

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 the **Alaska Statewide Mentor Project (ASMP)**, **Alaska Teacher Placement (ATP)**, **Educators Rising Alaska**, and **Raising Educational Achievement through Cultural Heritage Up (REACH Up)**.

Alaska Statewide Mentor Project



Mentors attending the annual New Teacher Center Symposium wait for others to arrive.

Mentoring in Alaska continues to evolve. The Alaska Statewide Mentor Project (ASMP) just completed its 13th year of mentoring Early Career Teachers (ECTs) in Alaska. This year we worked in 24 districts, served 183 ECTs in 69 rural

villages and 135 ECTs in 104 urban schools. We also explored a distance-delivery model of mentoring with another 24 ECTs. 28 veteran mentors reached 342 teachers in total, meaning roughly 6000 students found themselves in classrooms with additional

educational support. With Department of Education and Early Development moving into an advisory partnership with ASMP, we found our University-supported project exploring new ways for delivering mentoring, including a hybrid

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distance-delivery model used in remote sites. Remote classroom observations provided excellent opportunities for extended conversations, while maintaining strong relationships between mentors and ECTs. To finish off this school year, ASMP collected surveys by administrators, mentors, and ECTs, which contains vital data for program enhancements.

Districts can send us (kaherrick@alaska.edu or gkfindlay@alaska.edu) the names of your 1st and 2nd year teachers, new to the profession, and we will add them to our list of potential ECTs to be served next year. We are proud to be working collaboratively with our district partners in Alaska. Improving the quality of classroom instruction, teacher retention rates, and student achievement guides our every decision.

asmp.alaska.edu



Hal Neace, ASMP mentor, points out a polar bear eating a whale carcass near the town of Utqiagvik.

Alaska Teacher Placement

In response to school districts' needs, Alaska Teacher Placement is adding an additional job fair in Anchorage this July. This ATP-hosted teacher job fair is open to any district in Alaska that would like to participate. We will hold the fair at the University of Alaska Anchorage Gorsuch Commons on July 15 from 1:00 to 6:00pm.



Candidates and districts are signing up and we anticipate a successful job fair for all participants. We currently have over 80 candidates preregistered; and over 15 Alaskan school districts will be in attendance. Districts can join us at the job fair by contacting the ATP office, and candidates can register from our webpage at alaskateacher.org.

Please contact our office if you have any questions, comments, or need help with our services.



Alaska school district representatives participating in the Austin, TX Job Fair in May. Representatives work hard to recruit teachers to their districts.

www.alaskateacher.org

www.facebook.com/AlaskaTeacher?ref=profile

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Educators Rising Alaska



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Educators Rising Alaska 2016-17 Career and Technical Student Organization (CTSO) student president Amanda Friendshuh has been awarded one of seven Teach for Alaska presidential scholarships. The scholarship is the first for the University of Alaska (UA) and was awarded by UA President



Amanda Friendshuh, CTSO Student President, and 2017 recipient of the Teach for Alaska Presidential Scholarship award.

Jim Johnsen in May. Amanda has been active with Educators Rising Alaska and CTSO events since she was a freshman in high school.

Outside of CTSO, she has encouraged fellow students in her school at Kenny Lake to become members of Educators Rising Alaska. She is an outstanding student, CTSO officer (vice president and president), and role model.

Her amazing leadership skills have made her an excellent CTSO officer. She has encouraged and motivated her fellow officers to keep on task. During the 2017 Educators Rising Alaska Academy, she led most of the events, along with her fellow officers. Alaska is in serious need of excellent homegrown teachers and Amanda will give future students a particularly meaningful education.

Educators Rising Alaska continues to make transitions from the former Future Educators Alaska (FEA). You can find out more about Educators Rising Alaska on our website. Our website has also undergone changes and has officially switched over to this URL:

educatorsrisingalaska.org



Look for more changes in the future!

facebook.com/EducatorsRisingAlaska/

Raising Educational Achievement through Cultural Heritage Up



REACH Up staff visited program participants in Stebbins and St. Michael during the week of May 8th-11th. Videographer Kelsey Gobroski and Lead Curriculum Developer Sally Kieper had the opportunity to interview

Cultural Knowledge Bearers about their local perspective on the changing landscape and changing lifestyles. The interviews will be incorporated in REACH Up videos that will be integrated into classroom lessons; videos are available at <http://k12reach.org/videos.php>.

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Stebbins teacher Lon Gillas helps student Gina Tom practice vocabulary words in both English and Yup'ik, during a science lesson about thawing permafrost.



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REACH Up continued...

REACH Up staff also demonstrated science lessons in classrooms and observed program teachers utilizing REACH Up curriculum materials.

The next REACH Up event is a five day Culture Camp for Science Teachers, which will take place at a remote camp near Unalakleet August 7-11. BSSD administrators, teachers, and paraprofessionals will gather to conduct field experiments, learn from professional scientists, and collaboratively plan for incorporating REACH Up curriculum resources into their classrooms during the upcoming school year.

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



Sally Kieper interviews Luci Washington, BSSD Bilingual/Bicultural Aide, about how climate change is impacting the lifestyles of people in St. Michael.

Donating to K-12

Contributions may be made in support of the K-12 Outreach Program at the University of Alaska Fairbanks online at: uaf.edu/giving/gift/giving-form/ Please note the **K-12 Outreach**

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If you have additional questions, please contact the Development Office at **907-474-2619**.