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The Den Administration Pack Leaders' Announcements

Senior Honors Award Ceremony:

AMCS will hold an honors ceremony for graduating seniors this spring. Please mark the date on your calendar and be sure to send in any awards, honors, or scholarships you have received so we can celebrate you on this night! To submit awards please [click here!](#)

Tentative Date: Monday April 10th, 6:00 PM

Location: East High School Auditorium

Junior Seminar

All juniors will participate in a week-long Junior Seminar, May 8-12. Students will attend either a morning (8-9:50 am) or afternoon (11:30 am-1:20 pm) session. The seminar introduces students to career exploration, college exploration, financial aid, ACT/SAT testing, AK Performance Scholarship, and career opportunities. Over the summer, students should register to take the ACT/SAT, research their top colleges, identify funding, investigate scholarships, visit colleges, explore workforce opportunities, etc. Come fall, students will enroll in a Senior Seminar and begin applying to their top colleges, submitting applications for scholarships, and/or applying for jobs. Students need to self-enroll in the am or afternoon session; for more details, please see your AMCS advisory teacher for more information.

Registrar's Range

Grade changes: If a course grade changed after grades appeared in your student account in Q, or you repeated a class to replace a prior grade, you must notify Mrs. Sherwood. If the grade is for a college course, contact your UAA advisor once the grade has been

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posted on your UAA transcript. Your advisor will share the updated grade information with AMCS. Please note that grade changes/replacements are a manual process, and we will only know if your grade changes if you tell us.

Transcript Requests: The Anchorage School District uses [ScribOrder](#) for all educational records requests. If you are under the age of 18, a parent/guardian must be the one to submit the request. Be sure to have them legibly signed. We can send e-documents to most post-secondary institutions, so please enter this information in your request. Sending e-documents gets your transcripts to the schools much sooner than mailing them, saving everybody time!


Withdrawing from AMCS: AMCS has a formal process to transfer out of the program that ensures the student is in good standing with UAA and AMCS. AMCS needs students to speak with their UAA advisor AND AMCS counselor before withdrawing from the program. The electronic [Withdrawal form](#) ensures returned textbooks and no balances are on the student account. Please note that the form requires signatures from the advisor, counselor, student, and parent.

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Counselor's Cave

Valedictorian/Salutatorian Selection Criteria: The Valedictorian and Salutatorian are selected each year from the graduating class. The Valedictorian ranks first in scholarship and is considered the top student of their class; the salutatorian ranks second in scholarship and is considered the second highest student in their class. Criteria are based primarily on weighted cumulative GPA. Thus, more than one student may qualify for the valedictorian and salutatorian distinctions. GPAs are calculated in the spring semester of their senior year, and students will be notified of their honor status by the end of March.

Graduation & Post-High School Plan Survey: Seniors, please fill out the [Graduation Plan Survey](#) to let AMCS know which graduation ceremonies you plan to attend. Please email Ms. Sherwood or Ms. Harbison with any questions regarding graduation.



SAVE THE DATE

AMCS 2023 GRADUATION

Ceremony

05.19.2023 / 2:00 PM / Alaska Airlines Center

Cap and gown orders are past due! Typically regalia arrives at AMCS early February. Please connect with Mrs. Harbison or Ms. Sherwood if you have any questions.

Information about tickets will be released by the District at a later date.

Teacher's Terrain

Social Media: Parents and students, please join our social media platforms for information regarding graduation, student opportunities, school closures, and more!

Facebook: [Alaska Middle College School](#)

Instagram: [@alaska.middle.college](#)



Buy: Yearbooks are available for purchase! [Click here](#) to purchase your 22-23 AMCS Yearbook today; they are \$55. **The deadline to order a yearbook is February 24th, don't miss out!**

Senior Celebration Pages

Yearbook Recognition Ads are the perfect way to commemorate achievements and celebrate milestones. To purchase your ad online, head to [jostens.com](#).

Full-Page: \$150 / Half-Page: \$75

Deadline :

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Middle College Advising

Ms. Brekke will be available for advising beginning February 10. You can email questions or concerns, or you can schedule a Zoom appointment at <https://uaa.campus.eab.com/>.

Look for a five-week check-in email on Friday, February 17. Please take a couple of minutes to let Ms. Brekke know how you are doing. We all want to keep you on track and doing well!

If you need course materials or textbooks, contact Hannah Cox at uaa_middlecollege@alaska.edu.

Summer 2023 class schedule viewable in UAOnline February 6

If you are a junior or senior, who is not 18 years old, and you want to take UAA SU23 courses on your own, email Ms. Brekke a parent/guardian first and last name and email, and Ms. Brekke will send you a DocuSign so that you can register when [registration opens on February 27](#).

What is Tax Form 1098-T?

You or your parent/guardian may receive a 1098-T tax notification from UAA. If you or your parent/guardian have questions regarding the 1098-T, please call the UAA Office of the Bursar at 786-1440. UAA Bursar's Office can answer questions about your 1098-T but cannot give tax advice.

Some of you may be leaving on vacation before finals week and taking your textbooks with you. Please notify me by email if this is your situation. Notifying me means you won't receive extra emails about late books, and you will be able to return your books during spring semester Textbook Pickup.

Contact information

Email: uaa_middlecollege@alaska.edu Phone: 907-786-1549 Office: RH 103A (available in person Mon - Tues and Thurs - Fri)

Important Troubleshooting Information

For technical support for UAA software and Blackboard, contact UAA IT Help Desk at 907-786-4646. To reset your UAA password or look up your username, visit UA Elmo.

For issues with a Chromebook or Canvas, contact ASD IT Service Desk at 907-742-4357 from 8 am-5 pm, M-F.

Upcoming Important Dates Spring Semester

February

- 15 UAA Scholarship Application Due
- 20 President Day – ASD closed: **UAA in session**
- 24 Weather Make up day: ASD and UAA in session

March

- 10 End of Second Quarter: No school for ASD students
- 13-17 Spring Break- UAA and ASD closed
- 31 Last day for withdrawals from UAA classes

April

- 10 AMCS Senior Awards Night, 6 PM, East High School Auditorium

May

- 1 UAA- Last day of classes
- 2-6 Final Exams @ UAA
- 8-10 Junior Bootcamp
- 12 ASD Senior Last Day
- 19 AMCS Graduation, 2 PM, Alaska Airlines Center
- 22-23 ASD Academic Final Exams
- 23 ASD Last Day for Students

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AMCS Community Standards

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Students to Students


- Be kind, use nice words and tone.
- Ask before using things.
- Respect your peers' preferred atmosphere and learning style.
- When in a group, complete assignments in a fair manner.
- Value each other's time.
- Listen and speak.



Students to Teacher


- Use kind words and appropriate voice levels.
- Follow rules and directions.
- Always give your best effort.
- Forgive me if I have a bad day.
- Complete work on time, be prepared and participate.
- Be open to new ideas; approaches.
- Behave with integrity- no lying or cheating.





Teacher to Students

- Be patient.
- Give fair consequences.
- Don't give up on me when I'm having a bad day.
- Respect student boundaries.
- Be accessible.
- Allow for brain breaks when necessary.



Students & Teacher to Classroom

- Keep your space organized.
- Be safe and respectable with our supplies and classroom.
- Leave the room nicer than you found it.
- Manage food and drink in a responsible manner.
- Respect seating charts and other Covid-driven rules.