

# ACAC Training Agenda

The Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education  
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## Tuesday, 9/1

- 9:00–9:10 **Welcome**  
*Dominika Szpotanska, ACAC Coordinator*  
*Kate Hillenbrand, Director of Communications & Outreach*
- 9:10–9:25 **Overview of ACPE**  
*Kate Hillenbrand, Director of Communications & Outreach*
- 9:25–10:25 **Student Financial Aid**  
**(FAFSA, grants, scholarships, work-study, student loans)**  
*Tyler Eggen, College & Career Specialist II; ACPE*
- 10:25–10:35 **Break (10-min)**
- 10:35–11:20 **Iñisaġvik College**  
*Janelle Everett, Director of Recruiting*
- 11:20–11:30 **Break (10-min)**
- 11:30–12:00 **Alaska Laborers Training School**  
*Suzanne McCarthy, Training Director*

## Thursday, 9/3

- 9:00–10:00 **Alaska Career Information System (AKCIS)**  
**Assessments**  
*Julia Renfro, AKCIS Partnership Coordinator; ACPE*
- 10:00–10:10 **Break (10-min)**
- 10:10–10:40 **Northern Industrial Training (NIT)**  
*Patrick Rose, Business Development Manager*
- 10:40–10:50 **Break (10-min)**
- 10:50–11:20 **ANSEP**  
*Shaylyn "Yosty" Storms, Middle School Director*
- 11:20–11:30 **Break (10-min)**
- 11:30–12:00 **UAA Native Student Services**  
*Amber Fullmer, Director/Assistant Professor*

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## Tuesday, 9/8

- 9:00–9:30 **Overview of Exams**  
(ACT, SAT, College Board ACCUPLACER, WorkKeys)  
*Caroline Proulx, College & Career Guide*  
*Nome Public Schools & Bering Strait School District*
- 9:30–9:40 **Break (10-min)**
- 9:40–10:25 **AK DOLWD Division of Employment & Training Services**  
*Demetria Veasy, Anchorage/Mat-Su Regional Manager*
- 10:25–10:35 **Break (10-min)**
- 10:35–11:05 **Covenant House Alaska**  
*Helen Michaelson, JAG (Jobs for America's Graduates) Manager*
- 11:05–11:15 **Break (10-min)**
- 11:15–12:00 **Charter College**  
*Joshua Bicchinella, Campus President–AK/MT*

## Thursday, 9/10

- 9:00–9:30 **Best Academic Match & Social Fit**  
*Caroline Proulx, College & Career Guide*  
*Nome Public Schools & Bering Strait School District*
- 9:30–9:40 **Break (10-min)**
- 9:40–10:25 **AK DOLWD Office of Apprenticeship**  
*Anne Velardi, Statewide Apprenticeship Coordinator*
- 10:25–10:35 **Break (10-min)**
- 10:35–11:05 **AK Postsecondary Access & Completion Network**  
*Arth Brown III, Network President; Iñisaġvik College*
- 11:05–11:15 **Break (10-min)**
- 11:15–12:00 **SERRC – Alaska's Educational Resource Center**  
*Kate Prussing, WIOA Youth Program Manager*  
*Karragh Arndt, STEP & ACA Trades Program Manager*  
*Jackie Wood, Adult Education Programs Manager*

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## Tuesday, 9/15

- 9:00–9:30 **Alaska Career & Technical Education Student Organizations (CTSO's)**  
*Joni A. Simpson, Statewide Coordinator;  
Fairbanks North Star Borough School District*
- 9:30–9:40 **Break (10-min)**
- 9:40–10:25 **Academic Year Cycle – Best Practices for Student Connections**  
*Caroline Proulx, College & Career Guide  
Nome Public Schools & Bering Strait School District*
- 10:25–10:35 **Break (10-min)**
- 10:35–11:05 **Alaska Education Network – Project ECHO**  
*Carey Gray, ECHO Coordinator  
Raquel Schroeder, ECHO Coordinator*
- 11:05–11:15 **Break (10-min)**
- 11:15–12:00 **AVTEC – Alaska Vocational Technical Center**  
*Cathy LeCompte, Director*

## Thursday, 9/17

- 9:00–9:30 **Alaska Area Health Education Centers (AHEC)**  
*Alexis Harvey, K-12 Education Coordinator*
- 9:30–9:40 **Break (10-min)**
- 9:40–10:25 **Working with Students – Dissecting an Interaction**  
*Caroline Proulx, College & Career Guide  
Nome Public Schools & Bering Strait School District*
- 10:25–10:35 **Break (10-min)**
- 10:35–11:05 **Alaska Job Corps Center**  
*John Alcantra, Business & Community Liaison*
- 11:05–11:15 **Break (10-min)**
- 11:15–12:00 **AK DOT&PF Civil Rights Office**  
*Aaron Nickols, Business Development/OJT Program Manager  
Erin Fragoso, Civil Rights Programs & Compliance Specialist I*

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## Tuesday, 9/22

- 9:00–9:30 **Alaska Safety Alliance**  
*Cari-Ann Carty, Executive Director*
- 9:30–9:40 **Break (10-min)**
- 9:40–10:25 **Alaska Works Partnership  
Construction Education & Training**  
*Tiffany Caudle, Program Manager*
- 10:25–10:35 **Break (10-min)**
- 10:35–11:05 **UAA First Year Student Advising & Success**  
*Valerie Robideaux, Director*
- 11:05–11:15 **Break (10-min)**
- 11:15–12:00 **Alaska Army National Guard**  
*SFC Ernesto Ventura, Recruiting & Retention Non-Commissioned Officer*

## Thursday, 9/24

- 9:00–9:30 **UAF Rural Student Services**  
*Gabrielle Russell, Advisor  
Minnie Naylor, Academic Advisor*
- 9:30–9:40 **Break (10-min)**
- 9:40–10:25 **Alaska Pacific University**  
*Dr. Hilton Hallock, Provost, Professor of Education  
Toni Riley, Director of Admissions*
- 10:25–10:35 **Break (10-min)**
- 10:35–11:05 **Alaska Miners Association**  
*Deantha Skibinski, Executive Director*
- 11:05–11:15 **Break (10-min)**
- 11:15–12:00 **AK DOLWD Division of Vocational Rehabilitation**  
*James Swanson, Vocational Rehabilitation Manager*

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## Tuesday, 9/29

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9:00–9:30 **UAA Center for Alaska Education Policy Research**  
*Dr. Dayna DeFeo, Director*

9:30–9:40 **Break** (10-min)

9:40–10:25 **Marketing an Event**  
**Understanding Generations**  
*Christina Campbell, College & Career Specialist II; ACPE*

10:25–10:35 **Break** (10-min)

10:35–11:05 **ABC of Alaska**  
*Amber Cartier, Director of Apprenticeship*

11:05–11:15 **Break** (10-min)

11:15–12:00 **Alaska Career College**  
*Jennifer Deitz, Campus President*  
*Chaz Alexander Sr., Career Services Director*