



K-12 Outreach

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Our Mission

Great teachers help Alaska's future generations

K-12 Outreach at the University of Alaska Fairbanks is committed to partnerships that support quality education for Alaska. We endeavor to do this by:

- Helping to grow our own educators
- Supporting educational

agencies to recruit quality educators

- Providing individualized support to new teachers
- Supporting place-based education
- Helping to increase the effectiveness and retention of teachers

Our programs include Alaska Statewide Mentor Project (ASMP), Alaska Teacher Placement (ATP), Future Educators of Alaska (FEA) and Raising Educational Achievement through Cultural Heritage Up (REACH Up).

Alaska Statewide Mentor Project



2016-2017 Mentors and Staff

The Alaska Statewide Mentor Project strives to integrate new technologies to improve project efficiency, better support mentors and teachers, and meet stakeholder needs. In 2014, ASMP went paperless

with the ASMP Portal, an innovative platform that houses mentoring tools, stores project data, and organizes mentor files. We are also developing a unique online library to serve as a "one-stop-shop" for Alaskan teachers to

find and share culturally-relevant teaching resources, an issue most requested by new Alaskan teachers. Currently, ASMP is partnering with six school districts to explore a potentially more

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efficient mentoring method incorporating distance communication technologies. We hope to maintain or improve ASMP's positive impacts on teachers and students while trimming program costs and streamlining mentor workloads. We look forward to many exciting future innovations as we continue to refine our mentoring work in Alaska.

asmp.alaska.edu



Alaska Teacher Placement

Attending fall job fairs and visiting campuses across the nation, ATP has had the opportunity to talk about teaching in Alaska to hundreds of teachers. We also use data gathered through our online applications system and the State to determine favorable locations for future job fairs and recruiting. We support interested educators with our online forum, Facebook activity, toll free number, and email access.



In the last three months ATP visited 9 college campuses and 4 fall job fairs across the United States. Our ongoing message about teaching in this great state encourages educators to look at our schools and communities for teaching opportunities.

Please visit our website or follow us on our social media to find out more.

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Sitka principal Ron White, at the 2014 Seattle Job Fair

ATP 2017 Job Fair Schedule

Anchorage — March 16-18
Portland, OR — April 5
Minneapolis, MN — April 22
Austin, TX — May 9

"ATP is a great source of information if you are looking for education related positions in Alaska."

— Sondra Meredith
Department of Education and Early Development

Future Educators of Alaska

FEA has had the goal of “growing our own” teachers since it began as *Future Teachers of Alaska* in 2003. FEA is a strong network of rural districts with many educators dedicating countless hours to supporting Alaskan students in their pursuit of education careers.

FEA met another benchmark in 2012 when it became a registered Career & Technical Student Organization.

Renewed efforts are underway to inspire Alaska’s students to become Alaska’s teachers with the development of a CTE pathway with four courses and

complete curriculum packages for district use. Participation results in a capstone paraprofessional certification for the student. This pathway, along with the growth of FEA to a statewide chapter of PHI DELTA KAPPA’s Educators Rising (educatorsrising.org), will connect students with high-quality resources and hands-on teaching experiences. With this continued investment from all of us, Alaska will see substantial dividends to our teacher workforce. For more information, contact Barbara Wadlinger:

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futureeducatorsalaska.org

 www.facebook.com/pages/Future-Educators-of-Alaska/121737740487



FEA Officers, parents, and FEA Staff at 2016 Educators Rising Conference in Boston



Raising Educational Achievement through Cultural Heritage



Our REACH Up Staff conducted multiple site visits in September, including one in Unalakleet, with volunteer guest speaker Gerald “JJ” Frost, senior scientist at ABR, Inc. Site visits are an opportunity for K-12 educators and students to work with REACH Up staff and researchers to learn about place-based science. Dr. Frost used interactive maps of the region comparing changes from 1951 to present

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Marie Otten-Pete and Brianna Wheeler work together at REACH Up Culture & Science Camp, August, 2016



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day. Dr. Frost also brought in a large soil core sample from the nearby tundra. Students observed soil layers, learned about permafrost, practiced plant identification, and learned about traditional uses for plants. Additional site visits to the Bering Strait School District (BSSD) are planned in the future.

REACH Up is holding the winter Science and Culture Workshop in Anchorage February 3rd and 4th, 2017. BSSD science teachers will collaborate with climate change researchers and Cultural Knowledge Bearers and work on incorporating culturally relevant and place-based approaches in their science instruction.

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Great teachers help Alaska's future generations learn, grow, and thrive, resulting in a greater Alaska.



Gerald "JJ" Frost, REACH Up staff Sally Kieper and students in Unalakleet classroom.

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