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UAS Juneau – Kali Spencer, Student Ambassador

**Q: What are your favorite things to do in Juneau?**

**A:** Some of my favorite things to do in Juneau are to have bonfires with my friends, go swimming/jump in the lake, and go to the theater.

**Q: Have you ever flipped in a kayak?**

**A:** As for if I've ever flipped a kayak, yes absolutely I have! But the teachers help you learn how to get back in or roll all the way around so you're right side up again.

**Q: Are there any welding classes?**

**A:** We also do offer welding classes, you can actually get a certificate in welding at UAS.

**Q: Is there a pool?**

**A:** There is not a pool at UAS unfortunately, but there is one at the high school nearby that you can go to.

**Q: Are there any ski resorts nearby to UAS?**

**A:** There is a place to ski and snowboard near UAS! It's called Eaglecrest and is on Douglas Island right next to Juneau. The skiing and snowboarding class takes frequent visits to Eaglecrest.

**Q: Are there any computer programming classes at UAS?**

**A:** There are Computer Information Systems classes at UAS - some include programming fundamentals, IT infrastructure, and info security

**Q: What is a really good beginning class for Marine Biology? Is there a Marine Biology class you would recommend?**

**A:** There are tons of marine bio classes! We do offer an introduction to Marine Bio class you can take and the sea kayaking class I mentioned can actually count as a marine bio class as well.

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**UAF Career & Technical College – Patti Picha, Academic Advisor**

**Q: How much homework is there at college?**

**A:** Although it varies, most courses will have about 3 hours per unit per week, so if a student is taking 5 classes at 3 units each, that could be around 45 hours of homework per week, or 6 hours per day, including weekends. Many students have breaks between classes where they do homework, leaving them with only a couple hours more at the end of the day.

**Q: Does UAF have a gaming club?**

**A:** UAF does have a gaming club, it's called E-Sports, and our team has competed nationally!

**Q: Does UAF have a medical club?**

**A:** UAF has a medical club, for students who are planning to go on to medical school.

**Q: About how many students attend UAF Community & Technical College?**

**A:** UAF Community & Technical College is the largest community campus in the UA system with an average of over 3,000 students enrolled each semester.

**Q: What is your favorite part of UAF?**

**A:** My favorite part of UAF is how connected the students are with each other, it feels like a tight-knit community on campus.

**Q: What is UAF Community & Tech most well-known for?**

**A:** UAF Community & Technical College offers more than 40 one-year certificate programs, two-year associate degree programs, and occupational endorsements in high demand career fields.

**Q: Do you have any football, baseball, or basketball programs?**

**A:** For sports, UAF has basketball, hockey, volleyball, cross country skiing, running, rifle and swimming!

**Q: Does UAF Career & Tech have a good engineering (or pre-engineering) program?**

**A:** UAF has a great engineering program, we are one of the top schools in the country for engineering, and most of the graduates will have or get a job within a few months of graduating! The engineering program is its own college, not under CTC.

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**ANSEP – Tad Lindley, Kuskokwim Campus**

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**Q: How many math classes are there? Are they all AP? Is that how you get college credit in ANSEP high school?**

**A:** We have MATH105, 151, and 152. They are not “AP”, they are real college level classes.

**Q: Does ANSEP only have engineering or are there classes like Massage Therapy?**

**A:** Yes, at the Acceleration Academy, students with interests in any career path are welcome to attend.

**Q: How do you get into ANSEP if you are from Anchorage?**

**A:** Go to ANSEP.net, click the high school link mid-way down the page, and then follow the links to apply.

**Q: What do you like best about ANSEP?**

**A:** ANSEP is a great environment where students are rising up to a new level of challenges and succeeding!

**Q: How often do you come to Anchorage from Bethel?**

**A:** We will be in 3 times this year, and 3 or 4 times per year in the future.

**Q: Does ANSEP offer summer school for high school?**

**A:** ANSEP offers a 5-week Summer Acceleration Academy for 9<sup>th</sup>-12 graders, the full time Acceleration Academy for 9<sup>th</sup>-12 graders, and a 10-week Summer Bridge program for seniors who recently graduated and are transitioning to college. <https://www.ansep.net/high-school/>

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**Spanish – Andrea Dewees, UAS Juneau**

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**Q: Are there learning abroad opportunities or summer travel semester programs at UAS to live in a Spanish speaking country?**

**A:** And UAF and UAA both also offer Study Away

**Q: What is your favorite part of teaching Spanish?**

**A:** I love teaching language and my favorite part is when students are able to use their language skills in their community or during study away.

**Q: What second language do you recommend students take? Why?**

**A:** So my recommendation for which language to study is...study the language you want to use!

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**Paramedicine – Richie Berndt, UAF**

**Q: How much do paramedics make on average?**

**A:** The salary for paramedics in Alaska can range from \$40,000 - 65,000 per year

**Q: Is Fairbanks the only place you can get a paramedic degree?**

**A:** There is an AAS Degree program through UAA. The program has a different delivery method.

**Q: How hard is it to get into the Fire Science or paramedic programs?**

**A:** There is a competitive process for both the fire science and the paramedic programs. The best advice I can give is to work closely with the program advisors. Your advisors will insure you have the right academic schedule and are offered real world experience opportunities.

**Q: Have you ever lost a patient?**

**A:** I have lost several patients throughout my career. This can be very difficult. I grew up in a small community and several of the people I took care of were friends or family.

**April 1, 2022**

**Summer Camps & Study Abroad – Ryan Henderson, Kuskokwim Campus**

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**Q: I used to live in Dillingham so I'm curious if you like it and if you ever lived in Dillingham too? How does Bethel compare?**

**A:** I have not had a chance yet to visit Dillingham but it is definitely on my list of places in Alaska that I want to visit!

**Q: Have any of the mining classes found gold?**

**A:** I don't think we have found any gold yet

**Q: Which summer camp programs are most popular? What ages can apply?**

**A:** The Science and Culture camp is the most popular camp. We usually have around 18-20 students at the camp. Kuskokwim Campus will advertise the camp on Facebook and students are able to apply online. People can also reach out to me at [rlhenderson@alaska.edu](mailto:rlhenderson@alaska.edu) with questions and I am happy to get them connected to the application. Our camps are open to high school students in grades 9-12.

**April 7, 2022**

**Mat-Su College – Sara Bowman, Admissions Representative**

**Q: Do you have a football or baseball team?**

**A:** Mat-Su College doesn't have football or baseball teams just due to the nature of Alaskan weather, but there are community teams in the Mat-Su area that students are welcome to join!

**Q: Is there swimming or a pool @ your college?**

**A:** Unfortunately we do not have a swimming pool! However, Mat-Su students also count as UAA Anchorage students, and our Anchorage campus has a pool! So if you are going to Mat-Su College and taking classes there, you can use the Anchorage campus pool for free.

**Q: How big is the Arctic Dragon?**

**A:** Sophia is about as big as a human! She sits on a hoard of books and school supplies! She is located in our atrium and you are welcome to visit her anytime!!

**Q: How big is the campus & student body?**

**A:** The MSC campus is 951 acres in total but our buildings only encompass a small part of that. We had 1,252 students in 2021, which is a little down due to COVID-19. We really get to know each other here and it can be a nice step into a bigger campus!

**Q: How difficult is it to get in? What GPA or SAT score is needed or is an Alaskan HS Diploma enough?**

**A:** ACT/SAT scores aren't required for admission! 2.5+ GPA and final official high school transcript are the admission requirements for a bachelor's degree. An Alaska HS diploma works! For admissions, you would need to get your transcripts sent over from your previous high school.

**Q: What are the most popular sports at your college?**

**A:** At MSC we don't have any organized sports programs yet. Our campus is still fairly small but you can start any club you want including a sports team!

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**UAA – Alexa Cherry, Admissions Counselor**

**Q: What is dorm life like? Does every freshman live on campus?**

**A:** It is up to the student if they want to live on campus, there are lots of options if you want to live on campus! There are also lots of ways to get involved and meet people when you live on campus.

Dorm life at UAA is really cool! It's set up like a neighborhood, and every student gets their own bedroom with a door that locks and everything. Freshman are not required to live on campus, but I really recommend it if you want to get the full "college experience" and meet people!

**Q: How many people are in each dorm room?**

**A:** You CAN share a room in the dorms if you want, but it's not required! Generally the residence halls are set up "suite style," with 2 bedrooms and 1 bathroom on either side of a shared living room-type area - so you learn to live with 3 other people, but you have your own private bedroom, and you only share a bathroom with 1 other person

**Q: What sports are UAA most known for? Are there any sports scholarships?**

**A:** UAA has NCAA basketball, women and men's team, women's volley ball, women's gymnastics and men's hockey! We also have cross country skiing, track and field!

**A:** We may not have a football team, but our student life + leadership office throws Superbowl viewing parties for the campus in the spring if that's up your alley.

**Q: How big is the UAA campus?**

**A:** Our campus is about 2 miles end-to-end and we have around 10-11k students! But our average class size is about 1 professor to 15 students, so they actually know your name and recognize you - not like at a huge college in the Lower 48 where they might have 300+ students at a time.

**Q: How did the Seawolf get chosen as the school mascot? What is a Seawolf?**

**A:** From our sports site: "From 1972 until 1977, UAA's athletic teams had been known as the Sourdoughs – meaning a longtime Alaskan – however that mascot was abandoned in favor of something fiercer and more recognizable to those outside the 49th State."

"Still in search of something uniquely Alaskan, which would celebrate the state's rich cultural history, former basketball coach Bob Rachal researched the legends of the tribes of Southeast Alaska and discovered a striking totemic creature that appeared to be half wolf/half sea creature."

"Although known as Gonakadet in the Tlingit tradition and Wasco by the Haida, this formidable creature was commonly referred to as the 'Sea-Wolf.' Among the most common fables was a version in which a noble young man, resilient in nature, uses his ingenuity to conquer the Sea-Wolf. Clad in the animal's skin, he uses its strength and magical powers to fish for sea life, thereby saving his village from starvation. Simultaneously strong, generous and humble, the Sea-Wolf was also said to bring great luck and wealth to anyone fortunate enough to spy it, or hear its soulful howl. The name fit perfectly with UAA and the image it wished to portray."

**Q: What extracurricular activities do you recommend a freshman get involved with?**

**A:** Students should pursue any activities they find interesting and try out different clubs, activities, and internships.

**Q: When was UAA founded?**

**A:** UAA was founded in 1954.

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Transportation & Power (Auto Diesel, Welding, and NDT) – Susan Moran, UAA

**Q: Is there a radiology program at UAA?**

**A:** We have a radiological technician program!

**Q: If I want to be an architect, should I go to UAA?**

**A:** We don't have an architecture degree unfortunately, but you CAN earn multiple degrees! Either at the same time (as a multiple major) or you can finish one then start another.

**Q: Are there botany or biology classes?**

**A:** No botany, but we have a really great natural sciences (plants and the world at large) program if you want to get started there plus other biology courses.

**Q: When was UAA first established?**

**A:** UAA was founded in 1954! We are 68 years old

**Q: Does UAA offer a marine biology program?**

**A:** UAF offers a marine biology program. You can even get funded to do your own research!

UAA does not offer marine biology, BUT check out our sister school, UAS! They have one of the top 10 marine bio programs in the country, and are located between Auke Lake and Auke Bay in Juneau for immediate access to both fresh- and saltwater animals.

**Q: Would you suggest going out of state for college or not?**

**A:** When choosing to go out of state or in state, cost is something you'll want to think about. Out of state colleges will cost more, and there are a lot of scholarships that are offered to students who stay in-state. You have to balance that with the program you want to study and how much it is.

**Q: If you had a friend going to the same college, could you be in the same dorm?**

**A:** Yes, you will both have to request each other, but friends can live in the same dorm together.

**Q: Does UAA have political science?**

**A:** We do have a political science degree!

If you're uncertain about going out of state for college, and especially if you earn in-state scholarships, I recommend starting college in state at a UA campus, then going on national student exchange or study abroad to see what you think about out-of-state schools!

**Q: Does UAA offer a medical program specifically for nursing?**

**A:** We do have a nursing degree!

**Q: How many people can live in a dorm? How big are they?**

**A:** At UAA, up to 4 people in a given residence hall suite!

**A:** For UAF dorms: we have different living spaces, but our freshman start out in the dorms, with a roommate sharing a room. You can also live in apartments on campus.

**Q: Does UAA have an Ornithology (study of birds) program?**

**A:** No ornithology degree, but you can study ornithology/birds through our natural and biological sciences degrees! We had a bio student who actually did a research project on the effect of plastic microbeads in body wash on the local seabird population.

**Q: What classes do you need to take if you want to be a future mechanic?**

**A:** You'll start by applying for the mechanic degree you want, then you'll meet with an academic advisor who will help you choose and sign up for the exact classes you need.

**Q: Are there programs to help you become an astronaut at UAA?**

**A:** Yes! There is no degree for becoming an astronaut (as far as I'm aware) but we have really good degrees in science, math, and engineering that would all be good starts on the path to exploring the other "last frontier".

**A:** UAF has a space physics degree which can help you along the way to being an astronaut. We also partner with NASA for some experiments our students do!

**Art – Jessi Saiki, UAA**

**Q: What made you choose to work at UAA?**

**A:** I chose to work at UAA because I wanted to help students get answers to the questions I DIDN'T have someone to answer when I was going to college!

**Q: How hard is the art you do? How long does it take to do?**

**A:** Remember things can take longer when you're learning! It took me 6 hours to draw a hallway during beginning drawing class.

**Q: Do you draw cats?**

**A:** Some UAA artists do draw cats!

**Q: What type of music do you listen to when making art?**

**A:** Thanks for asking what kind of music I listen to while I make art!!! I listen to all genres!!! Especially upbeat electronic music!!!

**Music – Jaunelle Celaire, Sean Dowgray, Scott Hansen, UAF**

[www.uaf.edu/music](http://www.uaf.edu/music); UAF Music on TikTok

**Q: Do you have a marching band or jazz band? What instrument do u play?**

**A:** UAF Music Large Ensembles include Orchestra, Choir, and band!

**Q: Can you guys play the piano?**

**A:** I bet they can! I know UAA's music program requires students to be able to play the piano before they can start taking advanced classes in a different instrument.

**Q: How often do you have concerts?**

**A:** <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCwiJ2usLwGYjgPM1EII67PA>

Visit [uaf-music@alaska.edu](mailto:uaf-music@alaska.edu) for more information!

Visit [www.uaf.edu/music](http://www.uaf.edu/music) for performance schedules.

**Q: How many people can fit in your auditorium?**

**A:** The Davis Concert Hall seats 900 audience members!

**Q: What music degrees are offered at UAF?**

**A:** Degrees offered at UAF Music include:

B.M. in Music Performance

B.A. in Music

**April 8, 2022**

**Alaska History & Geography – Dr. Erik Hirschmann, Mat-Su College**

**1. What is the largest bear in Alaska?**

A. Polar Bear

B. Black Bear

**C. Kodiak Brown Bear**

D. Grizzly Bear

**2. What animal likes to trick people and other animals in many Alaska Native stories?**

A. Humpback whale

B. Black Bear

**C. Raven**

D. Bald Eagle

**3. The coldest temperature ever recorded in Alaska is:**

- A. -60F
- B. -80F**
- C. -50F
- D. -70F

**4. How many volcanoes are in Alaska?**

- A. 95
- B. 48
- C. 108
- D. over 130**

**5. The Alaska flag, with the Big Dipper and North Star, was designed by a 13-year-old named:**

- A. William Seward
- B. Lisa Murkowski
- C. Sarah Palin
- D. Benny Benson**

**6. Alaska became the 49th state in the United States of America in:**

- A. 1975
- B. 1959**
- C. 1867
- D. 1912

**7. Two famous Alaska sled dogs were named:**

- A. Togo and Balto**
- B. Scooby and Odie
- C. Pluto and Snoopy
- D. Pongo and Perdita

**8. From the 1880s to the 1910s, thousands of people came to Alaska for work in:**

- A. Crab fishing
- B. Farming
- C. Oil pipeline
- D. Gold rushes**

**9. What country built settlements in Alaska during the late 1700s and early 1800s?**

- A. Spain
- B. England
- C. Russia**
- D. Norway

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**Emergency Management – John Pennington, UAF**

**Q: What was the scariest situation you've been in?**

**A:** The scariest part of my job is not knowing what actually happened and how much damage there actually is.

**Q: What is the most common type of emergency you respond to?**

**A:** The most common disaster I see is FLOODS! They are the most common disaster in the United States.

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**Engineering – Joe Selmont, UAA**

**Q: What classes do you need to take if you are going to be a robotic engineer?**

**A:** You'll take computer science, electrical and computer engineering, math, and mechanical engineering.