

# 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

**O**ur 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



Mentors at a mentor training, 2015

**E**xperienced Alaska teacher-mentors, many with first-hand rural teaching experience, are the strength of ASMP. Just finishing our 13th year, ASMP targets teacher retention as one of our three program goals. The other two are quality of instruction

and student achievement. ASMP uses formative assessment strategies to ensure our work is effective. We use research findings to improve our practices and services. Our mentors attend district in-services to stay current with the many differing district

priorities, helping new teachers navigate required district curriculum. Research shows our mentored teachers remain in their schools at higher rates than non-mentored teachers. Finally, to sustain our evidence-based program, we are

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Young girls from Diomed Island ice fish during recess.

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partnering with districts to cost-share and prioritize our work. We continue to evolve and look forward to supporting Alaska school districts in the 2017-18 year.

To learn more, please visit:

[asmp.alaska.edu](http://asmp.alaska.edu)



## Alaska Teacher Placement

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



We kicked off our spring education job fairs by hosting the fair in Anchorage, March 16-18. After regrouping, we attended fairs in Utah, Pennsylvania and Washington. We will finish our spring recruitment by hosting job fairs in Portland, Minneapolis, and Austin.

Our message about teaching in this great state encourages educators to look at our schools and communities for teaching opportunities. ATP plays a vital role finding placements for teachers. Please visit our website or follow us on our social media to discover more.

[www.alaskateacher.org](http://www.alaskateacher.org)

[www.facebook.com/AlaskaTeacher?ref=profile](https://www.facebook.com/AlaskaTeacher?ref=profile)  
[twitter.com/AK\\_ATP](https://twitter.com/AK_ATP)

## Future Educators of Alaska

K-12 Outreach, through its FEA/Educators Rising program is recruiting and supporting Alaska's future teachers at an early age: High School.

FEA high school students and stakeholders have just wrapped up the Career and Technical Student Organization (CTSO)

Conference, March 23-24, in Anchorage. Forty FEA students presented in several competitive events. The first place winners are now eligible to compete at the Educators Rising National Conference in Phoenix June 23-26, using FEA's ANE grant funds. Following CTSO, everyone attended our annual Educational Academy. Students were able to ask



questions of Alaska Education Commissioner Johnson via a live video link;

participate in mock interviews; play college prep BINGO; and learn classroom management techniques. On the UAA campus, students met with the School of Education dean and staff, took a tour of the campus and Native Student Services led by student ambassadors, and 10 students took the ACCUPLACER test at the UAA Testing Center.

FEA is transitioning into a state chapter of **Educators Rising**. Educators Rising's national director will present a 3-day workshop in Anchorage May 30-June 1, 2017, to school district officials and teachers from around Alaska. Growing our own educators will result in positive teacher retention. For more information please visit:

[futureeducatorsalaska.org](http://futureeducatorsalaska.org)



FEA/CTSO students, staff and teachers met in Anchorage for the Spring Conference



The White Mountain basketball team taking a break while travelling to Golovin for a game. The teacher/coach of this team first came to Alaska through the ATP program.

### ATP 2017 Job Fair Schedule

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

## Raising Educational Achievement through Cultural Heritage



REACH Up supports professional development of educators in the Bering Strait School District by developing place-based curriculum, coordinating site visits, and implementing multi-day science and culture professional development workshops. Supporting continued professional development for rural teachers is an important tool in reducing teacher turnover as it serves as an opportunity for educators to collaborate with their colleagues, learn about current science topics that are culturally relevant to their

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Margaret Cysewski, permafrost scientist, works with students in Teller, probing for permafrost.





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### *REACH Up continued...*

students, increase their efficacy as teachers, and in turn increase their job satisfaction.

The most recent workshop was held in Anchorage, February 3rd-4th. REACH Up staff brought together professional Arctic scientists and graduate students to discuss their climate change studies and cultural research with participating teachers. Educators also attended two field trips: the University of Alaska Anchorage Planetarium & Visualization Theater and the BLM Campbell Creek Science Center, where teachers learned about new hands-on science teaching methods. A culminating workshop will be held in Fairbanks, April 21st & 22nd. For more information please visit:

[www.k12reach.org](http://www.k12reach.org)

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



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## Donating to K-12

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