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POINT OF VIEW

Sure, Patty McCormick studies hard and is saving for college - but she knows it takes more than a good GPA to get where you want to go in life. That's why she's involved with school clubs and sports, like cheerleading, and volunteers her time at the local hospital. "When I toured a few Ivy League schools this summer, I learned that community service and school involvement is very important."

WHAT'S IN YOUR FUTURE?
Pretty sure she wants to be an anesthesiologist.

patty mccormick
Junior, West Valley High School, Fairbanks



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When Dominique Brinson thinks about his future, he sees himself playing basketball in college, pursuing a career in engineering - and meeting some cool people along the way. He's on the right track. Dominique is studying hard and also participates in his high school's Early Scholars Program, which helps prepare Alaska Native and other Native American students for college.

WHAT'S IN YOUR FUTURE?
Dreams about being an engineer.



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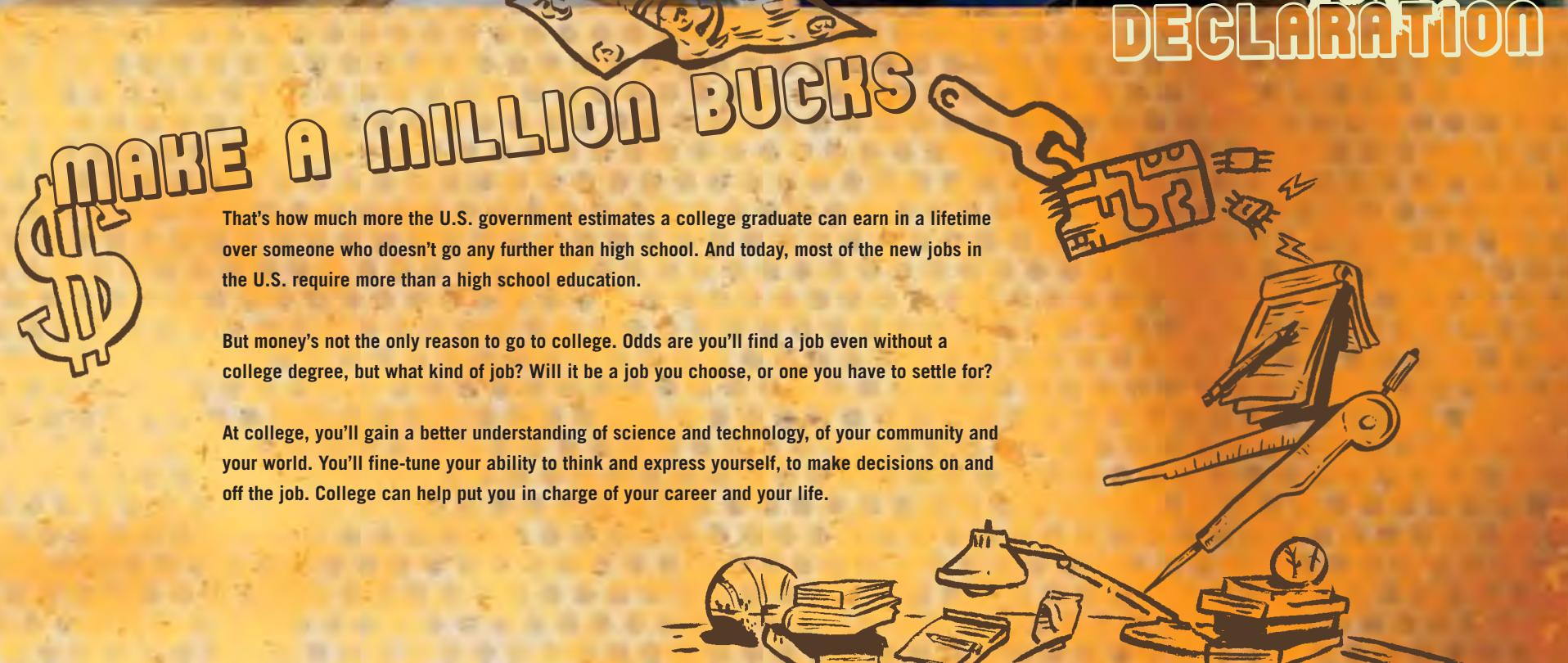
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MAKE A MILLION BUCKS

That's how much more the U.S. government estimates a college graduate can earn in a lifetime over someone who doesn't go any further than high school. And today, most of the new jobs in the U.S. require more than a high school education.

But money's not the only reason to go to college. Odds are you'll find a job even without a college degree, but what kind of job? Will it be a job you choose, or one you have to settle for?

At college, you'll gain a better understanding of science and technology, of your community and your world. You'll fine-tune your ability to think and express yourself, to make decisions on and off the job. College can help put you in charge of your career and your life.

Less than four years until high school graduation: 42 months ... 1,300 days. (But who's counting, right?) So what are you going to do when the time comes? Maybe you know exactly what you want to do ... or maybe you don't have a clue. That's OK – a lot of students don't know what careers they want to pursue when they start college. And some of them change their minds once they're there. But the more education you have, the more options it gives you.

Even if you don't know what you want to do, it's time right now to begin identifying your interests and skills. Need help? Ask your teachers, counselors, parents or other adults you trust to help you get ready.

Dominique Brinson
Junior, Juneau-Douglas High School, Juneau

ADVENTURE STARTS HERE

You're going to learn more than you ever thought possible in the classroom, but that's just one part of going to college. It's the complete package – campus living, concerts, dances, theater, athletics and recreation, fraternities and sororities, social and cultural events, and more. You'll find new friends from across the state, the country and from around the world.

You'll find that even the classroom is an adventure. Many colleges offer exchange programs where you can attend college in another state or country. And there are research opportunities where you learn by doing.

College will take you to places you've never been before. But you'll only get there if you start planning your journey now.



Renae Ivanoff
Senior, Frank A. Degan High School,
Unalakleet

Renae Ivanoff got a taste of college life last summer through the RAHI program at UAF – and she's ready for more. New people, new places, new challenges are all things she's excited about – plus an education that will help her get the career she wants.

WHAT'S IN YOUR FUTURE?
Life-long dream is to be an orthopedic surgeon – and being a pilot would be cool, too.

RAHI
Staying in the dorms. Eating in the cafeteria. Taking college classes. High school students get a chance to do all these things as part of UAF's Rural Alaska Honors Institute (RAHI), which helps high school students from rural Alaska make the transition to college life.

jordan jeffery
Senior, Barrow High School, Barrow

Jordan Jeffery is looking forward to meeting new people at college – and getting an education that will help him find a job doing something he enjoys.

WHAT'S IN YOUR FUTURE?
Not sure yet – the sky's the limit.





GRAD PROFILE

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As the sports reporter for KTVF Channel 11 in Fairbanks, UAF graduate Charlie Sokaitis is doing exactly what he dreamed of. "I love when the camera goes on, thousands of people are watching and it's live TV. Anything can happen and that's what makes it so exciting. Plus, every day is different, so it's hard to get bored." Charlie says he wouldn't be where he's at today without his college education and the encouragement from his teachers. "I remember my journalism professor asking 'Is this what you really want to do? Because I think you could be really good at it.' It was the moment I decided what I wanted to do after college and now I am doing it." Charlie has his own encouragement for students in high school. "High school is supposed to be fun, but I'll let you in on a secret - college is better."



FAQ

Photo by Mike Dinnan



Max Kubitza

Senior, West High School, Anchorage

POINT OF VIEW

When Max Kubitza isn't at school, you can often find him...at school. His old elementary school, that is. Max helps in the classroom once a week, as part of a program he started as a freshman. And he's recruited more than a dozen of his classmates to volunteer, as well. Outside the classroom, Max tears it up on the soccer field, as the captain of his high school team.

WHAT'S IN YOUR FUTURE?

If he had to choose right now, he'd be a physical therapist.

WHY SHOULD I START PLANNING FOR COLLEGE NOW?

The choices you make now – classes, study and work habits, and extracurricular activities – will determine what your options are in the future. Plan for how you're going to meet the requirements to get into college. Take the right courses, maintain a high grade point average and complete the necessary exams like the High School Graduation Qualifying Exam (HSGQE), PSAT, SAT and ACT.

WHAT COURSES DO I NEED TO TAKE IN HIGH SCHOOL?

Requirements vary from college to college, but typically you'll need:

- 4 years of English (literature and composition)
- 3-4 years of math
- 2-4 years of science and foreign language
- 2-3 years of history and geography
- 1 year of arts (music, art, dance, etc.)
- 1-3 years of challenging electives (such as economics, communications or computer science)

Trade schools and community colleges generally have fewer pre-requisites.

HOW MUCH DOES COLLEGE COST?

College and related expenses can tip the scales at \$10,000 to \$36,000 a year. Sticker-shocked? You have tools available that can help you pay for college. All universities provide financial aid. Keep in mind that it's less expensive to go to school in your home state, and that public schools are less expensive than private schools.

IS A MORE EXPENSIVE SCHOOL BETTER THAN ONE THAT'S LESS EXPENSIVE?

Not necessarily. The best approach is to match your skills and interests with the programs a college offers, then determine if the college is affordable for you and your family.

WHERE CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION?

Visiting www.gotocollege.alaska.edu is a great way to start.



DO THE MATH

Where do you want to go to college? How much does it cost? Getting an early handle on this will help you figure out how much you'll need to save, earn or borrow.

This table gives you an idea of how much it costs to attend one year at a four-year college. In addition, you'll also have to budget for books, miscellaneous expenses and travel. Going to college in your home state costs less, since you're paying resident tuition and usually don't have to travel as far. There are also programs, like the Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE), where you can attend out-of-state colleges at a reduced rate.

	Tuition & Fees	Room & Board	Total
ALASKA, FOUR-YEAR PUBLIC	\$4,445	\$6,400	\$10,845
NEVADA, FOUR-YEAR PUBLIC	\$13,420	\$10,220	\$23,640
OREGON, FOUR-YEAR PUBLIC	\$17,538	\$7,344	\$24,882
WASHINGTON, FOUR-YEAR PRIVATE	\$23,540	\$6,930	\$30,470
CALIFORNIA, FOUR-YEAR PUBLIC	\$25,827	\$10,469	\$36,296
COLORADO, FOUR-YEAR PRIVATE	\$30,372	\$8,351	\$38,723

Some people might think a big-city girl like Naomi Raddatz would be bored at a small school in a small town. "People are typically shocked at my decision to stay here, rather than go back to San Francisco." But Naomi has found plenty of things she likes at UAS - the Russian language courses, accessible professors and the selection at the library, to start. And, off campus, there's even more to do - hunting for thrift store finds, hiking, kayaking, chilling out to her favorite music, hanging out with friends, and reading and writing, of course. "As in any city, if you are motivated, the possibilities for entertainment are endless."

WHAT'S IN YOUR FUTURE? Hopes to go into journalism.





Trevor Hyatt likes the campus, classes and professors at UAF, but his favorite thing about college is playing for the UAF hockey team. "Hockey is what makes college life exciting ... playing in front of great fans and traveling to other schools in the nation to play." And he says hanging out with friends around enormous bonfires in freezing cold weather isn't bad either. But the UA Scholar does his share of studying, too. "You are on your own, so you have to push yourself to not get behind in your studies, because no one else will. It will be fun if you have a good balance between your studies and fun times."

WHAT'S IN YOUR FUTURE?

Studying to be a civil engineer.

GET MONEY FOR COLLEGE! (like Trevor)

With the UA Scholars Program, you can get money to attend UA. The program offers a four-year scholarship, which helps pay for tuition, to Alaska high school students in the top 10 percent of their graduating class. Want to be one of them? See our pull-out poster for tips on how to make the most of your high school years – or visit www.alaska.edu/scholars/ to learn more about the program.



Financial aid can come from colleges, state and federal governments, civic groups, foundations, businesses and community organizations. Today, more than half of those attending college in the U.S. receive some form of financial aid.

loans

This is money borrowed from a financial institution such as a bank, or from state or federal programs, and must be paid back with interest.

savings

College savings can have tax advantages for your parents and, in Alaska, you can automatically save your Permanent Fund Dividends by designating them to a college savings plan on the PFD application.

grants/scholarships

Both are money that doesn't have to be paid back. Grants generally are based on income, while scholarships are awarded to students meeting special requirements or demonstrating special talents. For example, UA Scholars Awards are available to the top 10 percent of graduating seniors from all qualified high schools in the state.

work/study/student jobs

Many students have jobs in college. Working helps you earn money and can give you great experience.

service programs

Various federal programs, such as AmeriCorps and ROTC, offer college assistance in exchange for service to our country.



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great grades + alaska students = \$ for college



PROFILE



Caitlin Grenier didn't figure she'd stay in Alaska to go to college. But after looking at a bunch of out-of-state schools, she packed up her bags, moved into the dorms and started college life at UAA. "I looked at a lot of other schools and chose to attend UAA because of the people, academics and atmosphere." So far, she's having a great time - hanging out with her sorority sisters, playing volleyball, meeting new people and studying, of course. And while the independence of college is great, she's still close enough to go home to play with her dogs - and do her laundry.

WHAT'S IN YOUR FUTURE?:
Thinking about being a veterinarian who works with large animals.



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16 CAMPUSES – 1 STATE

University of Alaska Anchorage

Anchorage ~ Chugiak-Eagle River ~ Kenai Peninsula ~ Kodiak College ~ Matanuska-Susitna College ~ Prince William Sound Community College

University of Alaska Fairbanks

Fairbanks ~ Bristol Bay ~ Chukchi ~ Interior-Aleutians ~ Kuskokwim ~ Northwest ~ Tanana Valley

University of Alaska Southeast

Juneau ~ Ketchikan ~ Sitka



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TOP 5 THINGS ABOUT UA

1 be ANYTHING

With more than 400 majors and certificates, and two-year, four-year and graduate programs to choose from, you can learn to be anything at the University of Alaska. Check out everything from theater to aviation, and nursing to engineering – or get the undergraduate degree you need to become a doctor or lawyer.

If you don't know what you want to do yet, that's fine, too. UA is a great place to figure out who you are today – and who you want to be tomorrow.

2 HIT THE road

Staying in your home state for college doesn't mean you can't experience new, exciting places. With 16 UA campuses, you can go to school around the corner or across the state!

Want to hit the road? UA has exchange programs in Nevada and New Zealand, Scotland and Sicily – and lots of places in between. Want to hear some real UA student exchange stories? Visit www.gotocollege.alaska.edu.

You'll also find that many of your fellow students are "on the road" themselves. One out of every 10 UA students is from another state – or even another country!

3 GET YOUR OWN PLACE

Roommate or no roommate? Dorm or apartment? Modern or retro? To clean or not to clean? These are all questions you get to answer when you have your very own place at college. UAA, UAF and UAS all have on-campus housing, and you can choose the living arrangement that works best for you. Start dreaming about your own place with the virtual housing tour at www.gotocollege.alaska.edu.

4 don't Break the Bank

Think of everything you can do with the money you save by going to UA! Like other public, in-state universities, UA costs less – but it has low student-teacher ratios and plenty of personal attention, like a private university. And UA offers funding and financial aid options to Alaska students that aren't available anywhere else.

5 Fun outside the classroom

There's tons to do at UA in your free time. Show your school spirit by cheering on the Division I ice hockey teams, Division II men's and women's basketball, or other Division II sports teams. Or be part of the action by joining an intramural sports team. You can also join a fraternity or sorority, or dozens of other special interest clubs, like outdoor activities, debate or art. Find your favorite group at www.gotocollege.alaska.edu.

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