

**Dimond High School**  
**Career Resource Center**

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**Last Weekly Announcement Until Next Fall**  
**May 14, 2012**

The CRC office will be closed starting May 19th. We will open back up at the start of the school year.

**Locker Clean Out on Tuesday!**

Registration for high school summer school programs is open. Please see the ASD high school page for details. [www.asdk12.org/summer/](http://www.asdk12.org/summer/)

Last school day is Thursday, May 17<sup>th</sup>

**Wednesday (5/16)**

**Final Exam Schedule**

<b>Period 1</b>	<b>7:30a.m. – 9:20a.m.</b>
<b>Period 2</b>	<b>9:30a.m. – 11:20a.m.</b>
<b>Lunch</b>	<b>11:20a.m. – 12:04p.m.</b>
<b>Period 3</b>	<b>12:10p.m. – 2:00p.m.</b>
<b>*No PM KCC, AM KCC at KCC all day</b>	

**Thursday (5/17) Final Exam Schedule**

<b>Period 4</b>	<b>7:30a.m. – 9:20a.m.</b>
<b>Period 5</b>	<b>9:30a.m. – 11:20a.m.</b>

**Lunch**                    **11:20a.m. – 12:04p.m.**

**Period 6**                **12:10p.m. – 2:00p.m.**

**\*No AM KCC, PM KCC reports to KCC in the AM**

Registration is now open for King Career Center summer school classes. They are offering 10 different exciting and fun classes that will run from June 6-22. Register now before they all fill up. See your counselor to get enrolled.

Registration for high school **summer school programs** is open. Please see the ASD [high school page](http://www.asdk12.org/summer/) for details. [www.asdk12.org/summer/](http://www.asdk12.org/summer/)

**Seniors** who have completed their portfolio, you may pick them up in the CRC.

**Looking for a job?** Please see below (Job Opportunities).

**Seniors, who will be attending college in the fall**, please stop by the registrar's office in Curriculum to complete a **Final Transcript Request form** if you have not already done so. All colleges require a **final transcript with your graduation date**. **Athletes** who will be competing in college will also need to send a final official transcript to the NCAA clearinghouse too!

Seniors who are attending a College or University next fall, make sure you are aware of **deadlines to accept admissions , room**, and any financial aid the school has offered you. Also, contact any school that you have applied to but will not be attending and let them know.

For those of you who need our **school code, it is 020003**

Any **UA Scholars**, you should have picked up your certificate in the CRC office!

**Any students who want to get a head start this summer on collecting materials for their senior portfolios, please look on the Dimond's CRC website .**

Firefighting as a career! Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce has a flier that list local organizations with information in different fields or emergency response. Visit their website! [www.jobs.alaska.gov](http://www.jobs.alaska.gov)

### **Scholarship Deadlines:**

About the scholarship application process: Read all materials carefully. Follow instructions to the letter. Do not procrastinate about completing an application. Set a personal deadline date a week earlier than the posted deadline so you don't make last minute mistakes.

**AKCIS SCHOLARSHIP SEARCH:** Go to the AKCIS WEBSITE. ([www.akcis.intocareers.org](http://www.akcis.intocareers.org)), At the AKCIS Homepage, sign in. For USERNAME type in: dimondhs. For PASSWORD type in 4akcis.. Then click on Financial Aid Sort tab, then go from there. You will then see a list of updated scholarships available.

- 05/28/12      **B.DAVIS SCHOLARSHIP \$1000.00**  
The creators of the "**Student Award Search Aid**" website are offering a scholarship for 2012.  
Please visit our website at  
<http://www.studentawardsearch.com/scholarships.htm> to read about us and to apply for our scholarship. While you're there, please browse through the rest of the site to learn more about applying for other scholarships.
- 05/31/12      **The Neal O. Thorpe Memorial Scholarship.** Supports Alaskan Students who are the first in their immediate family to attend post-secondary school. \$7500.00 per year for up to five years who attend one of the following schools: Alaska Christian College, APU, Concordia, Corban, George Fox, Montana Bible, Multnomah, Northwest Nazarene, northwest University, Pacific Luthern, SPU, Trinity Lutheran, University of Portland, Warner Pacific, and Whitworth. More information in the CRC office.
- 05/31/12      **WISECHOICE "FIND THE RIGHT COLLEGE" SCHOLARSHIP**  
AMOUNT:      \$2,500  
DETAILS:      To be eligible you must be a US student graduating from high school in 2012-2015; for complete details, including eligibility requirements, entry instructions ad prize details, please see Official Rules at  
<http://www.wisechoice.com/?sid=gcfx>
- 06/01/12      **Sig EP Fraternity from Montana State University is offering a scholarship** to incoming freshman. It's called the Balanced Leader Scholarship. Applications are in the CRC office.
- 06/15/12      **ABBOT & FENNER SCHOLARSHIP**  
AMOUNT:      \$1,000  
DETAILS:      OPEN to all high school juniors and seniors as well as all students currently registered in any accredited post-secondary institution. Between the ages of 16 and 30; To apply for this scholarship you will need to write an 500 to 1000 word essay on: ***What was the most difficult time in your life, and why? How did your perspective on life change as a result of this difficulty?*** Your submissions must be sent by email at [scholarships@abbottandfenner.com](mailto:scholarships@abbottandfenner.com) Additional information at: <http://www.abbottandfenner.com/scholarships.htm>
- 06/15/12      **Shelly Szepanski Memorial Flight Scholarship.** This is a \$5000.00 training scholarship that will help applicants earn their private

or commercial/instrument ratings, including a float rating.  
More information in the CRC office.

- 06/22/12      **BIGSUN ORGANIZATION ATHLETIC SCHOLARSHIP**  
AMOUNT:    \$500  
DETAILS:    Open to young athletes who participates in any sport who are high school SENIORS or will be attending a postsecondary institution and currently involved in some sport at that institution. To apply, please visit:  
<http://www.bigsunathletics.com>
- 6/30/12      **Maharlika, Inc. Scholarship of Excellence**  
**received by** AMOUNT:    Award up to \$2,500  
DETAILS:    Open to graduating high school SENIOR; cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher; legal resident of the State of Alaska for at least one year prior to application; commitment to community service; Filipino ancestry; application available in the CRC
- 10/05/12     **AES ENGINEERS**  
AMOUNT:    \$500  
DETAILS:    Open to high school SENIORS and all students attending a post-secondary educational facility; You are not required to be taking Engineering courses to be eligible; you must submit an essay, which is "What are your dreams for your future? When you look back on your life in thirty years, what would it take for you to consider your life successful?" Apply at:  
<http://www.aesengineers.com/scholarships.htm>  
Our belief is that achieving a high grade point average should not be the only criteria for determining who deserves to be helped. For that reason we are offering a scholarship that will be awarded on the basis of character, as determined by evaluating the essays that are submitted; Scholarships are intended for our future leaders across a wide spectrum of fields of study.

## **Alaska Performance Scholarship Information**

The APS can be used at participating postsecondary institutions in Alaska. Students can use the APS within six years of high school graduation. To receive an initial award, students must: meet high school curriculum, GPA and test score requirements; file a FAFSA or approved alternate application no later than June 30 of the year in which they plan to use the award; be admitted to a qualifying degree or certificate program at a participating Alaska institution; notify their postsecondary institution before the enrollment certification deadline that they plan to attend using an APS award; enroll in: at least 12 credits for each semester of their freshman year to receive a full-time study award; or at least 6 credits to receive a prorated half-time study award; or a qualifying clock-hour CTE program; and have unmet costs of attendance of \$500 or more after considering all other non-loan aid, such as grants and other scholarships.

As a parent, how can I access my student's APS eligibility information?

You can discuss the eligibility requirements with your student and meet with your student's high school counselor or school district office to verify the curriculum, GPA, and test scores that are part of your student's permanent record. These are used in the calculation of the eligibility status and award level. You can compare this information to the requirements for qualifying and determining award level.

Students may also choose to register for an optional Alaska Student Aid Portal (ASAP) account, in which they can review the eligibility status and award level reported by their school district in late July following high school graduation, and track scholarship usage. The student is the only person who may register for and access their ASAP account. Logging on to ASAP requires that a user affirm that the individual logging on is the student in question, so it is not possible for a parent to access ASAP on behalf of a child, even if your student is under 18.

**ASAP website below:**

**[http://akadvantage.alaska.gov/Grants\\_and\\_Scholarships/My\\_Grant\\_Scholarship\\_Account.aspx](http://akadvantage.alaska.gov/Grants_and_Scholarships/My_Grant_Scholarship_Account.aspx)**

**Make sure Dimond H.S. has your SAT and/or ACT scores on file!**

Reasons why we may not have a test score on file:

- Student took the test while enrolled in another district
- Student did not release the test score to the school/district when registering

**Make sure you have filled out the FAFSA Application by June 30th- [www.FAFSA.ed.gov](http://www.FAFSA.ed.gov)**

**Make sure you have signed a release records form from Dimond H.S.**

All the eligibility data for the Alaska Performance Scholarship is submitted electronically to DEED the end of June. We will not release APS eligibility for any graduating senior who has the postsecondary institution release denied.

Log on to the Alaska Student Aid Portal (ASAP) to verify if your application has been received. If you apply via the FAFSA on the Web, your information should be available on ASAP within five business days.

### **TEST PREPARATION TOOLS/SITES**

**SYLVAN LEARNING CENTER:** Call 561-2229 for information.

**FRONTIER TUTORING:** SAT/ACT preparation. Located at 5313 Arctic Blvd., Ste, 102. Call 1-888-805-4855 or visit [www.frontiertutoring.com](http://www.frontiertutoring.com). With our SAT® Preparation classes gaining in popularity since we began running them last year, we have decided to release a schedule for the next three upcoming classes which will run all through the 2012 spring semester, preparing students for the SAT® exams on March 10, May 5, and June 2. Again, we are offering a \$50 discount on the \$395.00 enrollment price for those students signing up early. The schedules for these classes can be viewed at <http://frontiertutoring.com/satprepcourse.aspx> <<http://frontiertutoring.com/satprepcourse.aspx>> .

**SAT PREPARATION COURSE - HOLY ROSARY ACADEMY:** - Course intended to prepare students for the SAT Test. Program fee is \$800.00 for 48 hours of instruction and diagnostic testing. Testing takes place on Saturdays 9-1p, course instruction in Monday through Thursdays, 6-9pm. Contact Catherine Neumayr at 360-9610 or e-mail [cneumayronice@yahoo.com](mailto:cneumayronice@yahoo.com) for more information or to register. Registration limited to the first 15 students to sign-up.

**SAT/ACT PowerPrep Program:** The Warrick Dunn Foundation has extended the National SAT/ACT sponsorship program, available to all local high school students. To learn more about the SAT/ACT PowerPrep Program – go to [www.eKnowledge.com/nfl](http://www.eKnowledge.com/nfl) – enter code3A3949A2B72. The programs provide video help in preparing for the college board tests. They retail between \$200 and \$300 but the code listed eliminates the retail cost. There is a processing fee of \$13.84 for materials, shipping, and customer support.

**www.SoarAtHome.org.** SOAR is a free program for all ASD families that allows students access to assessments and tutorials to improve Math and Reading Skills for students in grades 3 through high school. The Princeton Review, one of the nation's preeminent providers of SAT prep classes, is donating 25 licenses for its on-line test prep course with over 30 hours of instruction to help students prepare for the SAT or ACT.

**TABE Test sites:** Nine Star - 279-7827, 125 West 5th Avenue; Job Center, 269-6414, 400 Gamble Street; AVTEC, Muldoon Mall.

**COMPASS Test:** Placement test for math and english. Mat-Su College Testing Center, 745-9713 for current hours or to schedule a test. \$10 fee, picture ID presented at time of testing.

**WORKKEYS PREP:** CR101 is the only program endorsed by ACT as preparation for the WorkKeys exam. In addition to quizzes and practice for the foundational skills of Applied Math, Reading for Information and Locating Information, CR101 also has modules that address "soft skills" like financial literacy, listening, observation, teamwork, etiquette, etc. The practice modules either be automatically assigned by a pretest, assigned by a teacher, or self selected by the students.

ASD has created user accounts for every student and classroom teacher in grades 7-12. Logon information is: <http://run.careerready101.com>. Student username is lastname.firstname. Student password is student ID #

There is an excellent free resource for Alaskans that many people don't know about. It's the **Statewide Library Electronic Doorway**. There are practice tests for all the college entrance exams, including WorkKeys, ACT, SAT . . . There is also a free language instructional program that teaches English for ELL or Foreign Language to English Speakers. go to:

<http://sled.alaska.edu>

- select the Testing and Education link to find college testing resources
- search the site for "Mango" to get to the language resource I mentioned.

## **Job Opportunities**

Alaska Dept of Labor & Workforce Development

**Anchorage Job Center Midtown**

269-4774 Fax: 269-4819

[www.jobs.alaska.gov](http://www.jobs.alaska.gov)

Companies scheduled for hiring events:

May 14: Express Employment Professional Recruiting general labor  
Positions. 11 a.m..

May 16: HMSHost in Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport  
10 a.m.

May 30-June 1 Big Creek Fisheries 9 a.m.

June 4, July 2, Aug. 6: Orientation & Application Sessions 1 p.m.

[akwp.org](http://akwp.org), [www.alaskaca.org/-anchorage/19.html](http://www.alaskaca.org/-anchorage/19.html)

June 8 Peter Pan Seafoods 9 a.m.

And many more!

**Youth Job Center:** Serving youth ages 14-24. Helpful websites: [www.jobs.alaska.gov](http://www.jobs.alaska.gov),  
[www.onetonline.org](http://www.onetonline.org), and [www.careeready101.com](http://www.careeready101.com). Or Call 907-334-2587.

**Free Construction Training.** The Anchorage Construction Academy provides basic construction training for adults who are seeking skills that can lead to a good-paying job in the construction industry. Classes run from October – Dec. For more information, please call 569-4704 or visit [www.alaskaca.org](http://www.alaskaca.org) or <http://akwp.org>.

### **Summer Camps or Internships**

American Indian, Alaska Native & Native Hawaiian Students: A summer Pre-College Workshop for 10th and 11th grade High School Students. College Horizons is a week long intensive “crash course” in preparing your best college application. June 10-15th: Kenyon College and June 24-29 at the University of Pennsylvania. The GH2012 program will be hosted by Harvard University located in Cambridge, MA from June 16-19, 2012. The Graduate Horizons Website is located here: [www.graduatehorizons.org](http://www.graduatehorizons.org) Deadline is Feb. 6th, 2012.

**Business Week Alaska State Chamber:** July 14-21 2012 at UAF. The objective of this program is to give students a hands-on learning opportunity to explore their leadership skills and future career choices, as well as getting a head start in college. For more information contact Ann Ringstad-Program Director at [AkBusinessWeek@gmail.com](mailto:AkBusinessWeek@gmail.com) or 907-474-5922. [www.uaf.edu/abw](http://www.uaf.edu/abw).