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ALASKA COMMISSION ON POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION RELEASES THE FOURTH EDITION OF THE ALASKA HIGHER EDUCATION ALMANAC

Juneau – The Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education (ACPE) is pleased to announce publication of the 2021 Alaska Higher Education Almanac. The goal of this research publication is to provide policymakers and higher education stakeholders with a longitudinal source of data on higher education in Alaska. The almanac offers valuable information about Alaska's postsecondary institutions, financial aid programs, educational attainment, and workforce needs, providing a comprehensive picture of postsecondary education in Alaska. This fourth edition of the almanac also includes preliminary information on the impacts of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic on Alaska's higher education systems.

Access to clear, concise, and reliable data is instrumental when making necessary, and sometimes challenging, decisions about public and private investments in education and career training. The almanac collects key aggregated data about the state of higher education in Alaska from reputable state and national sources, and presents it in an easy-to-read format. This publication serves as an important reference for leaders, especially during this time of crisis.

Please contact us with any questions or feedback you may have. Our mission is to support access to and success in postsecondary education and career training, to ensure Alaska's students have access to the higher education resources they need to make informed decisions and contribute to a vibrant Alaska economy.

The 2021 Alaska Higher Education Almanac is available on the Commission's website at <u>https://acpe.alaska.gov/reports</u>.

ABOUT THE ALASKA COMMISSION ON POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION:

Funded by the Alaska Student Loan Corporation, ACPE promotes access to and success in education and career training beyond high school.

THE COMMISSION PROVIDES:

- Education planning tools and resources
- Advocacy and support for postsecondary participation in Alaska
- Financial aid for college and career training
- Education consumer protection through institutional authorization and complaint investigation Education consumer protection through institutional authorization and complaint investigation

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