

K-12 Outreach

Quarterly

Lifting up Educators and Students

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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 (EdRising AK)**, and **Raising Educational Achievement through Cultural Heritage Up (REACH Up)**.

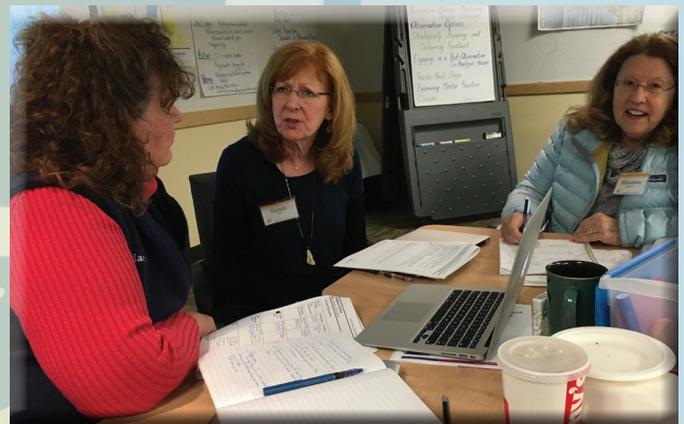


Alaska Statewide Mentor Project

We would like to thank our seven cost-sharing school districts. With your help, we were able to better fund the sixteen veteran mentors who served 175 Early Career Teachers in 60 communities, 70 schools, and 18 districts. In addition, the University of Alaska continues to prioritize this service for our state by continuing to support Alaska Statewide Mentor Project (ASMP) and the mentoring work we do.

Being fiscally responsible is key to sustainability, so ASMP has spent the last two years doing research on mentoring through distance and we have learned some valuable lessons.

As technology has evolved, so has ASMP. Over the last two years, we have been pioneering the use of the Swivl system—which allows the user to record, save, comment and share teacher and mentor-created videos. These have allowed for more instructional and mentoring support when the mentor is not onsite. Content lessons also can be created by mentors and shared in classrooms to model specific standards. Win-win!



Mentors Marilyn White, Sandi Immel-Boyd, and Maureen Petrunic work together at the March ASMP Academy. Photo: Keiko Herrick.

Open recruitment for early career teachers (ECTs) is happening right now and if you have ECTs to be served, districts can send us the names of your 1st- and 2nd year teachers, new to the profession and we will add

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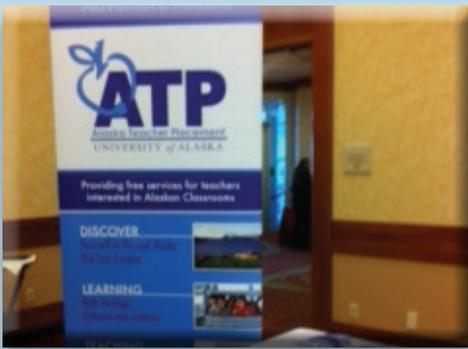
your teachers to our list of potential ECTs to be served next year. We will contact you by phone next month and confirm your lists. Please go to <http://asmp.alaska.edu/etc-recruitment> and send completed form to Jan (jjlittlebear@alaska.edu) or Keiko (kaherrick@alaska.edu).

ASMP is proud to be working collaboratively with our district partners in Alaska as well as with the Department of Education & Early Development in an advisory capacity. The value-added nature of our work is recognized by state educational stakeholders and is evidenced in our research results <http://educationnorthwest.org/sites/default/files/resources/mentoring-early-career-teachers-feb2018.pdf>. Improving the quality of classroom instruction, teacher retention rates and student achievement guide our decisions. We are honored to have you as part of our team!

“I believe this program to be a valuable component of developing teacher effectiveness in the classroom and also with retaining teachers.”

— Site Administrator, 2017 NTC Survey

Alaska Teacher Placement



Alaska Teacher Placement (ATP) is always looking for ways to increase teacher recruitment and has recently started networking with colleges and universities in the Lower 48 to place their student teachers into Alaskan classrooms. ATP is helping to facilitate the identification of each university's programmatic requirements for student teaching in Alaska and to match student teachers with interested school districts.

ATP hosts a data bank of interested Lower 48 student teachers and gives

them informational resources regarding the different climate regions, cultures and lifestyles they may experience in the state. In addition, ATP supplies information, regarding school districts that are hosting student teachers during their

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

— Post on ATP's Facebook page

internship in Alaska. This includes support for housing and stipends.

The office is pursuing grants to offer financial support for teacher mentor/supervisors, travel for student teachers, and cost of living stipends. This includes developing

partnerships with the Alaska Statewide Mentor Project (ASMP) to further assist student teachers and school districts.

ATP has completed four of five teacher job fairs for 2018. The Anchorage Teacher Expo (March 15-17) is ATP's largest job fair with over 200 candidates and 40 school districts attending each year. ATP also hosts Alaska District-only job fairs in Oregon, Minnesota, and Texas. For more information on all services, go to: alaskateacher.org.

[Upcoming Job Fairs](#)

Anchorage, AK Job Fair: June 15 at the Sheraton in Anchorage.



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Raising Educational Achievement through Cultural Heritage Up

REACH Up offers professional development support to science teachers in the Bering Strait School District. REACH Up staff are currently creating additional resources for hands-on and place-based curriculum and conducting multiple scientist site visits to teachers' classrooms. In April, they held a successful Science and Culture Workshop in Fairbanks.

REACH Up science site visits are a popular professional development activity for teachers and their students. REACH Up brings scientists into the classroom, giving students an opportunity to interact with experts, and teachers the opportunity to learn new hands-on approaches to engage their students.

The science and culture professional development workshop held in Fairbanks brought science teachers,

researchers and cultural knowledge bearers together to expand their understanding of current research and culturally relevant place-based classroom instruction.



Glaciologist Regine Hock helps a student investigate the effects of salt on the temperature of snow. *Photo: Yuri Bult-Ito.*

Educators Rising Alaska



More than 70 Alaska high school students from 13 districts participated in the 2018 Educators Rising (EdRising) Alaska State Conference, held on the University of Alaska Fairbanks campus on March 25-26, to explore education careers and develop leadership skills.

The conference, organized by EdRising Alaska in collaboration with the UAF School of Education and Rural Student Services, featured mock interview and resume-writing sessions, a tour of the campus, and activity and information sessions with

UAF's Rural Student Services and School of Education.

Guest speakers offered perspectives from different stages of an education career.

Speakers included Amanda Friendshuh, EdRising Alaska 2017 student president and an education major at the University of Alaska Southeast, Ben Walker, an



EdRising State Conference participants, advisors, and staff. *Photo: Yuri Bult-Ito.*

Educators Rising Conference continued...

Anchorage middle school teacher and recipient of the 2018 Alaska Teacher of the Year Award, and Steve Atwater, Interim Dean of the UAF School of Education.

Educators Rising Alaska helps high school students explore careers in teaching. Fewer than half of Alaska's teachers are prepared in-state, so EdRising Alaska gives Alaska high school students ways to explore education careers and provides their mentors with professional development.



EdRising State Conference participants work together with a robot provided by the School of Education. *Photo: Don Peterson.*

“Teaching is a great profession, because every day is different and every kid is different.”
— Ben Walker, 2018 Alaska Teacher of the Year

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Participants in the District Science Fair, held on March 7th in Stebbins, line up for their awards. *Photo: Sean Tevebaugh.*