



Elementary School

Middle School

High School

2nd grade: "I Know I Can"
UA College Savings Plan, ACPE

This program encourages children and their families to start thinking about college early. College alumni volunteers visit second-grade classrooms and read a story: A group of animal friends explore who they want to be when they grow up, and how college fits into those plans. Each student then draws a postcard of who they want to become. After a few years, it's mailed to them as a reminder of their goals.

6th grade: "Dream Big" poster
UA College Savings Plan

This poster encourages students to "dream big" and to start thinking about college and career paths. It is distributed to every sixth grade student and classroom in the state.

5th – 6th grade: "I'm Going to College"
ACPE, UA, NELA, UA College Savings Plan

This program is designed to excite students at the end of elementary school about the path to college – and see firsthand what it will be like. Students explore different types of colleges and careers and learn about financial aid in a 12-session curriculum. The program culminates with a day of college life at one of Alaska's college campuses, including inspirational welcomes and hands-on classes. A special gift at the end of the day is a reminder that it's not too early to start planning for college. Many UA campuses and other Alaska institutions host the events, sponsored by ACPE, the Northwest Education Loan Association (NELA), and the UA College Savings Plan.

5th – 8th grade: "College is for YOU!" classroom poster
ACPE

This classroom poster features Alaskan talent and encourages late elementary and middle school students to visualize themselves as "college material." It is distributed to every 5th- through 8th- grade classroom in the state.

8th grade: "Chart your Course" newspaper
ACPE

This annual publication is a fun showcase of Alaskans' dreams, careers and successes, highlighting the K–16 pathway. It's authored in part by Alaska middle school students and mailed to every eighth grader in the state at the same time as a parent postcard.

9th grade: Book cover UA

This book cover emphasizing the importance of taking college preparatory courses and assessment tests while in high school is delivered to every freshman in the state through their schools.

9th grade: Viewbook, gotocollege website, Parent Companion Piece
UA, UA College Savings Plan

The viewbook, mailed to all 9th graders, highlights the benefits of higher education, explains what to do to prepare for college, and explores many career pathways.

11th grade: "Going to College in Alaska" magazine
ACPE

Promoting the higher education options available right here in Alaska, this magazine gives Alaska students a quick, easy comparison of all our postsecondary institutions. It is mailed to every high school junior in the state. It's accompanied by a postcard to parents.

12th grade: "College Goal Sunday" program
ACPE, UA, The Coalition of Alaskans Supporting Higher Education (CASHE)

This program helps students clear the paperwork and financial hurdles to higher education. Professionals help them and their families to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) in a February event held at 20+ locations statewide.

12th grade: "It's My Life" senior planner
ACPE

This publication gives Alaska's seniors important information as they prepare for college, including deadlines for admission and financial aid at Alaska's Colleges, as well as local scholarship deadlines and test and college fair dates, and tips on preparing for life after high school.



The Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education is dedicated to promoting and supporting higher education for all Alaskans. Each year thousands in Alaska are impacted by their outreach efforts, which span elementary, middle and high school. Their suite of early awareness programs is highlighted in this brochure.

Education in Alaska is at a critical juncture –

Alaska's youth graduate from high school and go to college at a lower rate than their peers in other states. Working to change this disturbing trend are the University of Alaska, the UA College Savings Plan and the Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education (ACPE).

Our efforts ensure that every young Alaskan hears early and often the benefits of staying in school and earning a high school diploma, and the difference that higher education

College is Possible

will make to their future. These programs instill in them the knowledge that higher education is within their reach, even if they are the first in their family or community to take that step. Our outreach programs communicate to the youth of Alaska that "college is possible" for them and financial aid is available. It is our hope that these programs make a positive impact on their future.



Rural Alaska Honors Institute students participating in the Wells Fargo Business class taught by Dr. Liz Ross. Photo by Nile Mueller

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Outreach to Alaska's Youth



THE UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA COLLEGE SAVINGS PLAN

The UA College Savings Plan is the university's largest early outreach program. As Alaska's Section 529 College Savings Plan, the program strives to initiate a college-going conversation in homes across the state.

Alaskans currently hold over 20,000 accounts with \$107 million in assets in this nationally recognized plan.

A 529 plan offers families-including grandparents and other relatives - an affordable, tax-advantaged way to save for a child's education at virtually any college or university in the country.



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