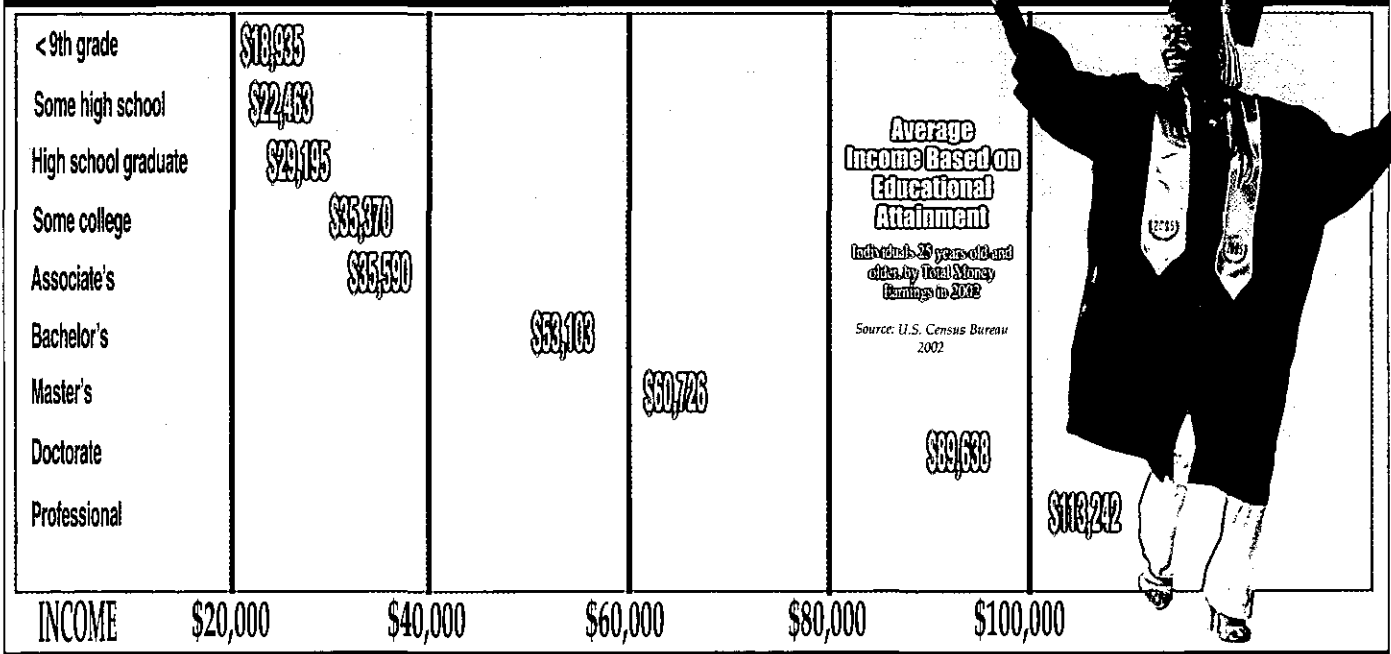
1-12 months  
on-the-job training  
14.2%

12+ months  
on-the-job training  
21.6%

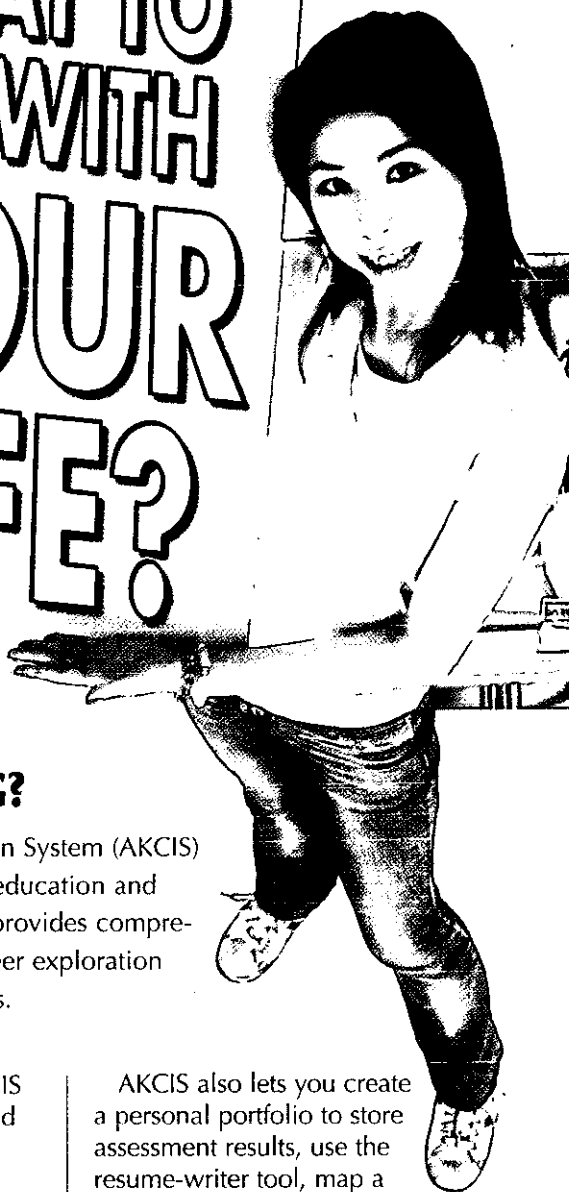


Source: Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development; Research and Analysis Section

## THE POWER OF EDUCATION



# WHAT TO DO WITH YOUR LIFE?



## NEED A LITTLE HELP DECIDING?

The Alaska Career Information System (AKCIS) is an interactive Web-based education and career planning system that provides comprehensive information and career exploration tools specifically for Alaskans.

■ **Aren't sure what your career goals are?** AKCIS contains interest assessments and interactive tools, and searchable descriptions of nearly 500 occupations.

■ **What's the best career fit for your skills and interests?** AKCIS lets you find the perfect match.

■ **Aren't sure what school is the right one for your major field of study?** AKCIS provides custom search options with more than 4,000 accredited two- and four-year colleges, universities, and technical schools, in Alaska and nationwide.

■ **Need a little help on job search skills?** AKCIS provides tools and information to assist you in your job search, including tips on completing application forms, help with creating resumes and cover letters, and tips on practicing for interviews.

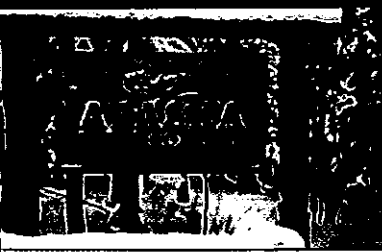
AKCIS also lets you create a personal portfolio to store assessment results, use the resume-writer tool, map a sequenced education/career plan, and save education/career research results.

Check out the "Real Life Interviews" to discover why individuals from a variety of careers chose the fields they did. They'll tell you what they like most and least about their jobs, and offer advice to others who may be thinking of pursuing these careers.

AKCIS is a service to Alaskans made available through a partnership between the Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education, the Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, and the Alaska Department of Education and Early Development.

Ask your school counselor about using AKCIS at school or contact **AlaskAdvantage® Programs at (800) 441-2962** for more information.





# ALASKA BIBLE COLLEGE

P.O. Box 289 | Glennallen, Alaska 99588 | [www.akbible.edu](http://www.akbible.edu)

## IMPORTANT FACTS:

### ACADEMIC YEAR

2008-2009:

- Annual Tuition & Fees: \$6,500
- Per Credit Tuition: \$260
- Annual Room & Board: \$2,630

### FINANCIAL AID:

- Application Deadline: July 1

### OTHER INFORMATION:

- Student Body Size: 30 (avg.)
- Student/Teacher Ratio: 5:1
- On Campus Housing: Yes
- Accreditation: ABHE
- Degrees Offered: BA, AA, Certificate

### FIELDS OF STUDY:

- Biblical Studies



Explore His Word, Follow His Steps. Surrounded by miles of wilderness and just west of the largest National Park in the United States (Wrangell-St. Elias), Alaska Bible College offers a unique location for study. Class sizes are small so there is greater opportunity for more individualized instruction.

Because we are a Bible college, we focus on teaching the Bible and applying it while building relationships in the community. Glennallen is a small community with plenty of opportunity for students to minister in a variety of ways to children, youth, and adults, and become familiar with village ministry. Students often find that life in rural Alaska is a good introduction to the mission field. While our environment is casual, students can expect academic standards as high or higher than other colleges, and ABC welcomes home-schooled students.

After a short time attending ABC, faculty and staff and students become friends and family. Each student is paired with a mentor who they meet with throughout the year. Both new high school graduates and older more experienced students, some with families, attend ABC. This variety of students often leads to life-long friendships that follow students into graduate school, full-time church ministries, missions, and lay ministry.

Admission Office: 1-800-478-7884, (907) 822-3201

Financial Aid: 1-800-478-7884, (907) 822-3201

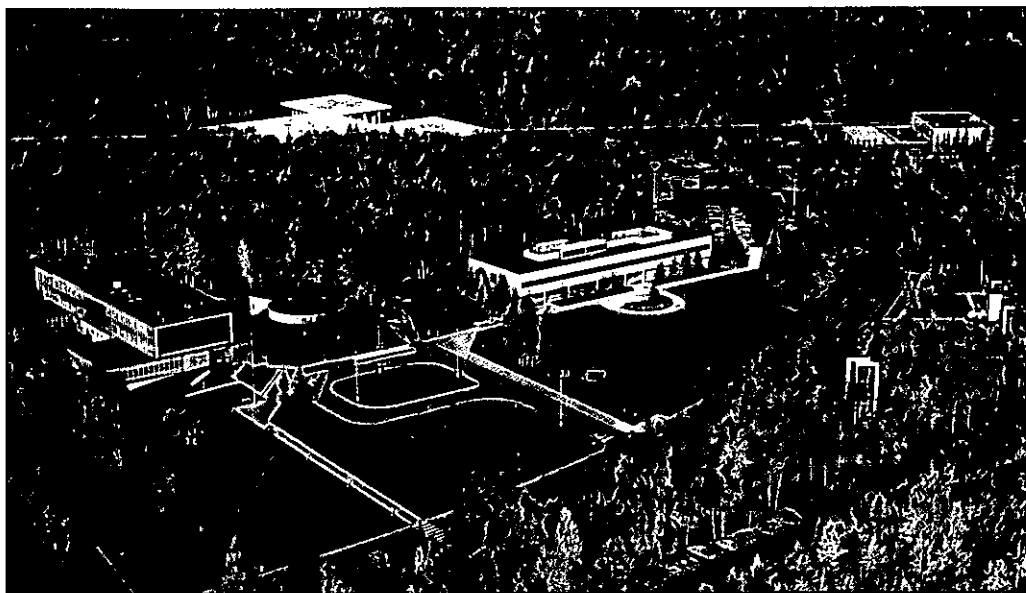
Email Address: [info@akbible.edu](mailto:info@akbible.edu)



ALASKA BIBLE COLLEGE

# ALASKA PACIFIC UNIVERSITY

4101 University Dr. | Anchorage, Alaska 99508 | [www.alaskapacific.edu](http://www.alaskapacific.edu)



Look to Alaska Pacific University for high quality in education and personal attention in every course. U.S. News and World Report magazine ranks APU as the #1 masters-level university in Alaska! APU is also cited by the magazine as a national leader in maintaining small and personal class size.

A special scholarship of up to \$4000 a year for Alaskans, plus other generous financial aid options, makes APU affordable for the qualified student who wants to learn in a smaller classroom setting that emphasizes Active Learning — that is, hands-on, experiential learning.

Alaska Pacific recognizes that many Alaskan students want to experience life outside Alaska as part of their college education. A partnership with five other colleges and universities stretching from Arizona to Maine makes it possible for APU students to attend two semesters — one sophomore year, one junior — at any of these colleges, while retaining APU's Alaska scholarships. Stay inside Alaska; experience college Outside. Discover Active Learning.



## IMPORTANT FACTS:

### ACADEMIC YEAR

2008-2009:

- Annual Tuition & Fees: \$20,900
- Per Credit Tuition: \$872
- Annual Room & Board: \$6,775 (avg)

### FINANCIAL AID:

- Priority Deadline: February 1st

### OTHER INFORMATION:

- Student Body Size: 692
- Student/Teacher Ratio: 11:1
- On Campus Housing: Yes
- Accreditation: NWCCU
- Degrees Offered: AA, BA, BS, MA, MS

### FIELDS OF STUDY:

- Business Administration
- Education K-8
- Counseling Psychology
- Environmental Policy and Planning
- Environmental Studies
- Environmental Science
- Liberal Studies
- Outdoor Studies
- Marine Biology
- RANA (Distance Ed Program)
- Telecommunications Management
- Health Services Administration
- Global Finance

### EXTRACURRICULAR:

- Nordic Ski Team
- Intranural Sports
- Outdoor Programs
- Study Abroad
- Student Government



Admission Office: (907) 564-8248 or 1-800 ALASKA-U  
Admission Office Hours: Mon - Fri 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Financial Aid: (907) 564-8342 Hours: Mon - Fri 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Email Address: [admissions@alaskapacific.edu](mailto:admissions@alaskapacific.edu)



ALASKA PACIFIC UNIVERSITY



# ALASKA VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL CENTER (AVTEC)

P.O. Box 889 | Seward, Alaska 99664 | [www.avtec.edu](http://www.avtec.edu)

## IMPORTANT FACTS:

### ACADEMIC YEAR

2008-2009:

- Annual Tuition & Fees: Program Based
- Per Credit Tuition: Varies
- Annual Room & Board: 6 wks or less \$37 per day  
Over 6 wks \$26 per day

### FINANCIAL AID:

- Application Deadline: Year round

### OTHER INFORMATION:

- Student Body Size: 1508
- Student/Teacher Ratio: 15:1
- On Campus Housing: Yes
- Accreditation: CCOE
- Degrees Offered: Certificates

### FIELDS OF STUDY:

- Automotive Technology
- Business & Office Technology
- Professional Cooking and Baking
- Diesel & Heavy Equipment Technology
- Facility Maintenance Construction
- Facility Maintenance Mechanical
- Industrial Electricity
- Information Technology
- Web Development Technology
- Master Mate 200 Ton
- Power Plant Operation
- USCG Approved Licensing classes
- Welding Technology/Pipe Welding

### ANCHORAGE PROGRAMS

- Certified Nurse Assistant
- Licensed Practical Nurse

### EXTRACURRICULAR:

- Outdoor sports of all kinds
- Rec Center
- Gymnasium
- Weight Room
- Racquetball
- Sauna
- Billiards
- Ping-Pong Tables
- Ceramics Classes
- Access to Indoor Pool



**A**VTEC has been training Alaskans for good jobs and rewarding careers in business and industry for over 30 years. AVTEC is a

component of the Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development and responds to the needs of Alaska with industry approved certifications and/or licenses. Placing 93% of its graduates in jobs, AVTEC works with more than 200 business partners around the state. Every AVTEC training program offers small classes with hands-on instruction, close faculty supervision, and the use of the latest technology. Students come from across Alaska, and AVTEC is proud to have trained more women and minorities than any other vocational school in Alaska. AVTEC is a friendly and caring school, dedicated to helping all students achieve the highest level of technical knowledge and workplace skills.

ALASKA VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL CENTER



Admission Office: (907) 224-3322 or 1-800-478-5389

In Anchorage (907) 334-2230

Admission Office Hours: Mon. - Fri. 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

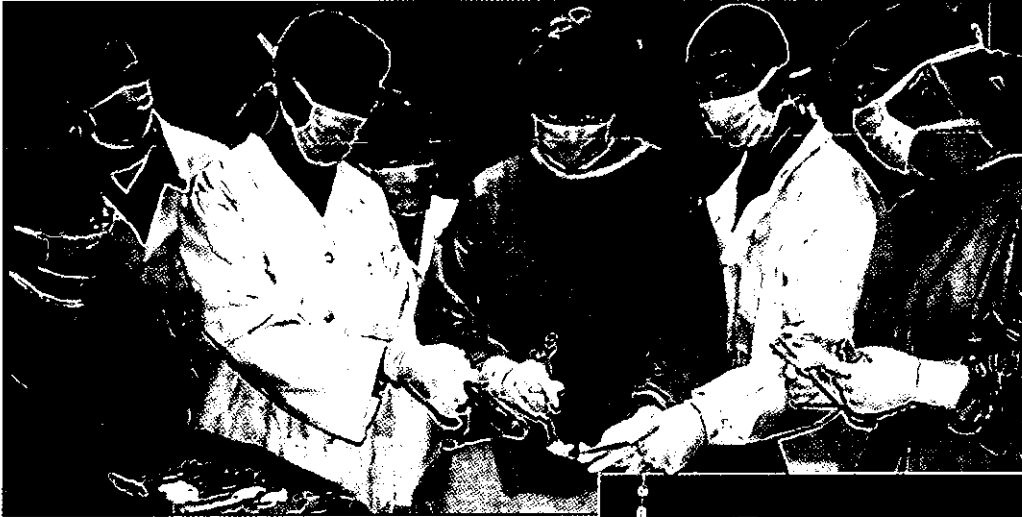
Financial Aid: (907) 224-4150 Hours: Mon. - Fri. 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Email Address: [avtec\\_admissions@alaska.gov](mailto:avtec_admissions@alaska.gov)

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# CAREER ACADEMY

1415 E. Tudor Rd. | Anchorage, Alaska 99507 | [www.careeracademy.edu](http://www.careeracademy.edu)



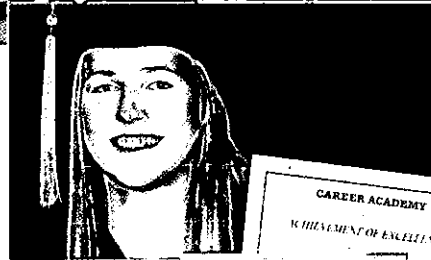
Career Academy was founded in 1985 by Jennifer and Don Deitz as the Travel Academy, to meet the demand for skilled employees prepared to work in Alaska's growing tourism and aviation industries. In 1987 Career Academy became accredited by the Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges of Technology (ACCSC). Since 1985 Career Academy has expanded to include the industries of health care, business and computer technology.

As a private career institution, Career Academy offers the highest standard of hands-on education that is responsive to both employer needs and market demands.

Empowering students for the global workforce, Career Academy offers professional day, evening and weekend programs including: Medical Assisting, Phlebotomy Technician, Therapeutic Massage, Insurance Coding & Billing, Business & Computer Technology and Aircraft Dispatching.

Career Academy is a crossroads for a wide spectrum of people of all ages, especially those with goals to meet the challenges of today's and tomorrow's job market. Curriculum is tailored for community need and interests, the length of programs varies, but average 4 to 13 months. Average classroom size is 15 to 30 students with a 15 to 1 student to instructor ratio in allied health, therapeutic massage, and computer laboratory classes. Each graduate from Career Academy is assisted with nationwide job placement assistance, armed with a professional resume and career portfolio. Career Academy's 20th anniversary celebration with service to students, employers and the community began with a massive campus-wide expansion and the grand opening of the Therapeutic Massage Specialist program with a student clinic where the focus is on physical and rehabilitation medicine.

*Career Education for a Global Workforce.*



## IMPORTANT FACTS:

### ACADEMIC YEAR

2008-2009:

- Annual Tuition & Fees: Program Based
- Per Credit Tuition: Varies
- Annual Room & Board: n/a

### FINANCIAL AID:

- Application Deadline: Continuous

### OTHER INFORMATION:

- Student Body Size: 650
- Student Teacher Ratio: 15:1
- On Campus Housing: No
- Share-a-Ride Programs
- Accreditation: ACCSC
- Degrees Offered: Diploma, Certificates, NCCT, FAAAC, NCTMB, NCMA, NCPT, NCICS, TABE, FAA - Airman's Certificate
- America Massage Therapy Association Member
- Free Tutoring
- Student Services

### FIELDS OF STUDY:

- Aircraft Dispatch
- Medical Assistant
- Phlebotomy Technician
- Coding & Billing
- Business Office & Computer Technology
- Therapeutic Massage
- Career Marketing-Professional Development

### EXTRACURRICULAR:

- Alpha Beta Kappa Honor Society
- Career Academy Alumni Association
- Student Government & Council
- Summer Picnic & Activities
- Award Ceremonies
- Business Networking Opportunities
- Career Marketing & Placement Local & Nationwide



Admission Office: 1-800-770-7575 (907) 563-7575 Hours: Mon - Fri 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Admissions Email Address: [lisa@careeracademy.edu](mailto:lisa@careeracademy.edu)

Financial Aid: (907) 563-7575 Hours: Mon - Fri 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.



CAREER ACADEMY

# CHARTER COLLEGE

2221 E. Northern Lights Suite 120 | Anchorage, Alaska 99508 | [www.chartercollege.edu](http://www.chartercollege.edu)

## IMPORTANT FACTS:

### ACADEMIC YEAR

2008-2009:

- Tuition: *Program Based*

### FINANCIAL AID:

- Application Deadline: *Continuous*

### OTHER INFORMATION:

- Student Body Size: 841
- Student Body Ratio: 11:1
- On Campus Housing: No
- Accreditation: ACICS
- Degrees Offered: BS, AAS, Certificate

### FIELDS OF STUDY:

#### ■ BS:

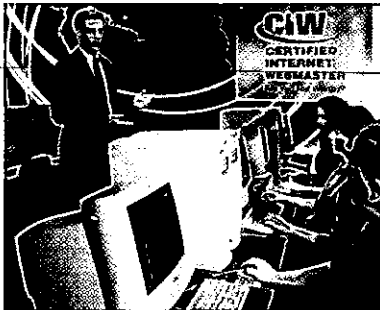
- Information Tech Engineering
- Business Management Technology

#### ■ AAS:

- Business Management Practice
- Network Security
- Business Applications
- Networking Technology
- Technical Graphics
- Computerized Accounting
- Medical Coding & Billing
- Certificates:
- Computer Aided Drafting
- Computerized Accounting
- Medical Coding & Billing
- Office Administration

### EXTRACURRICULAR:

- Pizzafest
- Summer picnic
- Christmas party
- Brown bag luncheon series
- Honors Program
- Student Support Committee
- Student Chapter of Association of Information Technology Professionals (AITP)



Charter College is a private institution established to offer an alternative choice for both young and mature people who are seeking an efficient means to enhance their social and economic condition. It is a present and future oriented college committed to the value and utility of state-of-the-art information technology.

Charter offers only those programs for which there are excellent career opportunities in Alaska and throughout urban America. Charter's fast-track calendar, consisting of five ten-week quarters annually, permits students to complete a bachelor's degree in two and one-half years, and an associate's degree in fifteen months. Charter offers both day and evening schedules. It has structured its facilities into thirteen classrooms. Four are used for lecture and manual accounting, eight for instruction using micro-computers, and one as a digital electronics laboratory. The College has a total of 190 new Dell Optiplex Pentium 4 computers. In addition, Charter purchases more than 200 Pentium or equivalent computers annually, one for each student enrolled in the computer hardware courses. After meeting certain requirements, students will own and take home their respective computers.

For more information, call: (907) 277-1000 or 1-800-279-1008

Hours: Mon - Thurs, 8:00 a.m. - 7:30 p.m., Fri 8:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

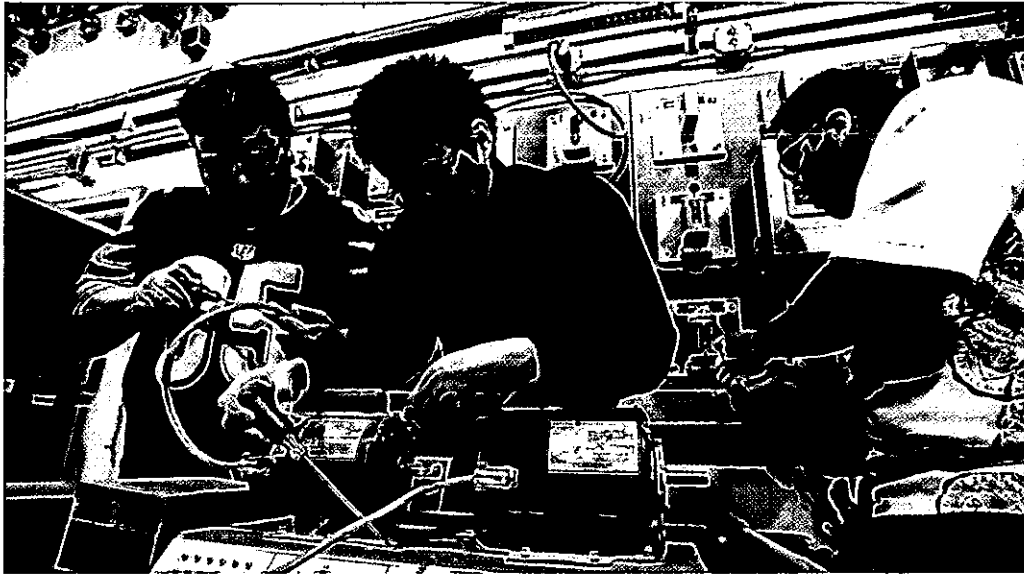
Email: [contact@chartercollege.edu](mailto:contact@chartercollege.edu)

CHARTER COLLEGE



# ILISAGVIK COLLEGE

P.O. Box 749 | Barrow, Alaska 99723 | [www.ilisagvik.cc](http://www.ilisagvik.cc)



Located within the heart of Alaska's beautiful North Slope, Ilisagvik College is a center for both scientific research and industrial training. As Alaska's only tribal college, and one of only 35 tribal colleges nationwide, Ilisagvik is dedicated to offering Native Alaskans the training and education they need to successfully enter the workforce of the twenty-first century as true professionals. Grounded within the Iñupiaq culture and featuring a highly popular Iñupiaq Studies program, Ilisagvik's spirit is best captured in its motto: Honor Your Past; Train for Your Future.



Whether it's working on the job with health care specialists, in the field with scientists, or driving a Vac Truck in Prudhoe Bay, an Ilisagvik education is designed to prepare students for career success in numerous fields. Accredited by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities, Ilisagvik offers vocational certificates, endorsements and two-year associates degrees as well as the short-term NSTC training required for all jobs within the North Slope oil complex. For students considering higher degrees, Ilisagvik credits are fully transferable. National studies show that Native students who start their careers at tribal colleges are four times more likely to succeed in obtaining advanced degrees.



**Admission Office:** 1-800-478-7337 ext. 1788 or 907-852-1788 or 907-852-1703

**Hours:** Mon - Fri 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

**Financial Aid:** 1-800-478-7337 ext. 1708 or 907-852-1708

**Hours:** Mon - Fri 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

**Email Address:** [admissions@ilisagvik.cc](mailto:admissions@ilisagvik.cc)

## IMPORTANT FACTS:

### ACADEMIC YEAR

2008-2009:

- Annual Tuition & Fees:  
NSB Resident: \$1,440 &  
Non-Resident: \$2,880
- Per Credit Tuition: NSB  
Resident: \$60 & Non-  
Resident: \$120
- Annual Room & Board:  
\$9,918

### FINANCIAL AID:

- Application Deadline:  
Continuous

### OTHER INFORMATION:

- Student Body Size: 555
- Student/Teacher Ratio: 8:1
- On Campus Housing: Yes
- Accreditation: NWCCU
- Degrees Offered:  
Endorsement, Certificate,  
AA, AAS

### FIELDS OF STUDY:

- Accounting
- Academic Transfer AA
- Associated Construction  
Trades
- Allied Health
- Business Management
- CDL/Heavy Truck
- Electrical Trades
- Carpentry
- Industrial Safety/NSTC
- Information Technology
- Iñupiaq Studies
- Microsoft Certification
- Office Administration
- Public Administration
- Plumbing
- Scaffolding & Pipefitting
- Teacher Preparation
- Science Technology
- Summer Camps

### EXTRACURRICULAR:

- Basketball
- Internships
- Student Government
- Cultural Events and  
Activities
- Native Foods Potlucks
- Beach Bonfires
- Lunch & Learn
- Ping Pong
- Foosball
- Game Nights
- Radio
- Weight Room

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# UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA ANCHORAGE

PO Box 141629 | Anchorage, Alaska 99514-1629 | [www.uaa.alaska.edu](http://www.uaa.alaska.edu)

## IMPORTANT FACTS:

### ACADEMIC YEAR

2008-2009:

- Annual Tuition & Fees  
(Average for full-time students, based on 30 credits per year)  
Resident: \$4,660
- Per Credit Tuition  
Resident  
(100-200-level): \$134
- Annual Room and Board  
Resident and Non-resident:  
\$8,294

### FINANCIAL AID:

- Application Priority:  
Deadlines Vary

### OTHER INFORMATION:

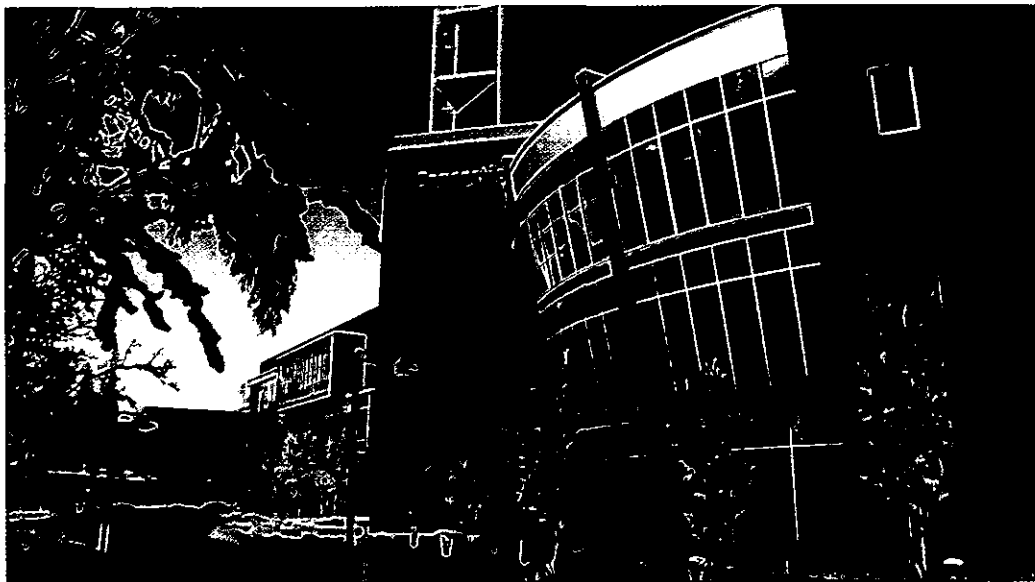
- Student Body Size: 19,674
- Student/Teacher Ratio: 16:1
- On-campus Housing: Yes
- Accreditation: NWCCU
- Degrees Offered: Certificate, Associate's, Bachelor's, Master's, Doctorate and Graduate Certificate

### FIELDS OF STUDY:

- Liberal Arts
- Sciences
- Business
- Education
- Engineering
- Human Services
- Health Sciences
- Global Logistics
- Nursing

### EXTRACURRICULAR:

- Division I Ice Hockey (M),  
Gymnastics (W)
- Division II Basketball  
(M&W), Cross Country  
Running (M&W), Skiing  
(M&W), Volleyball (W),  
Track & Field (M&W)
- Over 110 clubs and organizations including five fraternities and sororities
- Student exchange and study abroad programs
- Air Force ROTC



Located in the heart of Alaska's largest city is the University of Alaska Anchorage, the state's largest postsecondary institution. The campus is nestled in the middle of a greenbelt, surrounded by ponds, lakes and wildlife, and connected to a citywide trail system perfect for students' active lifestyles.

UAA offers many career pathway programs featuring associate's, baccalaureate and master's degrees, as well as vocational and professional certificates in more than 150 major study areas, including: arts, sciences, business, education, human services and health sciences. Through UAA's comprehensive curriculum, students learn practical job skills and develop a strong educational foundation that prepares them for graduate or professional schools and the workplace.

UAA has a Greek system that enhances the campus environment, enriches students' lives, encourages scholastic achievement and is a positive force in the community. In addition, the university offers more than 110 clubs and organizations in which students can become involved. UAA also hosts the annual Carrs/Safeway Great Alaska Shootout, featuring some of the best men's and women's basketball teams in the nation.

UAA is large enough to offer many choices, yet small enough to recognize students as individuals, not numbers. The university is connected to Alaska's unique culture and dedicated to student success - UAA is the place for you!



Enrollment Services: (907) 786-1480 Email Address: [enroll@uaa.alaska.edu](mailto:enroll@uaa.alaska.edu)

Hours: Mon - Thurs 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m., Fri 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Financial Aid: (907) 786-1586 Email Address: [financialaid@uaa.alaska.edu](mailto:financialaid@uaa.alaska.edu)

Hours: Mon - Thurs 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m., Fri 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

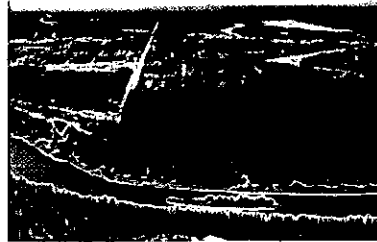
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# KENAI PENINSULA COLLEGE

Kenai River Campus | 156 College Road (NEW) | Soldotna, Alaska 99669 | [www.kpc.alaska.edu](http://www.kpc.alaska.edu)  
 Kachemak Bay Campus | 533 E. Pioneer Ave. | Homer, Alaska 99603 | [www.homer.alaska.edu](http://www.homer.alaska.edu)



With an enrollment of almost 2,000 students each semester and highly qualified faculty, KPC prides itself on small class size and personalized attention for all students. There are no "typical" students at KPC. All ages, educational backgrounds and ethnicities are represented. The Kenai Peninsula College (KPC) system, a unit of the University of Alaska Anchorage, has locations throughout the Peninsula and in Anchorage. KPC is comprised of: Kenai River Campus in Soldotna; Kachemak Bay Campus in Homer; Mining and Petroleum Training Service (MAPTS) in Soldotna and Anchorage; Resurrection Bay Extension Site in Seward; and, the Anchorage Extension Site at the University Center.



KPC offers two-year Associate of Arts and Associate of Applied Science degrees, as well as courses leading to vocational certificates. KPC also offers University of Alaska Anchorage baccalaureate degrees in Liberal Studies, Elementary Education, Psychology and Fine Arts. Other four-year degree programs are available at KPC via distance delivery through other University of Alaska campuses. The college is greatly increasing its distance course offerings with 40 online classes this fall and more projected for Spring 2009. MAPTS offers non-credit courses in oil, gas, safety and mining, throughout the state of Alaska and is the largest such training provider in North America.



**Kenai Peninsula College**  
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Kenai River Campus: (907)262-0330 | toll free (877)262-0330 |  
 Financial Aid: (907)262-0332 | E-mail: [iyinfo@uaa.alaska.edu](mailto:iyinfo@uaa.alaska.edu)  
 Kachemak Bay Campus: (907)235-7743 | E-mail: [iykbc1@uaa.alaska.edu](mailto:iykbc1@uaa.alaska.edu)  
 Anchorage Extension: (907) 786-6413 | Resurrection Bay Extension: (907) 224-2285

## IMPORTANT FACTS:

### ACADEMIC YEAR

2008-2009:

- Annual Tuition & Fees:  
*(Average for full-time students taking 100 & 200-level coursework, based on 30 credits per year)*  
 Resident: \$4,220
- Per Credit Tuition:  
 Resident (100-200-level): \$134

### FINANCIAL AID:

- Application Deadline:  
 Continuous

### OTHER INFORMATION:

- Student Body Size: 2,000
- Student/Teacher Ratio: 13:1
- Student Health Clinic at Kenai River Campus
- Café at Kenai River Campus
- On Campus Housing: No
- Accreditation: NWCCU
- Degrees Offered: Certificate, Associate's, and Bachelor's

### FIELDS OF STUDY:

- UAA Bachelor degrees:  
 Anthropology, Art, Business Administration, Elementary Education, Psychology, Liberal Studies
- Associate of Arts
- Associate of Applied Science
  - Accounting
  - Computer Electronics
  - Computer Information and Office Systems
  - Digital Art
  - Early Childhood Development
  - General Business
  - Human Services
  - Industrial Process Instrumentation
  - Nursing
  - Occupational Safety and Health (Anch. Site Only)
  - Paramedical Technology
  - Process Technology
- Certificate
  - Computer Information and Office Systems
  - Mechanical Technology
  - Petroleum Technology
  - Small Business Technology
  - Welding Technology

### EXTRACURRICULAR:

- Student Government
- Phi Theta Kappa
- Student Clubs: Media Group, Psychology Club
- Art Students' League Association
- Multicultural Consortium
- Kenai Fishing Academy
- Kachemak Bay Writers' Conference
- Kenai River Guide Academy

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# KODIAK COLLEGE

117 Benny Benson Drive | Kodiak, Alaska 99615 | [www.koc.alaska.edu](http://www.koc.alaska.edu)

## IMPORTANT FACTS:

### ACADEMIC YEAR

2008-2009:

- Annual Tuition & Fees:  
(Average for full-time students taking 100 & 200-level coursework, based on 30 credits per year)  
Resident: \$3,730
- Per Credit Tuition:  
Resident (100-200-level): \$118

### FINANCIAL AID:

- Priority Deadline: April 15
- Application Deadline: Continuous

### OTHER INFORMATION:

- Student body size: 968
- Student-to-Teacher Ratio: 15:1
- On Campus Housing: No
- Accreditation: Northwest Commission of Colleges and Universities
- Degrees offered: Associate of Arts, Associate of Applied Science, Certificates, Occupational Endorsements
- Free tutorial assistance available from The Learning Center (TLC) and Adult Basic Education (ABE)
- College readiness courses
- Weekly college success workshops and presentations

### FIELDS OF STUDY:

- AA, General Program (general transfer degree)
- AAS, Accounting
- AAS, Business
- AAS and Occupational Endorsements, Computer Information and Office Systems (CIOS)
- AAS, Computer Systems Technology
- AAS, Technology (specializations in welding, construction, and occupational safety)
- AAS, Nursing - Through UAA
- BA, Elementary Education

### EXTRACURRICULAR:

- Access to local opportunities in fishing, hunting, kayaking, hiking, boating, distance running, bicycling, birding, snowboarding, cross-country skiing, theater and visual arts, plus two indoor Olympic-sized swimming pools



Kodiak College invites you to explore an exciting array of educational options, from transfer degrees to technical training and personal enrichment courses. Kodiak College is a public, two-year campus of the University of Alaska Anchorage, situated in the Gulf of Alaska on the second largest island in the United States. Our unique coastal environment and culturally diverse community offer a wide variety of opportunities both in and out of the classroom.

Located in the spruce forest about one and a half miles from downtown Kodiak, the College boasts state-of-the-art learning labs and computer facilities, friendly technical support, and a comprehensive library. Curriculum is designed to meet industry standards and highly trained faculty understand the rapidly changing needs of today's job market. Small class size coupled with outstanding academic advising and career counseling ensures that students receive the level of personal attention they need to excel. Six associate degrees as well as certificate and occupational endorsement programs introduce students to a variety of ideas and disciplines, whether the goal is to transfer to a four year college, to be a welder, an accountant, or a computer technician. Courses at Kodiak College provide knowledge, skills, and ethics for entry-level professional careers in high demand areas or for continuing education for the goal of pursuing higher degrees. The faculty and staff at Kodiak College look forward to welcoming you to our island learning community.



*"Classes are interactive, interesting, fun. My instructors are very enthusiastic."*  
—Kodiak College Student

**Admission Office:** Phone: (907) 486-1235 Fax: (907) 486-1264 **Hours:** Mon - Fri, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

**Email Address:** [studentservices@kodiak.alaska.edu](mailto:studentservices@kodiak.alaska.edu)

**Financial Aid:** (907) 786-1586 Fax: (907) 786-6122 **Hours:** Mon - Fri, 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

**Email Address:** [financial.aid@uaa.alaska.edu](mailto:financial.aid@uaa.alaska.edu)

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# MATANUSKA-SUSITNA COLLEGE

P.O. Box 2889 | Mile 2 Trunk Road | Palmer, Alaska 99645 | [www.matsu.alaska.edu](http://www.matsu.alaska.edu)



Matanuska-Susitna College (MSC) is a community campus of the University of Alaska Anchorage (UAA) located on a 950 acre site on Trunk Road between Palmer and Wasilla. The Mat-Su Valley is a beautiful area of rivers and mountains and is the fastest growing area of the state.

MSC serves approximately 1500 students per semester with approximately 90 degrees and certificates awarded each year. Its modern 102,676 square foot facility houses a public library, computer labs, student advising center, learning resource center, testing center, science and technology labs, general classrooms, campus store, an art gallery, and a cafeteria/snack bar.

MSC offers a general program leading to the Associate of Arts and offers Associate of Applied Science degrees in Accounting, Architectural & Engineering Technology, Fire & Emergency Services Technology, Computer Information & Office Systems, Computer Systems Technology, Human Services, Refrigeration & Heating Technology (the only such AAS program in Alaska), and Small Business Administration. Occupational certificates are available in the same disciplines. Many students enrolled in baccalaureate degree programs at UAA are able to take much of their coursework on the Mat-Su campus. Non-credit Work Force training and personal enrichment courses, continuing education courses, and selected upper division courses are also offered as demand warrants. MSC offers professional development courses and provides selected college level classes to area high school students through the Tech Prep agreement with the Matanuska-Susitna Borough School District.



**Student Services:** (907) 745-9746, **Email Address:** [info@matsu.alaska.edu](mailto:info@matsu.alaska.edu)  
**Hours:** Mon-Thurs, 8:00 a.m. - 7:30 p.m., Fri 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
**Financial Aid:** (907) 745-9719, **Email Address:** [financial.aid@matsu.alaska.edu](mailto:financial.aid@matsu.alaska.edu)  
**Hours:** Mon-Thurs, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Fri 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
**INFO sessions:** (907) 745-9762 **Email Address:** [rkrupa@matsu.alaska.edu](mailto:rkrupa@matsu.alaska.edu)

## IMPORTANT FACTS:

### ACADEMIC YEAR

2008-2009:

- Annual Tuition & Fees:  
(Average for full-time students taking 100 & 200-level coursework, based on 30 credits per year)  
Resident: \$4,220
- Per Credit Tuition:  
Resident  
(100-200-level): \$134

### FINANCIAL AID:

- Application Deadline:  
April 15
- Scholarship Deadlines:  
Feb. 15 and May 30

### OTHER INFORMATION:

- Student Body Size: 1,378
- Student/Teacher Ratio: 14:1
- On Campus Housing: No
- Accreditation: NWCCU
- Degrees Offered: Certificates, Associates

### FIELDS OF STUDY:

- Accounting
- Architectural & Engineering Technology
- Computer Information & Office Systems
- Computer Systems Technology
- Fire & Emergency Services Technology
- Human Services
- Refrigeration & Heating Technology
- Small Business Administration
- Liberal Arts

### EXTRACURRICULAR:

- Student Government Council
- Math Club
- Art Club
- Photo Club
- Student Newspaper



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# UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA FAIRBANKS

P.O. Box 757480 | Fairbanks, Alaska 99775 | [www.uaf.edu](http://www.uaf.edu)

## IMPORTANT FACTS:

### ACADEMIC YEAR

2008-2009:

- Annual Tuition & Fees:  
(Average for full-time students, based on 30 credits per year)  
Resident: \$5,058
- Per Credit Tuition:  
Resident  
(100-200-level): \$134
- Annual Room & Board: \$6,030

### FINANCIAL AID:

- Priority & Institutional Scholarships Deadline: Feb. 15; Other Deadlines Vary

### OTHER INFORMATION:

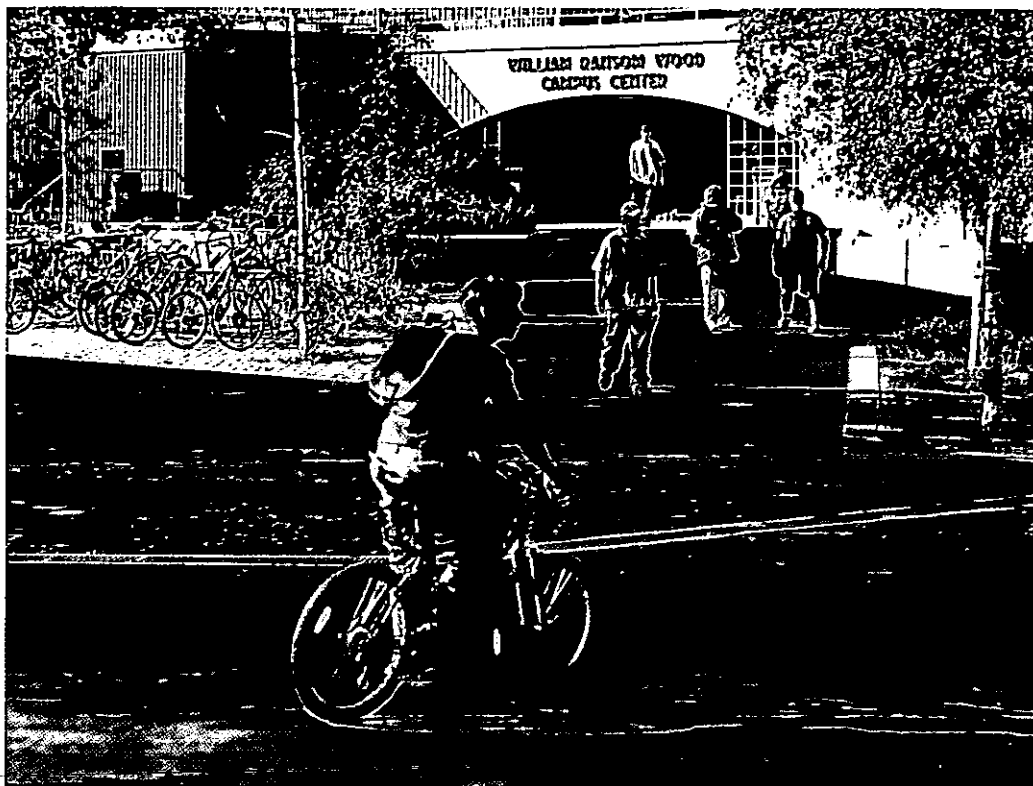
- Student Body Size: 9,687
- Student/Teacher Ratio: 10:1
- On-campus Housing: Yes
- Accreditation: NWCCU
- Degrees Offered: Certificate, Associate, Bachelor's, Master's, Doctoral

### FIELDS OF STUDY:

- Education
- Engineering & Mines
- Fisheries & Ocean Sciences
- Liberal Arts
- Management
- Natural Resources & Agricultural Sciences
- Natural Science & Mathematics
- Rural & Community Development

### EXTRACURRICULAR:

- Div. I: Men's Ice Hockey
- Div. II: Men's & Women's Basketball, Women's Swimming, Women's Volleyball
- Open: Cross Country Running, Cross Country Skiing, Rifle
- More than 100 Clubs & Organizations
- Exchange Programs
- ROTC
- Fraternity, Sorority
- Outdoor Adventures
- Leadership Program



Choose UAF and you begin a college career that can lead you in any professional direction. UAF graduates become firefighters, bankers and anthropologists; they start their own businesses, work for large corporations and make public policy. Alumni work all over Alaska, the United States and the world. UAF's 9,687 students represent many ethnic, religious and language groups and come from a variety of cultures.

Nearly 600 full-time faculty teach most classes, even introductory-level courses. It's a hot spot for scientific research and is the only university in Alaska to offer doctoral degrees. It also has primary responsibility for Alaska Native education and study and provides a wide range of humanities programs. UAF offers more than 160 degrees and 28 certificates in 120 disciplines ranging from agriculture and engineering to liberal arts and construction trades.

When you graduate with a degree from UAF, the world is yours to discover. Whether you continue to explore the 360-million-acre classroom that is Alaska or take your education and skills somewhere else, you'll be ready to succeed.



Admissions: (907) 474-7500 or (800) 478-1823 Hours: Mon. - Fri. 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Financial Aid: (907) 474-7256 or (888) 474-7256 Hours: Mon. - Fri. 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Admissions e-mail: [admissions@uaf.edu](mailto:admissions@uaf.edu)

# BRISTOL BAY CAMPUS

P.O. Box 1070 | Dillingham, Alaska 99576 | [www.uaf.edu/bbc/](http://www.uaf.edu/bbc/)



The University of Alaska Fairbanks Bristol Bay Campus helps students discover and achieve their dreams, from earning a certificate or degree to just taking a class that enhances the job skills they already have. BBC is the region's educational hub, and serves more than 32 rural communities in Southwest Alaska. Students can attend class at the main campus in Dillingham, the two learning centers in King Salmon and Togiak, or by distance-delivery from anywhere in Alaska.

With classes ranging from information technology to renewable resources, and elementary education to rural development, students have a wide range of choices to help them find the career that's right for them. And because so many classes are offered in the evenings, students who work part time or even full time can still get the education they want, with a schedule they need.

Getting a good education doesn't have to mean leaving home. Students can live in their own communities and earn college credit. BBC lets you stay and save in Bristol Bay!

General information: (800) 478-5109

Hours: (Sept. 3 – May 4) Mon. – Thu. 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m., Fri. 8:00 a.m. – 6 p.m.;  
(May 5 – Sept. 2) Mon. – Fri. 8:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Admissions e-mail address: [bbcinfo@uaf.edu](mailto:bbcinfo@uaf.edu)

## IMPORTANT FACTS:

### ACADEMIC YEAR

2008-2009:

- Annual Tuition & Fees:  
(Average for full-time students taking 100 & 200-level coursework, based on 30 credits per year)  
Resident: \$4,220
- Per-Credit Tuition:  
Resident (100–200-level): \$134

### FINANCIAL AID:

- Priority & Institutional Scholarships Deadline: Feb. 15; Other Deadlines Vary

### OTHER INFORMATION:

- Student Body Size: 676
- Student/Teacher Ratio: 9:1
- On-campus Housing: No
- Accreditation: NWCCU
- Degrees Offered: Certificate, Associate, Bachelor's, Master's

### FIELDS OF STUDY:

- Business & Continuing Education
- Elementary Education
- Environmental Science
- Human Services
- Rural Development
- Social Work

### LEARNING CENTERS:

- King Salmon  
(907) 246-4292
- Togiak  
(907) 493-5938



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# CHUKCHI CAMPUS

P.O. Box 297 | Kotzebue, Alaska 99752 | [www.chukchi.alaska.edu](http://www.chukchi.alaska.edu)

## IMPORTANT FACTS:

### ACADEMIC YEAR

2008-2009:

- Annual Tuition & Fees:  
(Average for full-time students taking 100 & 200-level coursework, based on 30 credits per year)  
Resident: \$4,220
- Per-Credit Tuition:  
Resident (100-200-level): \$134
- Monthly room & board: \$1,000
- Monthly room only: \$400

### FINANCIAL AID:

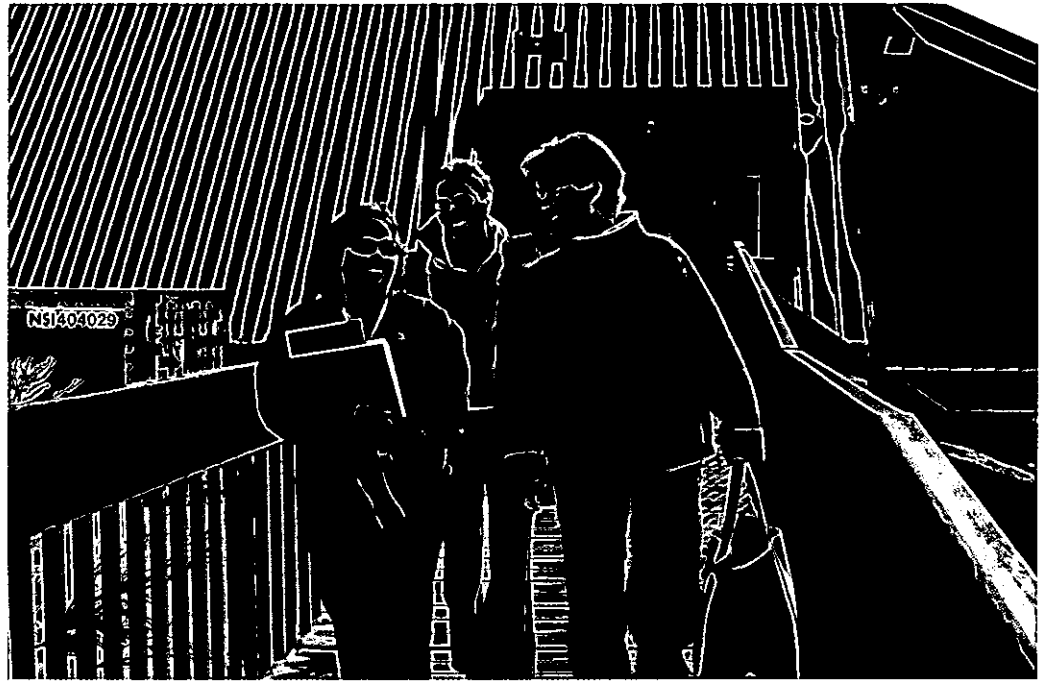
- Priority & Institutional Scholarships Deadline: Feb. 15; Other Deadlines Vary

### OTHER INFORMATION:

- Student Body Size: 206
- Student/Teacher Ratio: 7:1
- On-campus Housing: Yes
- Accreditation: NWCCU
- Degrees Offered: Certificate, Associate, Bachelor's, Master's

### FIELDS OF STUDY:

- Allied Health
- Business & Continuing Education
- Construction Trades
- Education
- Human Services
- Native Language Education
- Rural Development
- Social Services
- Veterinary Science



Thanks to state-of-the-art technology, students who are dedicated to their communities can pursue one of the many certificates or associate and baccalaureate degrees available through the University of Alaska Fairbanks Chukchi Campus. CC is specifically equipped and prepared to serve residents of the Northwest Arctic who aspire to a career in the region and want to earn a degree or certificate without having to leave home.

CC houses a student advisor, registrar, business office, Internet trainer and a library. NANA resource technicians are located in each of our regional villages and are well prepared to assist students with registration, financial aid, accessing tutor services and other support services. Taking college prep courses and earning your degree from home is affordable and fully supported.

Achieve your educational goals at Chukchi Campus!



General information: (907) 442-3400 or (800) 478-3402

Hours: Mon. - Fri. 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Student Services e-mail address: [znmln@uaf.edu](mailto:znmln@uaf.edu)



# INTERIOR-ALEUTIANS CAMPUS

P.O. Box 756720 | Fairbanks, Alaska 99775 | [www.uaf.edu/iac/](http://www.uaf.edu/iac/)



The Interior-Aleutians Campus of the University of Alaska Fairbanks serves an area of Interior Alaska the size of France and an additional 13,000 square miles along the Aleutian chain. I-AC mainly serves an Alaska Native population that is culturally and linguistically diverse. Nine of the 11 Athabascan language groups and two distinct Aleut dialects are spoken within our service area.

I-AC integrates lifelong educational opportunities with rural Alaska and Alaska Native communities, cultures and ways of life. I-AC brings the university to people who cannot attend classes in Fairbanks, focusing on the specific needs of the communities it serves. Six rural centers serve about a dozen satellite communities with a mix of on-site classroom and long-distance audioconference, telecourse and correspondence courses.

Getting an education shouldn't have to mean leaving home. From helping rural high school students prepare for college to offering associate and bachelor's degrees, I-AC is committed to students' success, wherever they are and wherever their dreams may lead them.

## IMPORTANT FACTS:

### ACADEMIC YEAR

2008-2009:

- Annual Tuition & Fees:  
(Average for full-time students taking 100 & 200-level coursework, based on 30 credits per year)  
Resident: \$4,220
- Per-Credit Tuition:  
Resident (100-200-level): \$134

### FINANCIAL AID:

- Priority & Institutional Scholarships Deadline: Feb. 15; Other Deadlines Vary

### OTHER INFORMATION:

- Student Body Size: 441
- Student/Teacher Ratio: 6:1
- On-campus Housing: No
- Accreditation: NWCCU
- Degrees Offered: Certificate, Associate, Bachelor's, Master's

### FIELDS OF STUDY:

- Allied Health
- Business & Continuing Education
- Construction Trades
- Education
- Human Services
- Information Technology
- Rural Development
- Tribal Management
- Veterinary Science

### EXTRACURRICULAR:

- Community Education
- Professional Development
- Tutoring

### LEARNING CENTERS:

- Aleutians-Pribilof (877) 581-1666
- McGrath Center (800) 478-3074
- Nenana Center (800) 474-5826
- Tok Center (800) 478-2773
- Yukon Flats (800) 709-8566
- Yukon-Koyukuk (888) 656-2130

Enrollment Services: (907) 474-5207 or (888) 474-5207 ext. 7

Hours: Mon. - Fri. 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Financial Aid: (907) 474-2710, (888) 474-5207 ext. 7

e-mail address: [iacinfo@uaf.edu](mailto:iacinfo@uaf.edu)



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# KUSKOKWIM CAMPUS

P.O. Box 368 | Bethel, Alaska 99559 | [www.bethel.uaf.edu](http://www.bethel.uaf.edu)

## IMPORTANT FACTS:

### ACADEMIC YEAR

2008-2009:

- Annual Tuition & Fees:  
(Average for full-time students taking 100 & 200-level coursework, based on 30 credits per year)  
Resident: \$4,220
- Per Credit Tuition:  
Resident  
(100-200-level): \$134
- Annual Room & Board: \$10,000

### FINANCIAL AID:

- Priority & Institutional Scholarships Deadline: Feb. 15; Other Deadlines Vary

### OTHER INFORMATION:

- Student Body Size: 301
- Student/Teacher Ratio: 4:1
- On-campus Housing: Yes
- Accreditation: NWCCU
- Degrees Offered: Certificate, Associate, Bachelor's, Master's

### FIELDS OF STUDY:

- Community Health
- Education
- Ethnobotany
- Information Technology
- Rural Development
- Rural Human Services
- Social Work
- Yup'ik

### EXTRACURRICULAR:

- Camai Festival, Other Regional Festivals & Events
- Cross country skiing
- Game & Movie Nights
- Ice Skating
- Intramural Basketball
- Student Government
- Tutoring
- Writing Center
- Yup'ik Dancing



The Kuskokwim Campus of the University of Alaska Fairbanks offers degrees, courses, seminars and workshops delivered in face-to-face classroom settings and through distance delivery. Earn a 30-credit certificate in such disciplines as early childhood education, rural human services, community health, information technology and Yup'ik language. Or, earn a degree in one of 13 disciplines.



KuC is on the delta of the Yukon and Kuskokwim rivers in Bethel, the hub for 47 communities with 56 tribes of primarily Yup'ik/Cup'ik culture, with some Athabascans in communities in the upper reaches of the delta. The largest rural campus in the UAF system, it is the only one with a residential dorm, which houses up to 38 students.

In addition to gaining a college education and professional skills, students can also participate in many programs that provide special events and activities, including: Emerging Scholars, Alaska Native Science and Engineering Program, Talent Search, Science and Technology Academy, summer camps and internships with regional employers. KuC can do wonders for your future!

Student Services: (907) 543-4562 or (800) 478-4822 ext. 562

Hours: Mon. - Fri. 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

e-mail address: [lnkek@uaf.edu](mailto:lnkek@uaf.edu)



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# NORTHWEST CAMPUS

Pouch 400 | Nome, Alaska 99762 | [www.nwc.uaf.edu](http://www.nwc.uaf.edu)



Northwest Campus is located in the heart of Beringia, a crossroads of cultures and an exciting place to call home. For the past three decades, NWC has been helping students achieve their education and workforce training goals. Because NWC is a branch of the University of Alaska Fairbanks, students can earn university credit and degrees while staying close to home.



Our High Latitude Range Management Certificate Program is unique in the United States. Created in cooperation with employers and area reindeer producers, the program prepares students for natural resource-related jobs or further education in related fields. Ten full-tuition scholarships are available; please call (907) 443-8402 for information.

NWC works with area school districts to offer dual-credit courses, giving high school students a preview of college. The Nome campus features two computer labs, a library, science lab, ceramics studio and videoconferencing capabilities. NWC advisors work closely with students to develop individual learning plans. Whether pursuing a degree, mastering job skills, or learning just for the joy of it, students can expand their horizons at Northwest Campus.

## IMPORTANT FACTS:

### ACADEMIC YEAR

2008-2009:

- Annual Tuition & Fees:  
(Average for full-time students taking 100 & 200-level coursework, based on 30 credits per year)  
Resident: \$4,220
- Per-Credit Tuition:  
Resident (100-200-level): \$134

### FINANCIAL AID:

- Priority & Institutional Scholarships Deadline: Feb. 15; Other Deadlines Vary

### OTHER INFORMATION:

- Student Body Size: 520
- Student/Teacher Ratio: 6:1
- On-campus Housing: No
- Accreditation: NWCCU
- Degrees Offered: Certificate, Associate, Bachelor's, Master's

### FIELDS OF STUDY:

- Allied Health
- Applied Business
- Education
- High Latitude Range Management
- Human Services
- Information Technology Specialist
- Rural Development
- Social Work

### EXTRACURRICULAR:

- Iditarod Week Activities
- International Polar Year Speaker Series
- Travel Slideshow Series
- Tutoring

### LEARNING CENTERS:

- Savoonga (907) 984-6346
- Shishmaref (907) 649-2201
- St. Michael (800) 478-2202
- Unalakleet (888) 624-3158

Admissions: (907) 443-2201 or (800) 478-2202

Hours: Mon. - Fri. 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Admissions e-mail address: [nwc.info@uaf.edu](mailto:nwc.info@uaf.edu)

Financial Aid: (907) 443-8404 or (800) 478-2202 ext. 8404

Financial Aid hours: Mon. - Fri. 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.



# TANANA VALLEY CAMPUS

P.O. Box 758040 | Fairbanks, Alaska 99775 | [www.tvc.uaf.edu](http://www.tvc.uaf.edu)

## IMPORTANT FACTS:

### ACADEMIC YEAR

2008-2009:

- Annual Tuition & Fees:  
(Average for full-time students taking 100 & 200-level coursework, based on 30 credits per year)  
Resident: \$5,058
- Per Credit Tuition:  
Resident  
(100-200-level): \$134

### FINANCIAL AID:

- Priority & Institutional Scholarships Deadline: Feb. 15; Other Deadlines Vary

### OTHER INFORMATION:

- Student Body Size: 3,194
- Student/Teacher Ratio: 10:1
- On-campus Housing: No
- Accreditation: NWCCU
- Degrees Offered: Certificate, Associate, Bachelor's

### FIELDS OF STUDY:

- Allied Health
- Automotive & Aviation
- Business & Continuing Education
- Construction Trades/Oil & Gas Industry
- Human Services
- Public Safety & Law

### EXTRACURRICULAR:

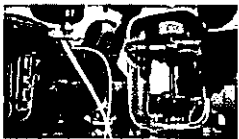
- Recreation
- Community Education
- Professional Development Courses
- College Success Workshops



The University of Alaska Fairbanks Tanana Valley Campus is a leader in academic preparation, lifelong learning and developing a quality local workforce. TVC meets the needs of first-time college students, nontraditional students, military students and those seeking job training. TVC plays an important role in Interior Alaska and across the state in building a workforce for Alaska's future.

TVC offers more than 40 one-year certificate and two-year associate degree programs in a student-friendly environment with personalized, responsive and supportive services. Many classes are offered in the evenings or on the weekend to accommodate the needs of students with families and full-time jobs.

At TVC, faculty members bring a wealth of education and experience to the classroom. Students' educational experiences transcend textbook and theory. TVC offers a real-world approach to learning by bringing in part-time faculty who, when they're not teaching, have their own careers in the fields in which their students will soon be working.

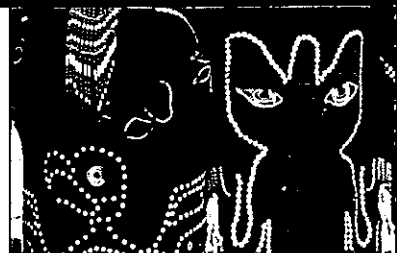


Student Assistance and Advising Center: (907) 455-2800, (877) 882-8827  
Hours: Mon. - Fri. 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
e-mail address: [fyttvc@uaf.edu](mailto:fyttvc@uaf.edu)



# UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA SOUTHEAST

11120 Glacier Highway | Juneau, Alaska 99801 | [www.uas.alaska.edu](http://www.uas.alaska.edu)



The University of Alaska Southeast offers opportunities to grow and learn in a supportive and intimate learning community amidst unparalleled natural beauty. Cutting edge undergraduate field research makes the most of our spectacular setting in the Tongass National Forest along the Inside Passage and the Juneau Ice Field.

UAS students can cruise the waters of Glacier Bay National Park for archeological research, hop into a helicopter to document the glacial flow of the Juneau Icefield, SCUBA dive to study king crab, study ceramics or painting on the shores of a mountain lake, be part of a unique literature and the environment program or become involved in productions with a world-class regional theatre company.

UAS also provides career development training and degrees in outdoor studies, business, health care, construction, diesel, marine, automotive, fisheries, welding or mining technology.

No matter what career path you choose, UAS is designed to strengthen your problem-solving skills, enhance your ability to communicate effectively, and teach you how to work collaboratively – all things employers want. Small class sizes insure a rich educational experience with top-notch instructors who choose to live and work in a place where dramatic natural vistas inspire scientific, artistic and work force pursuits.

Start your life adventure...at UAS. Learn. Engage. Change.



**Admissions:** (907) 796-6000 or 1-877-465-4827

**Hours:** Mon - Fri 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

**Financial Aid:** (907) 796-6255

**Email Address:** [uas.info@uas.alaska.edu](mailto:uas.info@uas.alaska.edu)

## IMPORTANT FACTS:

### ACADEMIC YEAR

2008-2009:

- Annual Tuition & Fees:  
(Average for full-time students, based on 24 credits per year)  
Resident: \$4,628
- Per Credit Tuition  
Resident  
(100-200-level): \$134
- Annual Room & Board:  
\$6,260

### FINANCIAL AID:

- Application Deadline:  
Continuous
- Scholarship Deadline:  
Feb. 15th

### OTHER INFORMATION:

- Student Body Size: 3,978
- Student/Teacher Ratio: 12:1
- On Campus Housing: Yes
- Accreditation: NWASC
- Degrees Offered: Associate's, Bachelor's, Master's, Occupational Endorsements Certificate
- Wireless Campus

### FIELDS OF STUDY:

- Apprenticeship Technology
- Automotive Technology
- Business Administration
- Computer Information
- Construction Technology
- Early Childhood Education
- Education
- English
- Entrepreneurship
- Environmental Science
- Health Sciences
- Liberal Arts
- Marine Biology
- Marketing
- Mathematics
- Outdoor Leadership
- Power Technology
- Social Sciences

### EXTRACURRICULAR:

- Student Government
- English Club
- Native & Rural Student Center
- Global Connections Club
- Intramural Sports
- Rock Climbing and Kayaking
- Skiing and Snowboarding

UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA SOUTHEAST



# UAS KETCHIKAN CAMPUS

2600 Seventh Avenue | Ketchikan, Alaska 99901 | [www.ketch.alaska.edu](http://www.ketch.alaska.edu)

## IMPORTANT FACTS:

**ACADEMIC YEAR:**  
2007-2008:

**COST OF ATTENDANCE:**

- (Average for full-time students taking 100 & 200-level coursework, based on 30 credits per year)  
Resident: \$4,220
- Per Credit Tuition:  
Resident  
(100-200-level): \$134

**FINANCIAL AID:**

- Application Deadline:  
Open
- Priority Deadline: August 1st

**DEGREES OFFERED:**

- Certificate, Associate's, Bachelor's, Master's

**FIELDS OF STUDY:**

- Accounting
- Business
- Computer Information and Office Systems
- Early Childhood Education
- Education
- Environmental Technology
- Fisheries
- General Education
- Health Information Management
- Nursing
- Social Work
- Welding

**EXTRACURRICULAR:**

- Student Government
- PTK International Honor Society
- Exchange Programs



The ocean and mountain scenery around Ketchikan has been described as profound and soul-nourishing; such terrain is the backdrop against which the UAS-Ketchikan campus is located. Outdoor activities in the region are available year-round, as Ketchikan lies in the maritime climate zone noted for its warm winters and cool summers.

Students at the UAS-Ketchikan campus enjoy the advantage of taking classes at a small campus where the student-instructor ratio is low. The one-on-one interaction facilitates learning for all students, including non-traditional, of which there is a good-sized population (average age at the campus is 30). From faculty, administrators, and business office personnel to the on-site Learning Center and library, the focus is on serving students in a way that encourages their success.

UAS-Ketchikan awards a variety of one-year certificates and two-year associate degrees. Through collaboration with other UAS campuses and the University of Alaska in Fairbanks and Anchorage, UAS-Ketchikan also provides the opportunity to earn a number of bachelor's and master's degrees via distance delivery methods. We invite you to consider improving your future through classes taken in Alaska's First City at UAS-Ketchikan!



Admissions: (907) 228-4511 or toll free in AK (888) 550-6177

Financial Aid: (907) 228-4530

Email address: [ketch.info@uas.alaska.edu](mailto:ketch.info@uas.alaska.edu)



# UAS SITKA CAMPUS

1332 Seward Avenue | Sitka, Alaska 99835 | [www.uas.alaska.edu/sitka](http://www.uas.alaska.edu/sitka)



Learn and live in a place like no other. The beautiful and historic city of Sitka is home to UAS Sitka Campus, a vital, growing institution that serves just under a thousand students every year. Sitka, the fifth largest city in the state (population 8,947), is situated on Baranof Island, on the outer coast of Southeast Alaska. The campus is a short, breathtaking walk across the O'Connell Bridge, and fits uniquely into the education choices in Alaska. Sitka is home to WhaleFest where students can learn about and observe humpback whales in their natural environment and participate in research.



The Sitka campus is an important part of the statewide University of Alaska system and a recognized leader of innovative technologies to deliver education. Wireless connections and campus printing are available for all students. The campus also provides free software to students and computer tutoring in our state-of-the-art lab. Other benefits include core education classes that cost a fraction of what you would pay elsewhere, and faculty who pride themselves on preparing students for advanced studies while providing warm, personal attention. The UAS Sitka campus is well known for its outstanding student support system, friendly and helpful staff, and inclusive environment – all in beautiful Southeast Alaska. *Come join us and dive into learning!*

Enrollment Services: (907) 747-7705 or 1-800-478-6653

Hours: Mon - Thu 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m., Fri 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Sat 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Financial Aid: (907) 747-7705

Email Address: [student.info@uas.alaska.edu](mailto:student.info@uas.alaska.edu)

## IMPORTANT FACTS:

### ACADEMIC YEAR

2008-2009:

- Annual Tuition & Fees:  
(Average for full-time students taking 100 & 200-level coursework, based on 30 credits per year)  
Resident: \$4,220
- Per-Credit Tuition:  
Resident  
(100-200-level): \$134
- Annual Room & Board:  
N/A

### FINANCIAL AID:

- Application Deadline:  
Continuous
- Scholarship Deadline:  
February 14th

### OTHER INFORMATION:

- Student Body Size: 800
- Student/Teacher Ratio: 17/1
- On Campus Housing: N/A
- Accreditation: NWASC
- Degrees Offered:  
Associate's, Bachelor's, Master's, and Certifications
- Wireless Campus

### FIELDS OF STUDY:

- Pre-Nursing
- Health Sciences
- Health Information Mgmt.
- Apprenticeship Technology
- Business Administration
- Computer Information
- Early Childhood Ed
- Education
- Environmental Technology
- Liberal Arts
- Office Systems
- Construction Technology
- Welding Technology
- Occupational Endorsements

### EXTRACURRICULAR:

- Student Government
- Hiking
- Kayaking
- Volleyball Team
- Pottery Club
- Salmon Fishing

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# PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND COMMUNITY COLLEGE

P.O. Box 97 | 303 Lowe Street | Valdez, Alaska 99686 | [www.pwsc.edu](http://www.pwsc.edu)

## IMPORTANT FACTS:

### ACADEMIC YEAR

2008-2009:

- Annual Tuition & Fees:  
(Average for full-time students taking 100 & 200-level coursework, based on 30 credits per year)  
Resident: \$3,560
- Per Credit Tuition:  
Resident (100-200-level): \$116
- Annual Room & Board: \$4,300

### FINANCIAL AID:

- Application Deadline: Continuous

### OTHER INFORMATION

- Student Body Size: 2,100
- Student/Teacher Ratio: 12:1
- On Campus Housing: Yes
- Accreditation: NWCCU
- Degrees Offered: Certificate, Associate's, Bachelor's

### FIELDS OF STUDY:

- Disability Services
- Human Services
- Playwriting
- Family Centered Human Services
- Industrial Technology
- Computer Information & Office Systems
- Liberal Arts

### EXTRACURRICULAR:

- Student Government
- Phi Theta Kappa
- Play Productions
- Native Student Services
- Multicultural Student Association



Prince William Sound Community College provides academic, developmental and vocational education, training, community interest courses and services to the residents of Prince William Sound and Copper Basin regions. PWSCC is located in Valdez, also known as the "Switzerland of Alaska" because of the rugged, snow-clad peaks which surround the city. Its mission is to provide an academically sound and transferable liberal arts and general education curriculum. PWSCC provides entry-level and continuing vocational education to meet the needs of evolving job markets. It also seeks to promote cultural and personal enrichment opportunities to the people of the service area and cross-cultural experiences involving individuals from a variety of ethnic, generational and international groups.



Admission Office: (907) 834-1632 or 1-800-478-8800 (in AK only)  
Admission Office Hours: Mon. - Fri. 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Financial Aid: (907) 834-1645 or (907) 834-1631  
Email Address: [studentservices@pwsc.edu](mailto:studentservices@pwsc.edu)

# ALASKA Campuses of Out-of-State Schools

Alaska's students may also choose to meet their education needs at an institution that has a main campus elsewhere but offers a local Alaska campus and program or programs. These campuses and programs are often designed specifically to meet the needs of members of the military or working adult students.

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University has two residential campuses in Daytona Beach, Florida and Prescott, Arizona. Wayland Baptist University's main campus is in Plainview, Texas; and Central Texas College's main campus is found in Killeen. All three colleges offer degree completion programs for transferring students.



## EMBRY-RIDDLE AERONAUTICAL UNIVERSITY - WORLDWIDE

Anchorage and Fairbanks campuses

If you have the ambition to continue your education, to strive for your goals, then nothing should stand in your way. That's why Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University - Worldwide has reached out around the world with more than 130 locations and across the Internet with online academic programs to give everyone the opportunity to receive an incredible education. With Embry-Riddle's Anchorage and Fairbanks locations, work responsibilities, family obligations, and transportation are no longer obstacles in fulfilling your dreams. We offer Bachelor's and Master's programs specializing in Management, Aviation Safety, Occupational Safety & Health and Logistics. The leaders of tomorrow are studying with Embry-Riddle today! To contact our Anchorage Campus, call (907) 753-9367 or email: [anchorage.center@erau.edu](mailto:anchorage.center@erau.edu). To contact our Fairbanks Campus, call (907) 356-7773 or email: [fairbanks.center@erau.edu](mailto:fairbanks.center@erau.edu).

## WAYLAND BAPTIST UNIVERSITY: A Degree of Difference



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When education is a priority, it's vital that you choose a university that is not only convenient but also provides challenging academic opportunities in an environment that encourages learning. At Wayland Baptist University, we offer more than just a diploma. Here, you'll find a faculty and staff who are eager to help you meet your career and educational goals

## more information

### CENTRAL TEXAS COLLEGE

[www.ctcd.edu](http://www.ctcd.edu) • (800) 792-3348

### EMBRY-RIDDLE AERONAUTICAL UNIVERSITY - WORLDWIDE

[www.erau.edu/anchorage](http://www.erau.edu/anchorage)  
(907) 753-9367

### WAYLAND BAPTIST UNIVERSITY - ALASKA CENTER

[www.wbu.edu/ak](http://www.wbu.edu/ak) • (907) 377-4398

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### CENTRAL TEXAS COLLEGE

Anchorage and Fairbanks military campuses

Central Texas College is a community college which began in Killeen, Texas in 1965. Central Texas College is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to award associate degrees and certificates of completion. It serves military and civilian personnel throughout the world and has an open-door admission policy. Students enrolled in Central Texas College may select a degree plan from Associates' of Arts, Associates' of Science, Associates' of Applied Science and Associates' of General Studies. Programs vary from location to location. For complete information on programs offered at the Fort Richardson and Elmendorf AFB, Alaska sites, you may contact Margaret I. Pylant, Site Director at (907) 428-1317, or email us at [centraltexascollege@acsalaska.net](mailto:centraltexascollege@acsalaska.net). For more information on Fort Wainwright, contact Tamatha Zavodsky at (907) 356-3863. For information on Central Texas College's program world wide, you may contact CTC at [www.ctcd.edu](http://www.ctcd.edu).

# The UA College Savings Plan

## A Small Investment Starts Something Big

For more than 17 years, we have been helping Alaska families save for college. If your PFD is one of the 93,000 we've received since 1991, you have a head start toward paying for your education!



**Ready to begin using your account?  
You can request a distribution by calling  
1-800-478-0003. If you're attending UA,  
we can even transfer the funds to your  
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or call  
**(907) 474-5671**

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# The UA Scholars Program

## Building Alaska's Future

Think you may be eligible for the scholarship? Contact your school counselor today!

Here is what some of our recent alumni have said of the Program and their experiences at the University of Alaska:

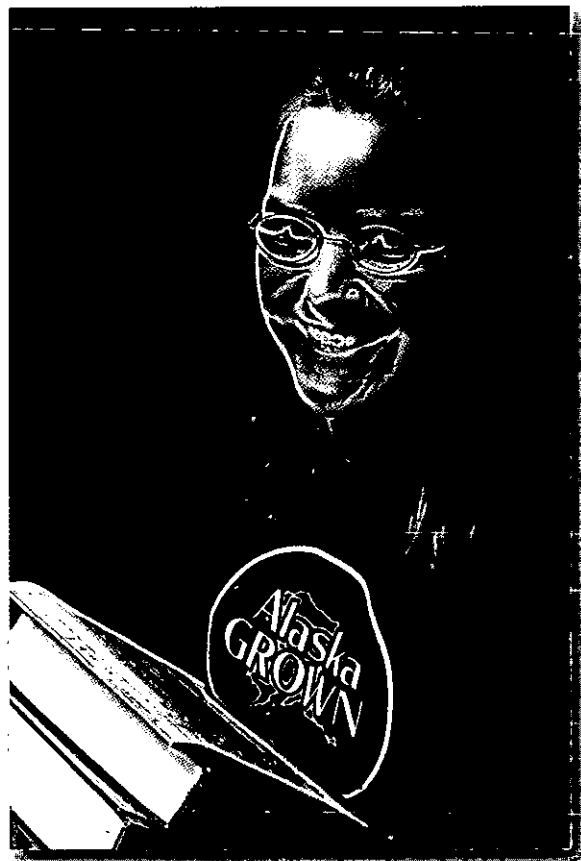
"I had opportunities I never imagined. It was a great foundation for my education."

"The UA Scholars Program was a great way to start my freshman year in college."

"I couldn't have accomplished a post-secondary education without this scholarship. It encouraged and motivated me to continue my education."

"It's a wonderful program that not only made it possible for me to go to college, but to do it debt free, so thanks!"

"I'd do it all over again if I had the chance."



Kimberly Balster,  
UA Scholar.

Photo by Todd Paris, UAF Marketing and Communications

*UA Scholars are offered an \$11,000 scholarship to use at the University of Alaska. Eligible students are those ranked in the top 10% of their class at the end of the junior year, as designated by a qualified high school.*

**UA Scholars Program**  
PO Box 755120 | Fairbanks, AK 99775  
[www.alaska.edu/scholars](http://www.alaska.edu/scholars)  
(907) 474-5105 | 1-877-257-2465



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- » Your guide to the best technical schools, colleges and universities in Alaska!
- » Admissions application & financial aid deadlines for Alaskan schools.
- » Monthly tips, web resources, ACT/SAT test dates, and much more.

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Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education

# Class of 2009

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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# february

» Attend College Goal Sunday and get free help filling out the FAFSA.  
See [www.alaskacollegegoalsunday.org](http://www.alaskacollegegoalsunday.org).  
» Complete your scholarship applications and mail them by the deadline!

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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8 Alaska College Goal Sunday (free help filling out the FAFSA)	9	10	11	12	13	14 VALENTINE'S DAY
15 APU Financial Aid Priority Deadline  See Scholarship Deadlines below	16 PRESIDENT'S DAY	17	18	19	20	21
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<b>February 15 Scholarship Deadlines:</b> UA Foundation Scholarship UAA Scholarship Application UAF Scholarship Application UAS Scholarship Application						



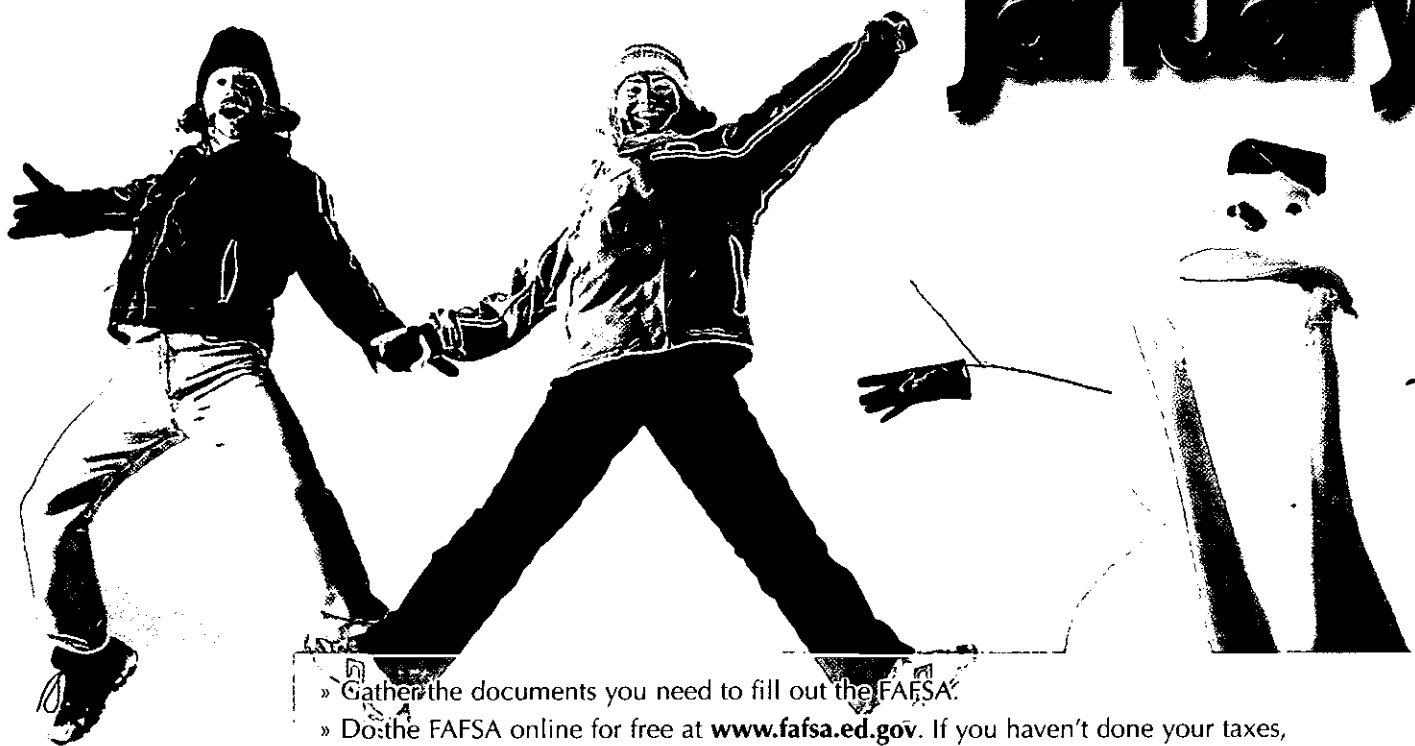
# march

- » Keep an eye out for financial aid award letters and discuss them with family and counselors. We can help - call Alaskadvantage at 800-441-2962.
- » Design a plan to cover college costs and minimize loan debt.
- » Keep studying - grades still count!

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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	MARTIN LUTHER KING JR'S DAY					SAT & Subject Tests
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# January



- » Gather the documents you need to fill out the FAFSA.
- » Do the FAFSA online for free at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov). If you haven't done your taxes, **it's ok to estimate!**
- » Send official high school transcripts to colleges you're applying to.
- » Many important scholarship deadlines are next month – see details on next page.

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	SEWARD'S DAY	Don't forget to Submit the FAFSA for AlaskAdvantage Education Grant				
29	30	31				



# april

- » Admission letters: You will probably receive admission offers by April 15.
- » AlaskAdvantage Education Grant deadline is this month. Submit your FAFSA early so that it is processed and received before April 15. Visit [www.akadvantage.alaska.gov](http://www.akadvantage.alaska.gov) then click on "Grant Programs" for more info.
- » Decide which college to attend and follow their orientation directions.
- » Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship application is due this month. For info, call 465-8707.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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# december

» Interested in going out of state?

Visit <http://wue.wiche.edu> for information on WUE (a program that can help save you money!).

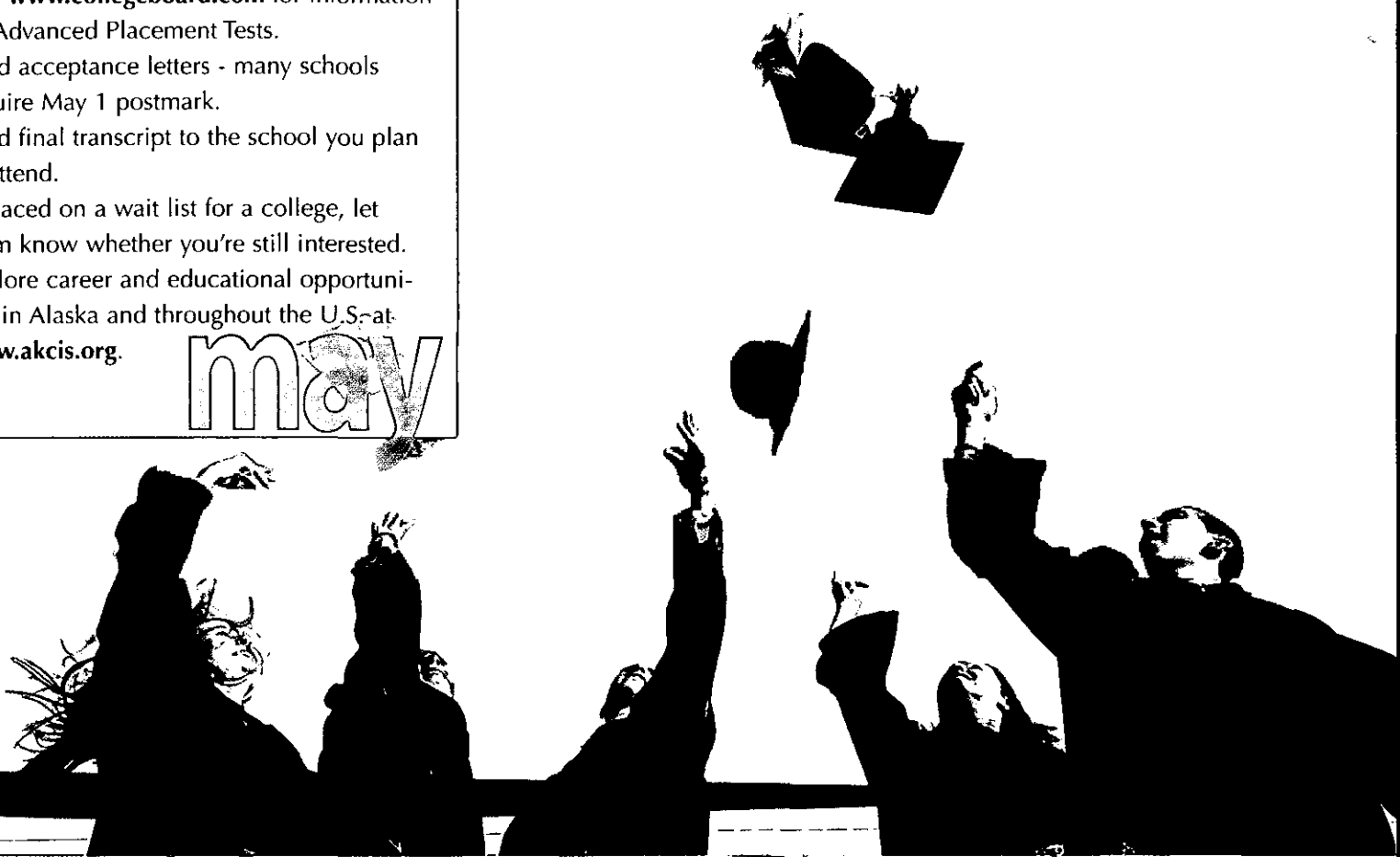
» Are you in the top 10% of your high school class?


See the UA Scholars Program at [www.alaska.edu/scholars/](http://www.alaska.edu/scholars/).

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			APRIL FOOL'S DAY			ACT Test
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			FAFSA Deadline for AlaskAdvantage Education Grant (must be received)			
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- » Take AP Tests – Talk to your counselor or visit [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com) for information on Advanced Placement Tests.
- » Send acceptance letters - many schools require May 1 postmark.
- » Send final transcript to the school you plan to attend.
- » If placed on a wait list for a college, let them know whether you're still interested.
- » Explore career and educational opportunities in Alaska and throughout the U.S. at [www.akcis.org](http://www.akcis.org).

may



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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# november

- » Submit your college admission applications.
  - » Keep a copy of everything you mail out!
  - » Work on financial aid plan for college.
- See [www.studentaid.ed.gov](http://www.studentaid.ed.gov).


SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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	MEMORIAL DAY					
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# june

- » Make preparations for payment of tuition, fees, and room and board.
- » Participate in any summer orientation programs for incoming freshmen.
- » Determine if you need to get student health insurance or whether your family's insurance coverage is sufficient.
- » Look for summer employment or internship opportunities and gain valuable work experience.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			Ketchikan College Fair	Sitka College Fair	Juneau College Fair	SAT & Subject Tests
			1	2	3	4
Anchorage College Fair	Anchorage College Fair	Fairbanks College Fair				
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
		High School Graduation Qualifying Exam	High School Graduation Qualifying Exam	High School Graduation Qualifying Exam	ALASKA DAY (OBSERVED)	
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						ACT Test
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
					HALLOWEEN	
26	27	28	29	30	31	




# october

- » Attend a college fair. Visit [www.akadvantage.alaska.gov](http://www.akadvantage.alaska.gov) and click on "Outreach" for more information.
- » Complete college admissions applications and essays.
- » Locate and apply for scholarships. See [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com) or [www.finaid.com](http://www.finaid.com)
- » Not interested in a traditional college or university? Visit [www.akadvantage.alaska.gov](http://www.akadvantage.alaska.gov) and click on "Schools in Alaska" for information on career and technical school options.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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						ACT Test
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FATHER'S DAY SUMMER SOLSTICE						
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# july

- » Finalize college plans.
- » Contact future roommates: names and contact info are usually provided by Residential Life.
- » Look for sales on dorm supplies and items you will need at college. Visit [www.howtodothings.com/education](http://www.howtodothings.com/education) then click on "How to buy college dorm supplies" for useful tips.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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# september

- » Mark admissions application and financial aid deadlines
- » Mark scholarship and grant application deadlines
- » Ask for letters of recommendation
- » Plan now to register for SAT or ACT tests. See [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com) or [www.act.org](http://www.act.org).
- » Visit [www.akcis.org](http://www.akcis.org) to explore career and educational opportunities in Alaska and throughout the U.S.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		AK Bible College Fall Admissions & Financial Aid Deadline UAA Fall Admissions Deadline UAF Fall Admissions Deadline	1	2	3	INDEPENDENCE DAY
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august

- » Pack and ship your dorm stuff to your new campus address so you don't have to lug them on a plane.
- » Find your classrooms before the first day of school to avoid being late or absent.
- » Meet your financial aid advisor when you get to campus.
- » Don't forget to renew your FAFSA each January while you are in college.

### Accredited Postsecondary Institutions in Alaska

Alaska Bible College | [www.akbible.edu](http://www.akbible.edu)

Alaska Pacific University (APU) | [www.alaskapacific.edu](http://www.alaskapacific.edu)

Alaska Vocational Technical Center (AVTEC) |  
<http://avtec.labor.state.ak.us>

Career Academy | [www.careeracademy.net](http://www.careeracademy.net)

Central Texas College | [www.ctcd.edu](http://www.ctcd.edu)

Charter College | [www.chartercollege.edu](http://www.chartercollege.edu)

Embry Riddle Aeronautical University | [www.erau.edu](http://www.erau.edu)

Ilisagvik College | [www.ilisagvik.cc](http://www.ilisagvik.cc)

Prince William Sound Community College | [www.pwscc.edu](http://www.pwscc.edu)

University of Alaska Anchorage (UAA) | [www.uaa.alaska.edu](http://www.uaa.alaska.edu)

University of Alaska Fairbanks (UAF) | [www.uaf.edu](http://www.uaf.edu)

University of Alaska Southeast (UAS) | [www.uas.alaska.edu](http://www.uas.alaska.edu)

University of Alaska Community Campuses |  
[www.alaska.edu/active/level2/locations.xml](http://www.alaska.edu/active/level2/locations.xml)

Wayland Baptist University | [www.wbu.edu/anchorage/](http://www.wbu.edu/anchorage/)

### Helpful Web Resources

ACT | [www.act.org](http://www.act.org)

Alaska Career Information System | [www.akcis.org](http://www.akcis.org)

Alaska College Goal Sunday | [www.alaskacollegegoalsunday.org](http://www.alaskacollegegoalsunday.org)

Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education |  
[www.akadvantage.alaska.gov](http://www.akadvantage.alaska.gov)

Alaska School Activities Association | [www.asaa.org](http://www.asaa.org)

College Board (for SAT registration) | [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)

FAFSA Website | [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)

FastWeb | [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)

FinAid | [www.finaid.com](http://www.finaid.com)

HowToDoThings | [www.howtotothings.com/education](http://www.howtotothings.com/education)

Student Aid on the Web | [www.studentaid.ed.gov](http://www.studentaid.ed.gov)

UA Scholars Program | [www.alaska.edu/scholars/info.xml](http://www.alaska.edu/scholars/info.xml)

University of Alaska Foundation | [www.alaska.edu/foundation](http://www.alaska.edu/foundation)

Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE) | <http://wue.wiche.edu>

## Aren't sure what you want to do?

Might want to work in healthcare... or business... or possibly law?

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- Check out these careers and many more. Includes real world interviews with people working at these jobs every day!

## Wondering what careers are the best fit for your personal skills and interests?

AKCIS interactive self-assessment tools help you find the perfect match.

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Narrow down the options with your personal search criteria.

- AKCIS provides information on more than 4,000 institutions
  - ✓ accredited two- and four-year colleges & universities
  - ✓ technical & vocational schools
- AKCIS describes registered apprenticeship programs
- Search Alaska and nationwide

## Aren't sure how to pay for college?

Create a customized list of scholarships & loans matching your:

- ✓ educational plans
- ✓ abilities
- ✓ background

## Need a little help on job search skills?

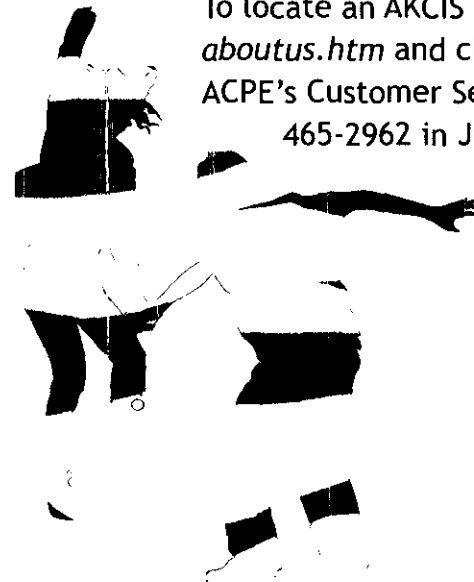
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- a generator to personally customize resumes and cover letters
- preparation and tips for interviews

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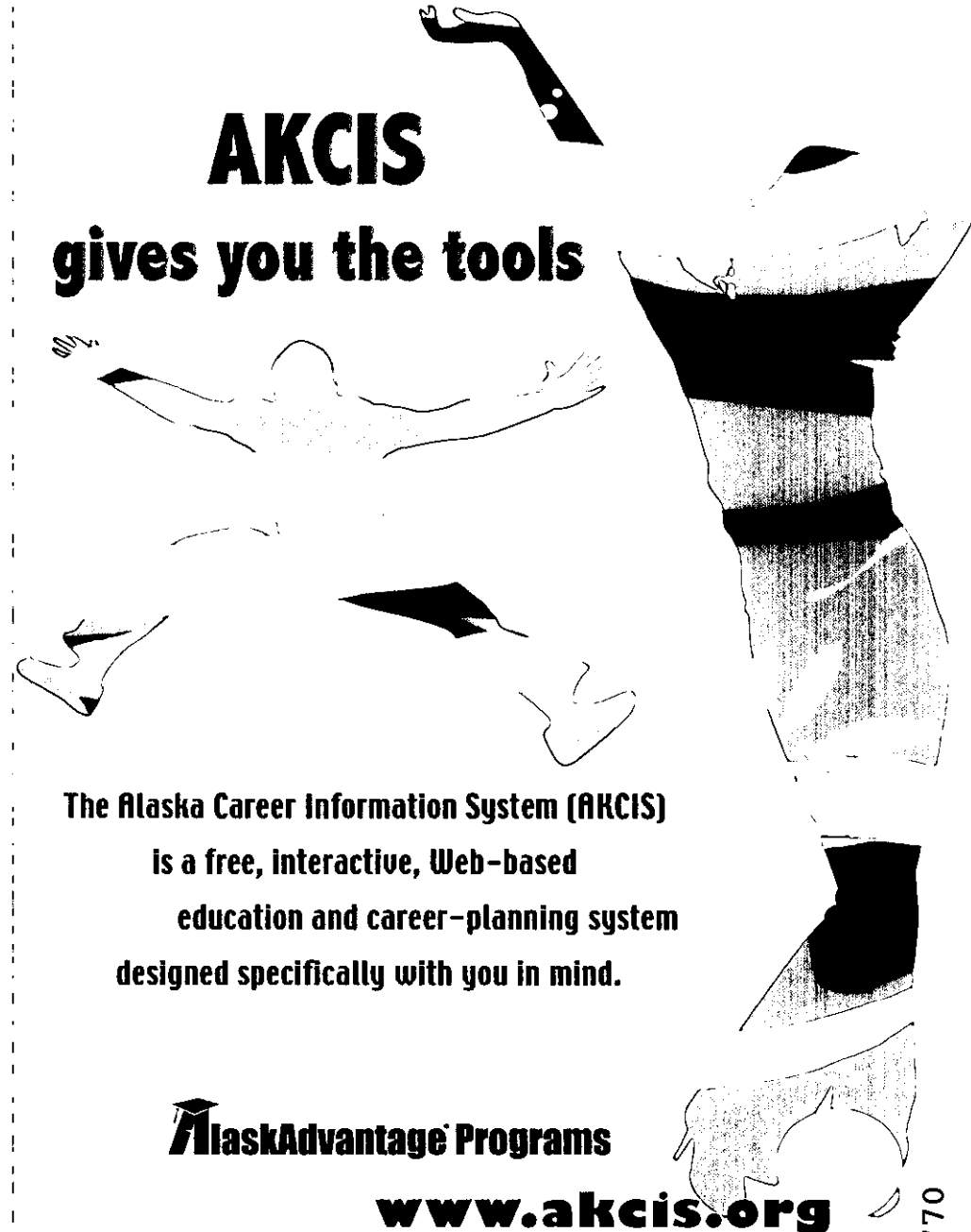
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# CHART YOUR COURSE

Vol. 4, No. 1 THE NEWSPAPER FOR ALASKA'S MIDDLE SCHOOLERS 2008

## *I want to be a Marine Biologist*

I was born in Anchorage and attend Polaris K-12 School. My favorite things at school are literature and the Marine Biology Intensive class. For this class, we went to Kachemak Bay (Homer) and saw all kinds of invertebrates I didn't know existed. Outside school, I like to bike, do Tae-kwon-do, and have fun with my friends at the park.



I'd like to be a marine biologist or archaeologist (and possibly a martial artist). I met some people in Homer at the Center for Alaska Coastal Studies who helped and encouraged me.

To be successful at one of these careers, I have to learn to write about things I discovered. I'll need math and science classes, too. To prepare for this, I'm saving my money for college and working hard in classes.

**Ben Chang**  
Polaris K-12



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Victoria Adams  
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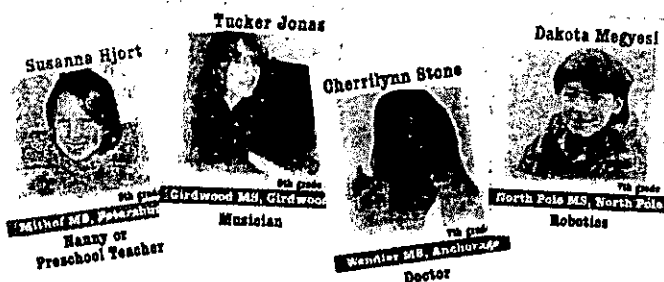
Alaska College Students:

Shea Winterberger  
Andrea Wilson  
Shasta Miller  
Jeren Hunt  
Ben Olson  
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Alaskans Working in



## What do you want to be when you grow up?



Check out pages 6-7 to see what Alaska's middle schoolers want to be.

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## PREPARE FOR COLLEGE IN MIDDLE SCHOOL

Most students don't start thinking of college until they enter high school. If you start planning now, you'll be a step ahead of the crowd.

- ✓ Tell your parents you want to attend a college
- ✓ Take algebra and a foreign language THIS year
- ✓ Study hard and strive for A's
- ✓ Visit college Web sites for information on their requirements
- ✓ Plan a high school class schedule with a college preparatory track
- ✓ Develop skills that are valuable for high school and essential in college: word processing, online research, and study skills



Lisa Hartman  
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## Lisa Hartman: "Get experience by volunteering..."

I grew up in Seward doing everything I could to keep up with my two older brothers. I played basketball, volleyball, and baseball, and ran cross-country.

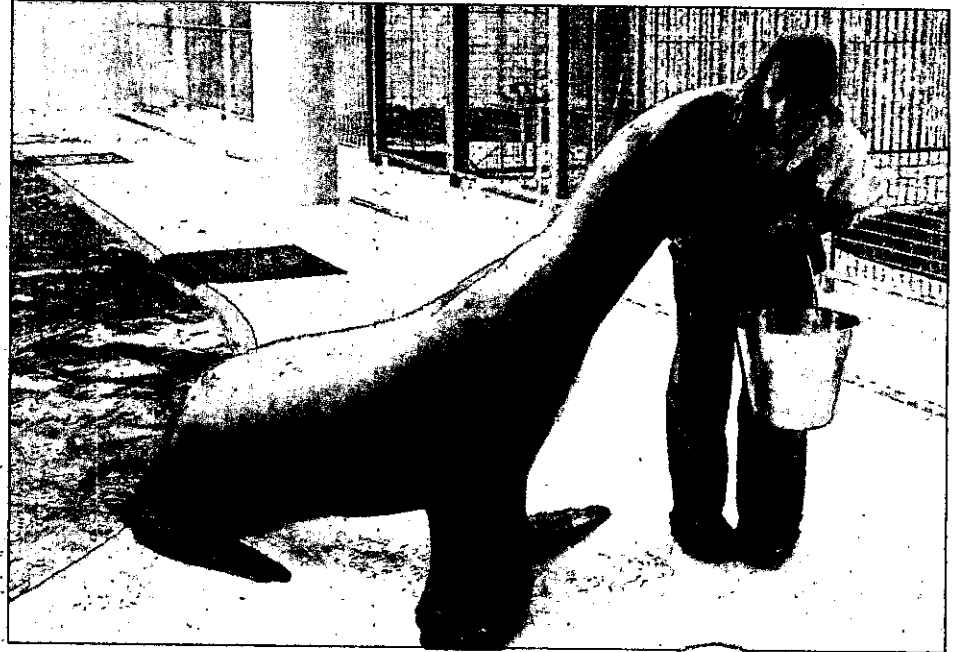
Growing up near the ocean, I always had a strong interest in marine science. During my first few years in college I considered physical therapy as a career, and I found a facility that offered dolphin therapy swims. I volunteered for a summer and learned I was more interested in working with animals than as a physical therapist. After completing my natural sciences degree, I got an entry-level position at the SeaLife Center and now, 9½ years later, I am a Mammal Husbandry Coordinator.

*"Each day offers something new and challenging."*

I primarily train and care for the harbor seals and Steller sea lions that participate in research projects. My typical day involves feeding and training the animals, helping with educational tours and talks, as well as massive amounts of cleaning—scrubbing pools, diving in the exhibits, scrubbing floors, and keeping everything free of fish scales, which can be challenging when you feed fish all day!

Each day offers something new and challenging, such as setting goals for the animals and seeing them achieve those goals.

If you think you'd like training marine mammals, volunteer at your local zoo or aquarium when you're in high school or college. This job requires a lot of stamina and energy, but I enjoy not sitting at a desk all day.

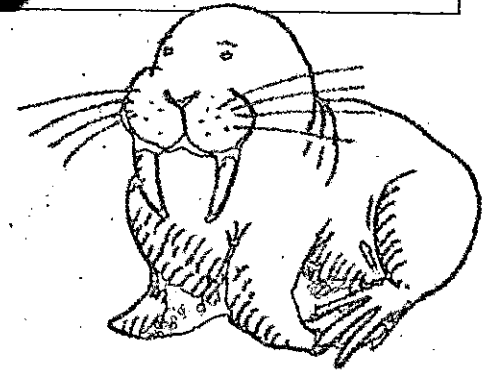


**EISA HARTMAN -**

**High School:**  
Seward HS, Seward, AK

**College:**  
University of Alaska Anchorage

**Current Career:**  
Mammal Husbandry Coordinator,  
Seward SeaLife Center, Seward, AK



## *I want to be an Animal Biologist*

I was born in Bangkok, Thailand, and moved to Alaska when I was 3½ years old. My favorite subjects at North Pole Middle School are English and science. I also belong to the school Running Club, and to Boy Scout



and enjoy Tae-kwon-do and bike riding, rain or shine.

Ever since I watched the show "Planet Earth," I've wanted to become an animal biologist. Biologists can travel the world and to unknown lands to get information on various creatures. I know I'll need higher education in science (to learn about the environments), math (for calculating the coordinates for other scientists), and biology (the most obvious).

My parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles, and teachers all encourage me. They help me by telling me when I'm right and wrong, and by getting me science kits to improve my skills. What I admire most is that they all pitch in and help.

*Tom White  
North Pole Middle School  
North Pole, AK*



## WHAT KINDS OF JOBS CAN YOU GET WITH A COLLEGE EDUCATION?

One of the best things about getting a college education is that it gives you more choices. As you explore possible careers, find out what kind of education is needed for them.

You might change your mind several times about the type of job you want to have. Changing your mind is okay – but not planning ahead is not okay. For more information about the education needed for specific jobs, talk with your school counselor or librarian or visit a college. You might even want to talk to other adults who have jobs you think are interesting.

### 2-Year College (Associate Degree)

Medical Lab Technician  
Computer Technician  
Car Mechanic  
Commercial Artist  
Hotel/Restaurant Manager  
Surveyor  
Water-treatment Plant Operator  
Nurse  
Physical Therapy Assistant

### 4-Year College (Bachelor's Degree)

Teacher  
Computer Systems Analyst  
Accountant  
Graphic Designer  
FBI Agent  
Newscaster/Sportscaster  
Public Relations Specialist  
Social Worker  
Engineer

### 4+ Years of College (Various Graduate Degrees)

Scientist      Veterinarian      Geologist  
Architect      Zoologist      Lawyer  
Dentist      Doctor      Psychologist



## - Middle School Students -

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Postsecondary Education, Outreach Services, at 269-7980  
(toll-free in AK: 877-577-3367), for more information on how  
**YOU** can become part of this state-wide publication.

## Shea Winterberger: "If you want it enough, you can achieve anything."

I grew up in Anchorage and graduated from Polaris K-12 in 2005. My favorite activities were swimming, dancing, and playing the trombone. I also spent a lot of time hiking, camping, canoeing, and enjoying the outdoors with my family. One of my favorite places to go during the summer was Kenai Fjords, where I went out on boats and saw all the wildlife that Alaska waters have to offer. Beginning at five, my career goal was to be a marine biologist.

When I started my senior year in high school, it hit me. What was I going to do? I really didn't have any idea where I was going to go. It was like being on a boat at sea in the middle of a fog bank. Were there rocks ahead? Was there a nice calm ocean? Every year before, I had had another year of school to look forward to. Now, as a senior, it was up to me what I did the next year. It was scary.

After being accepted by several colleges, I decided to go to the Coast



Guard Academy in New London, Connecticut. Currently I am a 2nd-class Cadet (Junior). When I graduate, I will be an officer in the U.S. Coast Guard and have a degree in Marine and Environmental Science. I study how the ocean works, how weather works, and how pollution affects the ocean. We've taken field trips on boats. Other classes have taken me to the beach and to the underside of a boating pier, all in the name of science!

I like learning, but I make sure that even if I don't really like the subject or the teacher, I still study hard. I try to relate it to something that I do enjoy. Colleges look at your grades in high school, but don't give up hope if you don't have good grades now! Just find study habits that work for you, find a mentor (teacher



SHEA WINTERBERGER -

High School: Polaris K-12, Anchorage, AK

Current Student at: U.S. Coast Guard Academy

Major: Marine and Environmental Science

or another student), and work hard.

It isn't all about grades either. The most important thing to remember is to get involved in school, in sports, in a club. Here at the Academy, I am a member of the CGA varsity swim team, the drum and bugle corps (where

I play baritone), the jazz band (where I play trombone), and the Sustainability Club (a reduce-reuse-recycle club). Try new things and work hard to overcome obstacles. If you

*"Get involved in school, in sports, in a club."*



want it enough, you can achieve anything.

The most important thing to realize about finding the right college and career is finding something you like to do. It won't feel like work or school if you enjoy what you're doing; it will just be fun.

# Marine Science

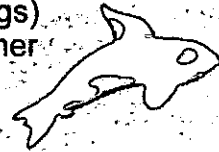
## What is the Center for Alaska Coastal Studies?

CACS has been learning and teaching about the marine and coastal ecosystems of beautiful Kachemak Bay, on the Kenai Peninsula, since 1982. The Center holds Junior Naturalist Summer Camps, Alaska Whale Camps, and WSI (Wildlife Scene Investigation) Teen Naturalist Camps each summer.

Learn more about the Center and these summer opportunities for students at [www.akcoastalstudies.org](http://www.akcoastalstudies.org).

**Marine:** having to do with the sea, salt-water.

**Ecosystem:** a natural unit consisting of all the plants, animals, and micro-organisms (living things) in an area functioning together with all of the non-living physical elements of the environment.



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## WORDFIND

Find the following words,  
in any direction above:

Marine	Science
Volunteer	Biologist
Swimming	Connecticut
Wildlife	Sea
Career	College
Enjoy	Sports
Ocean	Earth
Energy	Fog
Animal	Outdoors
Zoo	Math

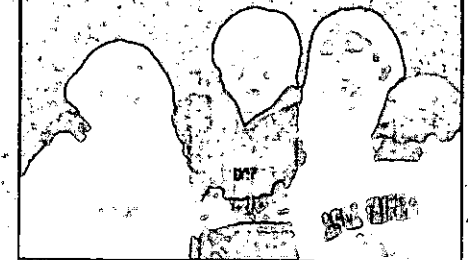
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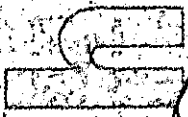
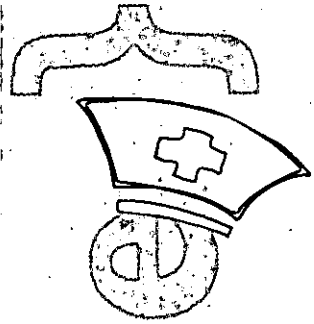
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## Andrea Wilson: "Believe in yourself."

My mother was a single parent who raised me and my brother on her income as a poetry writer and ivory sculptor. I was mostly raised in Anchorage, but we moved so often that I attended six different elementary schools. Eventually we settled down and I graduated from Hanshew Middle School and later East High School.

When I was younger I loved going to school. I would show up early and leave late. I was one of those students who always raised their hand to answer questions, and I was also one to stay after school to help tutor others. I was very personable and had a lot of

friends, but I especially bonded with those with mental and/or physical disabilities. I always knew I wanted to stay involved with younger kids when I grew up, but I just didn't know exactly how.

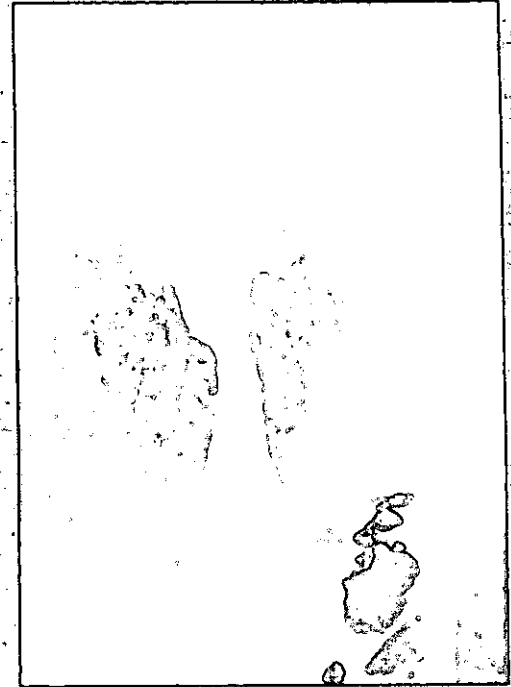
*"When you surround yourself with successful people... it opens your eyes to a whole range of possibilities."*

Today I am a dental assistant at the Alaska Native Medical Center, specializing in Pediatric Dental Assisting - I assist doctors who mainly deal with small children and those with disabilities. I obtained this job right before I graduated from high school and I am grateful I did because working here inspired me to go to college.

When you surround yourself with successful people, like doctors in my case, it opens your eyes to a whole range of possibilities. Suddenly, going to college and graduate school isn't something I felt defeated by; it became something I wanted to conquer.

Currently I am a student at the University of Alaska Anchorage. I am aspiring to become a dentist someday so I am working on a bachelor's degree in biology.

The advice I offer to all those who are considering college is to believe in yourself. College takes a certain amount of courage and independence in order to get through it. Personally, I had to see that it was possible for me to finish it before I even began.



### ANDREA WILSON -

High School:

East Anchorage HS, Anchorage, AK

Current Student at:

University of Alaska Anchorage

Current Career:

Dental Assistant, Alaska Native Medical Center, Anchorage, AK

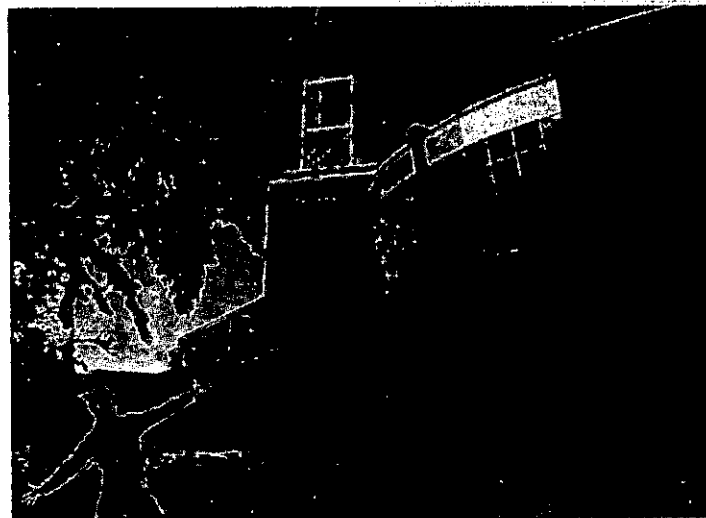
Major:

Biology / Dentistry





**DO YOU KNOW**  
which Alaska college campus this is?



Answer: University of Alaska Anchorage.

**Can you picture yourself here?**

# Crossword Puzzle

**Down:**

1. Providence Lifeguard Alaska uses helicopters, jets, and turboprop \_\_\_\_\_ for transport.

2. Andrea Wilson's current major is biology and eventually will be \_\_\_\_\_.

3. Studies show if you take algebra and \_\_\_\_\_ early you are more likely to go on to college.

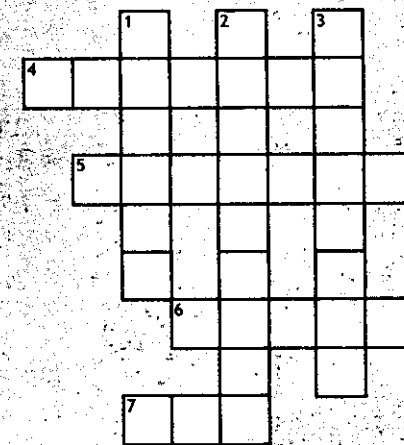
**Across:**

4. No one in my family ever went to \_\_\_\_\_.

5. David Skidmore was fascinated by human \_\_\_\_\_ and physiology.

6. Begin.

7. Don't be afraid to \_\_\_\_\_ new things.



## Dave Skidmore: "Don't be afraid to try new things."

I grew up in Fairbanks and Anchorage and loved the outdoors from early childhood. In high school I became particularly interested in climbing, mountaineering, skiing, and mountain-biking. After graduating from Service High School, I traveled around Europe, Africa, and the U.S. for two years and then completed six years of college. I was fascinated by human anatomy and physiology and settled on nursing as a career. I graduated with bachelor's degrees in both Nursing and in Parks and Recreation Management. I also

continued to enjoy backpacking, climbing, and paragliding. After college, I was accepted into a three-year-long critical care externship at a 500-bed teaching hospital in Texas.

I now work as a flight nurse for Providence Lifeguard Alaska, based in Anchorage. We use helicopters, jets, and turboprop planes for transport. I love the variability of flight nursing. I might be called to travel anywhere in Alaska or the Northwest, transporting patients for medical care. In one shift I might be hiking to an injured person in Hatcher Pass and transporting someone with a heart condition from Barrow. We also do daily equipment checks, meet with the off-going crew, and make rounds in the hospital.

Providing care to sick or injured people is rewarding, but flight nursing requires a significant commitment of time and effort from both myself and my family. The long shifts, little sleep, and need for flexibility can be challenging.

There are usually many different perspectives and solutions to any problem. My advice to students is to be open to a variety

### DAVE SKIDMORE -

#### High School:

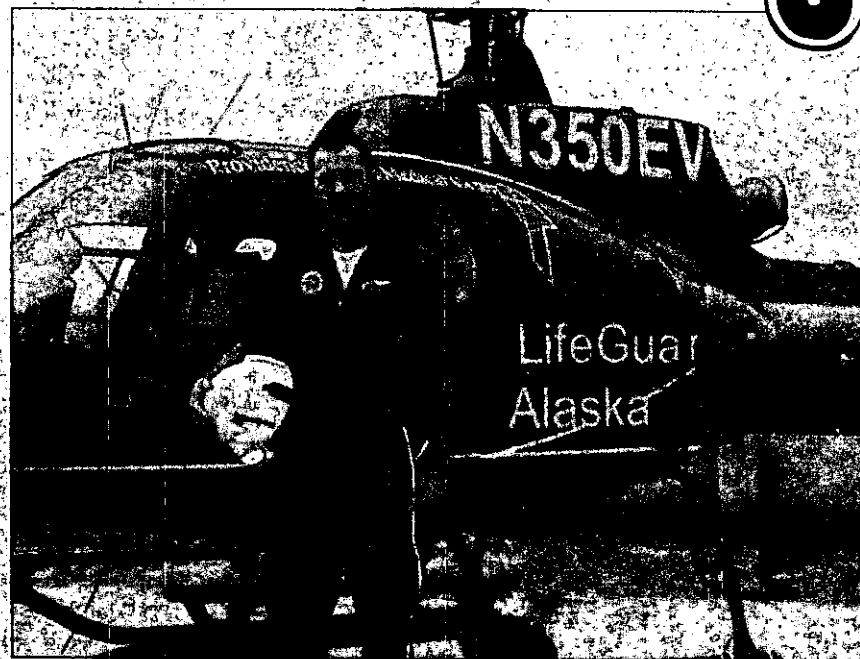
Service HS, Anchorage, AK

#### College:

University of Alaska Fairbanks

#### Current Career:

Providence Lifeguard Alaska  
Flight Nurse, Anchorage, AK



*I graduated with bachelor's degrees in both Nursing and Parks & Recreation*

## WHY IT'S SMART TO TAKE CHALLENGING COURSES

Studies show that if you take algebra and geometry early – starting in the eighth and ninth grade – you are more likely to go on to college than students who don't.

Algebra and geometry are the foundation for many advanced math and science courses (such as chemistry and physics) that some colleges want high school students to take. Also, plan to take a second language, art or Advanced Placement course. Making good grades in tough courses can be a big plus in helping you get into college.

Here are two of the most important things you can do right now to prepare for college:

1. Sign up for the right

people and makes the world a better place. Also, avoid unnecessary risks but don't be afraid to try new things.

✓ Work hard to do well!

### *I want to be a Pediatric Nurse or Doctor*

I was born in Juneau and have lived here all my life. I'm part of a very big Filipino family. My mom is one of ten siblings. Family is one of the most important things to me.

At school I like Spanish, language arts, and math. I also do ballroom dancing after school, which is fun. I plan to try out for the volleyball team, and I'm also interested in joining student council. For fun, I like to go shopping or to the movies with my friends, and also watch football and soccer on TV.



I would love to become a pediatric nurse or doctor when I grow up. My mom works as a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) at the Juneau Pioneer Home. She's one of my biggest inspirations. I'd like to do something where I can help the world, just like my mom does. Also, my aunt works in obstetrics at Bartlett Regional Hospital in Juneau. Her face just lights up when she

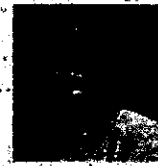
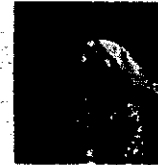
talks about working in pediatrics and with babies. I really like the idea that every day I'd be helping someone and making their life easier or better and also that I'd be contributing to my community.

My family always sees the glass as half full rather than half empty. Their support and encouragement, and knowing their outlook on life, helps me keep pushing toward my goals.

**Vera Hermano**  
Dzantik'I Heeni Middle School  
Juneau, AK



### **No One in My Family Ever Went to College...**



Even if no one in your family ever went to college, that doesn't mean that no one will. All it takes is for one person in a family to act upon that dream, and by their example others can follow. That first person can be YOU!

It takes a lot of courage and determination to be the first in anything. Talk to your teacher, counselor or principal about what college is and how to prepare. Ask questions!

Find out what you can do to get ready now by taking classes in middle school that will prepare you! Ask if your school has a mentor program to help you succeed in education after high school.


Look around you for role models.


Find people like you who have succeeded.


Ask them how they did it!


**Be the best you can—Life is an amazing opportunity!  
Anything is possible if you try hard enough!**

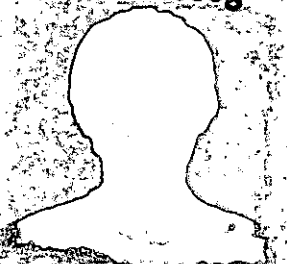
# What do you want


**Faith Jysom**  
  
 7th grade  
 Homeschool, Anchorage  
 Doctor, EMT

**Kallie Randolph**  
  
 7th grade  
 Polaris K-12, Anchorage  
 Salon Owner,  
 Gymnastics Coach,  
 Photographer, Chef,  
 Dancer, Writer, Teacher


**Tucker Jonas**  
  
 8th grade  
 Girdwood MS, Girdwood  
 Musician

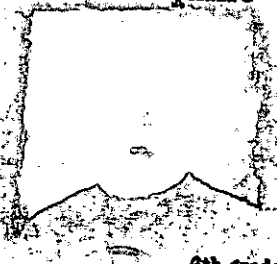
**Dakota Megyesi**  
  
 7th grade  
 North Pole MS, North Pole  
 Robotics


**Rex Versteeg**  
  
 8th grade  
 Mitkof MS, Petersburg  
 Marine Biologist

**Brittney Scott**  
  
 6th grade  
 North Pole MS, North Pole  
 Robotics

**Aurora Beaty**  
  
 6th grade  
 Polaris K-12, Anchorage  
 Veterinarian

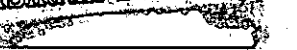
**Allie Norris**  
  
 7th grade  
 Polaris K-12, Anchorage  
 Journalist, Engineer,  
 Marine Biologist,  
 Fashion Designer

**Chance Aquino**  
  
 6th grade  
 Williwaw, Anchorage  
 Policeman

**Susanna Hjort**  
  
 6th grade  
 Mitkof MS, Petersburg  
 Nanny or  
 Preschool Teacher

**Maura Perry**  


**Kidi Christensen**  


**VaShawn Danestrom**  


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Scott Whiteman



7th grade  
North Pole MS, North Pole  
Doctor or Veterinarian

Angela Endicott



8th grade  
Dzantik' Heeni MS, Juneau  
Interior Designer

Shelby Kenny



8th grade  
Girdwood MS, Girdwood  
Chef in Italy

Patrick Schmidt



8th grade  
Houston MS, Houston  
Welder

Justin Kompkoff



8th grade  
Mears MS, Anchorage  
Operator Mechanic

Haley Kelley



8th grade  
Mitkof MS, Petersburg  
Interior Designer or  
Beautician/Hairdresser

Sam Anderson



7th grade  
Polaris K-12, Anchorage  
Eye Doctor

Amber Tanape



6th grade

Raelynn Verney



7th grade  
North Pole MS, North Pole  
Veterinarian

Brandon Leal

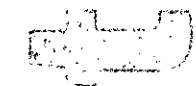


8th grade  
Williwaw, Anchorage  
Professional Boxer

Felipe Vaughan

Victoria Baybado





## Wendie Marriott: "To have a positive impact on someone is one of the best feelings in the world!"

I sort of fell into the field of Parks and Recreation by accident. I didn't realize that you could actually major in this area of study!

As a lifelong Alaskan, I chose Western Washington University because it has the same environmental feel Southeast Alaska does. A lot of Alaskans go to Western so it was easy to find a familiar face among the 10,000 students.

Some of my classes involved rock climbing, snow camping, white water rafting, and planning group camping trips. It was the first time in my life that I woke up each morning and actually couldn't wait to go to school!

Since graduation from Western Washington, recreation has become my passion. I truly believe in the work we do and its importance in a community's quality of life. I have worked as Sports Programmer for the City of Ketchikan; Recreation Programmer and Youth Center Manager for the City and Borough of Juneau; and as Director of the Parks, Culture, and Recreation Department for the City of Unalaska. Right now, I am Manager of Centennial Hall Convention Center in Juneau.

For students interested in this field, I recommend starting out taking any small, part-time or volunteer job available. These include coaches, playground aides, lifeguards, and gym supervisors with your local Parks and Recreation Department. Alaska is actually short on qualified Parks and Recreation professionals.

Imagine a profession where your job is to help people become healthy, learn new skills, enjoy the great Alaska outdoors, get their lives in order, and laugh and enjoy themselves—where you are teaching people how to play! To have a positive impact on someone is one of the best feelings in the world!

*"Some of my classes involved rock climbing, snow camping, white water rafting, and planning group camping trips."*



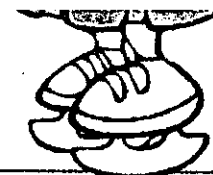
WENDIE MARRIOTT -

High School:  
Juneau-Douglas HS, Juneau, AK

College:  
Western Washington University

Current Career:  
Centennial Hall Convention Center  
Manager, Juneau, AK





### *I want to be a Masseuse*

**M**y name is Victoria Adams. I was born in Portland, Oregon where I lived until I was five. I am now 12 and a 7th grade homeschooler. I've been homeschooled all my life. My favorite subjects are math and science. I have two brothers and two sisters, and my favorite hobbies are swimming, volleyball, and skiing.

When I grow up, I would like to be a masseuse. I know one woman who does this; she makes it sound very fun. She likes her work because she can meet new people every day. Of course, I need to go to a school and learn more about the career I want to pursue. Accordingly, I must study very hard so I can make it to college.



*Victoria Adams  
Homeschooled  
Anchorage, AK*

### **Be Smart - Be Ready! You might qualify for the ACG!**

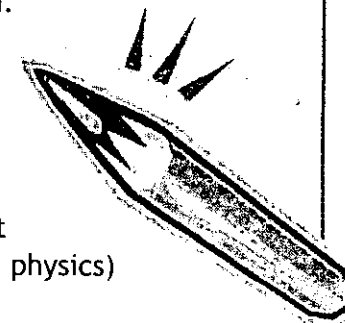
There are many reasons to take challenging academic classes in high school. Now there is another good reason: to be eligible for the federal Academic Competitiveness Grant (ACG)!

The ACG is free money for college for students with great financial need. Eligible students can receive up to \$750 their first year as a college freshman and up to \$1,300 as a college sophomore.

One of the determining factors for eligibility is that a student has completed a rigorous high school curriculum.

This includes:

- ✓ Four years of English
- ✓ Three years of math (including Algebra 1 and a higher level course)
- ✓ Three years of science (including at least two courses from biology, chemistry, and physics)
- ✓ Three years of social studies
- ✓ One year of a foreign language



Ask your teachers and counselors to help you select challenging classes that meet these guidelines.

College may seem a long way off, but planning now, as you enter high school, helps you keep all your options open. Then, no matter what you decide to do in your life, you'll be ready.

*"rigorous" means "demanding"*

*"curriculum" means "the subjects taught at an educational institution"*



**SHASTA MILLER -**

High School:

Ketchikan HS and Palmer HS, AK

Current Student at:

Alaska Pacific University

Major:

Health and Physical Education

## Shasta Miller on her way to becoming a Physical Therapist...

I was born in Ashland, Oregon, the eldest of five children. I went to elementary school in Gold Beach, Oregon, ninth grade in Ketchikan, tenth grade in Oregon, then back to Palmer, Alaska for eleventh grade—and my senior year of high school at Alaska Pacific University in the Early Honors Program, which I loved!

I love rock climbing, hiking, dancing, riding horses, reading, and writing, and I'm very competitive. I also love "active traveling"—visiting other countries to learn the language, help build a house, or go rock climbing, not just sightseeing.

My parents and siblings have been the main influence in my life. My parents always asked me what college I wanted to go to, not whether I wanted to go.

I'm working on a bachelor's degree in health and physical education with an emphasis on the health sciences; I plan to become a physical therapist. My favorite classes this year are African Dance and Biomechanics and Kinesiology—the first because I can use my body, and the second because it helps me understand movement and exercises my mind. Here at college, I think I've been most surprised by the amount of change in myself and my friends.

*"I love rock climbing, hiking, dancing, riding horses, reading, writing, visiting other countries to learn the language or help build a house..."*

*Biomechanics: The study of the mechanical bases of muscular activity*

*Kinesiology: The study of human motion and movement, and the body structures and muscles that are involved.*



### Shasta's Tips to Succeed in School and Life!

- ★ Know your grammar: it may be boring to learn, but it will save your papers from professors' red pens.
- ★ Join only one thing at a time and devote your energy to it; otherwise, you will become spread too thin.
- ★ Write thank-you notes, especially when you receive scholarships.
- ★ If you don't understand something, ask. You may feel silly, but chances are other people are just as lost as you are and they will be glad you asked.
- ★ Keep up some kind of sport or activity. Not only will you appear well-rounded on a resume, but you will gain peace of mind and all the health benefits. Sports are also a great way to meet people.
- ★ If possible, visit the schools you hope to attend, and talk with alumni. It will give you a good idea of what the school is

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### Careers, Careers, Careers... Find them all on AKCIS!

Do you know what a phlebotomist does? How about a hydrologist? (Okay, that one is easier—"Hydro" refers to water, and "ology" usually means the study of something.) There are many, many occupations and careers that you have probably never heard of—but one of them may be just right for you!

A great place to learn all about these careers, and hundreds more, is AKCIS—the Alaska Career Information System.

Ask your teacher if your school is connected to AKCIS. It's available free to all Alaska schools! If your teacher or principal needs information on how to offer this outstanding resource to you, tell them they can call ACPE at (907) 269-7976 to find out.



*A phlebotomist is someone trained to draw blood samples in a clinical or hospital setting.*

*Some geologists work as hydrologists.*

*Hydrologists study the properties, distribution, and circulation of fresh water on land, in the earth, and in the atmosphere.*

AKCIS is made available through a partnership between the Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education, the Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, and the Alaska Department of Education and Early Development.

## Sudoku

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How to play: Fill in the blank spaces with the numbers 1 - 9. Every row, column and 3 x 3 box must contain all nine digits with no number repeated.

**Don Ellis: "Surround yourself with positive people who build up your dreams and don't tear them down."**

I grew up in Fairbanks with my mother and older sister. Fairbanks is a very small city where you need to stay active and involved with positive people so you don't go down the wrong path. I stayed busy playing football, basketball, and hockey. I also enjoyed collecting and trading sports cards, and listening to and writing music and playing the keyboard to make beats.

My mom got me started in food and cooking when I was 14 years old. I got my first job in the industry as a dishwasher at Café de Paris in Fairbanks. I fell in love with the atmosphere of working in a kitchen and have loved it ever since.

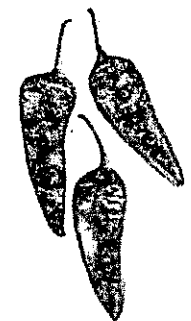
*"Be willing to start at the bottom and work your way to the top."*

I earned an Associate Degree in Culinary Arts from UAA in 2004. Currently, I work as kitchen manager at the Anchorage Hilton Hotel. I oversee the day-to-day operations of the hotel kitchen and manage a staff of 35-42 people. Some days I work in my office all day planning menus, scheduling, and ordering food. When we do large parties or are short-staffed, I help out in the bakery or in the kitchens. I love the fact that each day is different. As well as the actual cooking, I love working with people.

No matter what career field you choose, be willing to start at the bottom and work your way to the top. The best way to get to

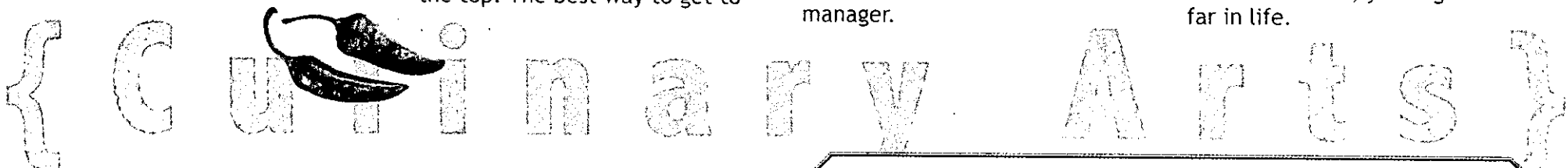


**DON ELLIS -**  
 High School:  
 West Valley HS, Fairbanks, AK  
 College:  
 University of Alaska Anchorage  
 Current Career:  
 Kitchen Manager/Chef,  
 Anchorage Hilton Hotel, AK



the top is to do all the things you are asked to do in the very best way you can. If you have to wash dishes, then wash dishes. If it's taking out the trash, then take out the trash. I learned all parts of our operation, and it's helped me become a much better manager.

Going to school now can be tough. Often we try to fit in to the "right" crowds, and sometimes peer pressure makes us do the wrong things. I strongly believe that if you seek good counsel and surround yourself with positive people who build up your dreams and don't tear them down, you'll go far in life.



**Jeren Hunt: "If there is something you really love doing, explore how you can find a career doing that."**

**Welding, Computers, Baking, and more!  
 Check out AVTEC!**

I grew up in Kenai, the oldest of five children. I was homeschooled through middle school, and then went to Nikiski High School.

I knew when I was five years old that I wanted to be a chef. I loved working in the kitchen with my mom and sister. But by the time I was 18, I had forgotten how much I loved this. I put myself through a few years of college by working at restaurant jobs, and I finally remembered what I really wanted to do.



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*"I'm enrolled  
in a Pastry  
Arts course in  
Florence, Italy!"*

I researched some culinary schools outside Alaska, but found I could get similar training and the same certification here in

Alaska at AVTEC at a lot lower cost. In fact, I'm taking classes at AVTEC and obtaining concurrent credits toward my associate degree at UAA.

This year I'm enrolling in a four-month-long Pastry Arts course in Florence, Italy!

I remember struggling in middle school and high school, trying to figure out what I wanted to do as a career. I finally came back to what I had known at five I really loved and wanted to do. I would tell students, if there is something you really love doing, explore how you can find a career doing that.

**JEREN HUNT -**

High School:  
Nikiski HS, Nikiski, AK

Current Student at:  
AVTEC, Seward, AK

Major:  
Professional Cooking & Baking

*in Seward (south of Anchorage on the Kenai Peninsula), is a component of the Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development.*

**www.avtec.edu**

## **Ben Olson: "Explore all your options."**

My family moved from North Dakota to Juneau when I was one year old. I graduated from Juneau-Douglas High School, where I took wood shop, metal shop, and as many welding classes as I could. That's when I knew welding was what I wanted to do.

I first went to AVTEC for the Maritime classes for my 100-ton license, which I now have. Then I returned for AVTEC's Structural Welding program. I hope to get a job on the Slope, but I'd like to return to AVTEC for the Pipe Welding class eventually.

My advice to students is first and foremost, stay away from drugs. Also, explore all your options before deciding what you want to do.

*"I took wood shop, metal shop, and as many welding classes as I could."*



**BEN OLSON -**

High School:  
Juneau-Douglas HS, Juneau, AK

Current Student at:  
AVTEC, Seward, AK

Major:  
Structural Welding

### *I want to be a Chef*

I was born in Anchorage and have lived here all my life. I go to Goldenview Middle School. Besides cooking and baking, I like playing hockey and golf and riding my Go-Kart and RipStik. In school, I like science classes best.

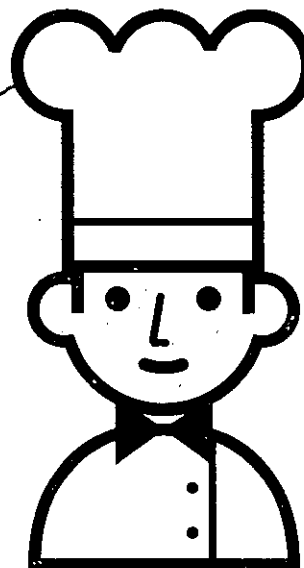
I think I would like to be a chef because I like to cook and make a lot of different things by myself. I like making desserts



best—this brownie recipe is fast and easy and tastes delicious! I like making desserts because I like to make things that taste sweet and everybody likes them. It's fun to make adjustments to the recipes to make them taste better. I believe I started cooking around the age of four or five, helping my mom and dad make birthday cakes. I mainly helped my mom cook because my dad really only cooks at the fire station. I started cooking by myself around the age of ten, I think.

Everyone expects me to go to college, and I definitely will go. I'd love to attend Colorado State or Denver University on a hockey scholarship! I'm not sure what education I would need to become a chef, but I'll find out and work that into my plans.

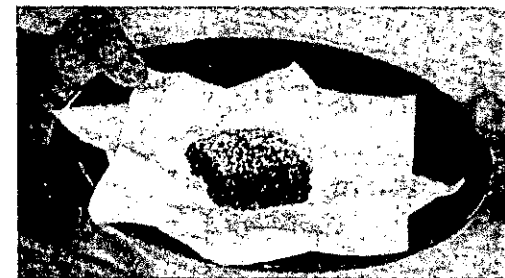
*Peyton Briggs  
Goldenview Middle School  
Anchorage, AK*



### **Peyton's Microwave Brownies**

- 2/3 cup butter
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup brown sugar, packed
- 2 large eggs
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 cup flour
- 1/2 cup unsweetened cocoa
- 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/8 teaspoon salt

Coat an eight or nine-inch square microwaveable pan with non-stick spray. Put butter in a medium-sized microwaveable bowl. Microwave, uncovered, at 100% power for 20-30 seconds, until softened. Stir in sugar and brown sugar until blended. Add eggs and vanilla and beat until well-blended. Add flour, cocoa, baking powder, and salt. Stir until just moistened. Spread batter evenly in pan. Microwave, uncovered, at 100% power for three minutes. Cut into squares when cool and sprinkle tops with powdered sugar before serving.



**DO YOU KNOW?**

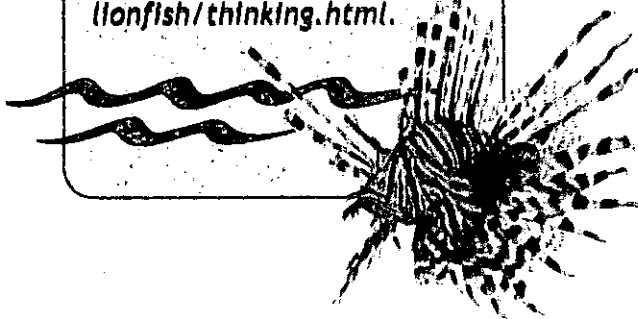
**Laura Sterling: "Be ready to be flexible, whatever direction you choose."**

**NOAA**

**The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

Scientists who work for NOAA use state-of-the-art research to provide information about ocean conditions to people who need that information. They prepare daily weather forecasts, send out severe storm warnings, help restore coastlines, and provide information that supports fisheries.

NOAA also provides lots of fascinating educational information to schools and teachers to help students learn more about the oceans that fill so much of our global space and are so important to our planet. Check out an interview with a NOAA scientist on their Web site at [oceanservice.noaa.gov/education/stories/lionfish/thinking.html](http://oceanservice.noaa.gov/education/stories/lionfish/thinking.html).



Baptist School. After graduation, I went to college in Kansas and obtained my BS in Theater, but I just wasn't sure what I wanted to do, career-wise. My theater degree didn't really seem to lead to a career for me.

I was in charge of the family garden while I was growing up, and for a while I thought I wanted to be a horticulturist specializing in Japanese gardening. But I had also helped cook for our family, and I've worked the past seven summers cooking at a children's summer camp. My dad encouraged me to return to Alaska and look at culinary programs here. I found AVTEC, and I love it here, learning through hands-on

*"When I complete my course at AVTEC, I have a cooking job on the research boat Norseman, which travels the Bering Sea..."*

experience. When I complete my course at AVTEC, I have a cooking job on the research boat Norseman, which travels the Bering Sea for NOAA, the University of Alaska, and the Alaska SeaLife Center.

My youngest brother just entered ninth grade and he's trying to figure out what he wants to do. My advice to students is, whatever you do, you will probably change your direction at some point. Things are constantly changing. Be ready to be flexible, whatever direction you choose.

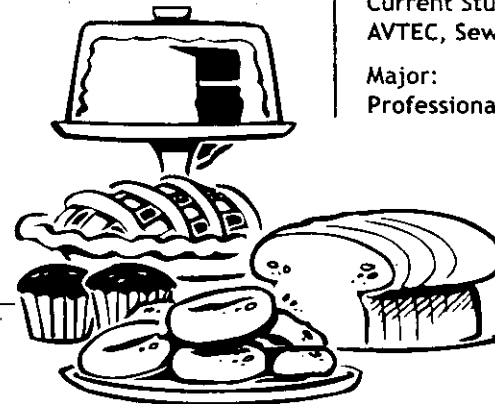


**LAURA STERLING -**

High School: Hamilton Acres Baptist School, Fairbanks, AK

Current Student at: AVTEC, Seward, AK

Major: Professional Cooking & Baking





## Paying for College or Training after High School

Yes, there is money available—and now is the time to start planning!

**Financial Aid**—the money you can use to pay for your education after high school graduation—comes in many forms. Here are just a few of the terms you need to understand to ask the right questions and find the funding you need to make your aspirations become your life!

**Free Application for Federal Student Aid**—completing the FAFSA is the first step you and your family take to find out how much financial aid you will be able to receive. You complete the FAFSA in your senior year of high school.

**Grant**—grants are “gift” money (money you don’t have to pay back). Most grants are “need-based,” meaning you qualify for them based on your family’s financial need and income level.

## Take the right courses!

To prepare for college, you should take the following courses: Mathematics, English, Science, and History or Geography. These courses make up the “core” courses you should take every year.

### ✓ Mathematics

*Types of classes:*

- Algebra I
- Geometry
- Algebra II
- Trigonometry
- Precalculus
- Calculus

### ✓ Science

*Types of classes:*

- Biology
- Earth Science
- Chemistry
- Physics

### ✓ History or Geography

*Types of classes:*

- Geography
- U.S. History
- U.S. Government
- World History
- World Cultures
- Civics

### ✓ English

*Types of classes:*

- Composition
- English Literature
- American Literature
- World Literature

**You want to take algebra and geometry as soon as possible.**

### Foreign Language

*Two years are recommended*

Language skills show that you can learn basics and you’re preparing to work in the global economy. Many colleges require high school students to take at least two years of a foreign language, and some prefer three.

### Computer Science

### Arts Courses

*Take the arts as an essential part of your education*

Arts courses broaden your understanding and appreciation of the world and develop your skills to see differences, figure out patterns, and examine how you make decisions.

*Types of classes:*

- Art
- Music



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## WORDFIND

*Find the following words, in any direction above:*

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| College  | Education |
| Courage  | Arts      |
| Florence | Teacher   |
| Explore  | School    |
| Research | Chef      |
| Work     | Fun       |

"gift" money. Usually you have to compete with other students to win scholarships. Earning scholarships can be hard work for you, but it's worth it! Keep your grades up and become involved in school and community activities to help your chances of winning scholarships.

**Loan**—a loan is money you have to pay back.

Sometimes students think they can't go to college because they can't afford it. However, financial help is available from many sources to make your dream a reality.

Check out the following Web sites to find out more about college and financial aid:

[www.mapping-your-future.org/MHSS/](http://www.mapping-your-future.org/MHSS/)

[www.thinkcollegeearly.org/whygo.html](http://www.thinkcollegeearly.org/whygo.html)



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### opportunities

Computer technology can help you find more information and do schoolwork better and faster. Also, more and more college courses and jobs require a knowledge of computers.

### Other Challenging Courses

#### Types of classes:

Economics  
Psychology  
Statistics  
Astronomy  
Research & Independent Projects  
Oral & Written Communication

Sport	Language
Positive	World
Degree	Math
Science	New
Classes	AVTEC



### Do the Math—Saving Matters!

No matter what financial assistance may be available in the future, you can take action now to make a difference.

Alaskans are extremely fortunate to have a potential source for saving every year. Investing part or all of your Permanent Fund Dividend in a savings account or college savings program is a great financial step to achieving your education and career goals.

Just think—if you start in 5th grade and put just half of your PFD into an investment account you can have approximately \$7,000 when you are ready to start college. If you invest the entire dividend you'll have approximately \$15,000 to get you on the road to success.\*

For more tips on saving smart for college visit Alaska's college savings plan on-line at [www.uacollegesavings.com](http://www.uacollegesavings.com).

\*Assumes an annual PFD of \$1,400 based on most recent ten-year average with 5% interest compounded annually.

**DO YOU KNOW**  
which Alaska college campus this is?  
**Can you picture yourself here?**



Answer: Alaska Pacific University in Anchorage.