

# K-12 Outreach



Window views from home offices are the new normal.

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**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 Alaska's 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

[More about our Mission](#)



Alaska Teacher Placement would like to announce the 2021 ATP hosted teacher job fairs. We are planning in-person job fairs for Spring 2021. If we are unable to meet in person, ATP is planning alternative virtual events for our school districts and candidates.

ATP has long relied on [virtual](#) methods of recruiting. Our job locator website is a clearinghouse of available education-related positions across the state, allowing for candidates to explore available positions from the comfort of their home.

Regardless, virtual recruiting has shown to be challenging for districts. On September 1 there were over 700 unfilled positions in the state of Alaska. These openings included many teaching positions: 69 elementary, 50 high school, 19 middle school and 116 student support (special education positions). ATP is excited with the positive outcomes we have had with individual district virtual job fairs. If your district is interested in a virtual job fair, please contact the ATP office.



Sondra Meredith, from the Alaska Department of Education is a frequent guest on ATP's Live Chat, answering questions for potential candidates.

**Save the Dates in 2021 (please note the days of the week are a little different):**

**– 2021 March 26-28: Anchorage Teacher Expo, Hotel Captain Cook:**

- **Friday**, March 26, 3:00-5:00 set up and District Reception Friday
- **Saturday**, March 27, 8:00-5:00 Teacher Job Fair
- **Sunday**, March 28, 8:00-12:00 Teacher Job Fair

**– 2021 April 10: Portland Oregon ATP hosted Teacher Job Fair, Crowne Plaza Portland Downtown**

- **Saturday**, April 10, 9:00-4:00 Teacher Job Fair \*

\*NOTE: OPEF will not have an in-person job fair in 2021

**– 2021 April 14: Minneapolis Minnesota ATP Hosted Teacher Job Fair, Embassy Suites Bloomington**

- **Wednesday**, April 14, 1:00-6:00 Teacher Job Fair \*

**– TBA June Houston Texas Teacher Job Fair**

\*NOTE: Minnesota State Teacher job fair is April 13

ATP plans to follow the **Gulf Coast two-day teacher job fair** and will let you know as soon as those dates are announced.

Find out more on our [website](#), or for more information, [email](#) us. Like us on [Facebook](#).



Educators Rising is excited to start the 20-21 school year of building student leadership capacity with our new officers. We are embracing our virtual capabilities to stay connected throughout these times, with monthly check-ins. Student officer involvement activities include: adding content to our social media, leadership training in communication, participation in Alaska Career and Technical Student Organization (CTSO), and functioning as liaisons between rural students and our K-12 Office.

Educators Rising Alaska's CTE high school pathway has undergone major updates this past year to ensure alignment with the UAS Educators Rising Alaska dual credit course. Middle school curriculum is a new addition. We are also continuing to offer expense-paid UAF professional development credit for teachers. EdRising is working with our other K-12 Outreach programs for continuous enhancements.

We would like to introduce our new student officers Ashley, Kaitlynn and Carl, for the 2020-21 school year. Below is an introduction they have written to share more about themselves: Below is an introduction they have each written to share more about themselves:

*Hi everyone! My name is Ashley Dahlman and I am one of your EdRising State Officers for the 20-21 school year. I am in 10th grade and attend school in the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District. I am excited and I'm looking forward to working with you all this year! Wishing you a great year!*

*Hello everyone! My name is Kaitlynn Gist. I am an 11th grader in the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District. I am interested in becoming a middle school math teacher and look forward to serving EdRising Alaska this year as a state officer. I hope you have a spectacular year and look forward to working with you!*



Kaitlynn Gist, enjoying being out by Cook Inlet this summer.

*Photo: Courtesy of Kaitlynn Gist.*

*Hi everyone, my name is Carl and I'm one of your Educators Rising State officers for the 2020-21 school year. I am in 12th grade and attend school in the Fairbanks North Star Borough School District. I'm very excited to be working with you all on becoming future teachers, and hoping you guys have a successful school year!!*



Ashley Dahlman, one of three of this years' Student Officers, hiking with her dog in Kenai this summer. *Photo: Courtesy of Ashley Dahlman.*



Carl Vent, taking in a warm and green summer day in Fairbanks. *Photo: Courtesy of Carl Vent.*

Find out more on our [website](#).

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## TASK - Place-based Curriculum



Teacher Ambassadors Sharing Knowledge (TASK) fosters cultural exchange between Hawaiian and rural Alaskan teachers. Teachers in both Alaska and Hawai'i collaborate remotely on place-based culturally relevant science lessons. In the spring of 2020 due to the Coronavirus pandemic TASK shifted from in-person to virtual learning workshops which allow teachers to virtually collaborate with their peers and learn from experts in STEM and cultural education.

The TASK project is focusing on virtual Hawaiian workshops and virtual field trips including professional educators and scientists from the Hawai'i Institute of Marine Biology at Moku-o-loe (Coconut) Island where teachers will learn about on ongoing research studies on marine conservation, algae farming and science communication

Also collaborating with TASK are marine education specialists at the Hanuama Bay, part of the University of Hawai'i Sea Grant College Program. The Hanauma Bay Nature Preserve is home to some of the most colorful, unique marine life in the world and teachers will learn from experts about the science of fish conservation and ways to implement these activities into their classroom teaching.

We are looking forward to an exciting year helping facilitate cultural sharing and learning



Sunset on a Waikiki beach. *Photo: Sam Norlin.*

Throughout the year participating teachers will be collaborating online to build place-based culturally relevant STEM lessons. These lessons will focus on virtual education skills and help develop methods for engaging students in their online education yet still utilizing local knowledge and focus on a sense of place.

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between our Hawaiian and Alaskan partners.



Flying into Nome, in early October. *Photo: Putt Clark.*

## Alaska Statewide Mentor Project



***"Every student in Alaska will have the benefit of a great teacher."***  
— ASMP mission.

As we begin our 17th year of mentoring early career teachers across Alaska, ASMP has much to celebrate.

Last year, our cadre of 13 mentors served 141 teachers living in 68 communities. We benefited from partnerships with the Department of Education and Early Development (DEED) and eleven districts who were able to cost-share with us. During the last quarter of the school year, our mentors excelled at providing continuous, individual support for teachers during their shift to remote instruction.

This school year, the same group of mentors have returned with fire and purpose. They are



ASMP Mentors and Staff meet on Zoom regularly, sharing knowledge, training, organizational updates, and insights. *Photo: Keiko Herrick.*

ASMP is constantly adapting to the ever-changing educational landscape. We use powerful and sustainable methods to collaborate with teachers and observe classrooms via

enthusiastic, creative, life-long learners with a heart for Alaska's educators and students. Committed to their own professional development, they are studying the books of Kristin Sauers and Pete Hall to inform them of trauma-invested strategies, using cultural and content standards to guide their conversations, and creating their own equity learning modules.

remote, secure means. Innovation, flexibility, resilience, and growth mindsets are the hallmark of mentors as they support teachers who are providing instruction in new and meaningful ways. Our high-leverage tools help facilitate teacher growth and reflection. We are ready for this school year and hope to meet many of you!

Find out more on our [website](#), or contact us through [email](#).



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