



# Seawolf Soundbites

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## The Den Administration Pack Leaders' Announcements

### Graduation

Graduation 2022 is Friday, May 13 at 7 pm at the Alaska Airline Center. Graduation practice is Monday, May 2 at KTHS 1:30-2:30 pm in Meeting Room 1. Each family will receive six tickets to the graduation. For more detailed information regarding spring graduation, please read the [2022 Graduation Letter](#).



### Food Service

AMCS students who qualify for free and reduced lunch may pick up breakfast and/or lunch at Wendler Middle School. The food service at Wendler for eligible AMCS students will be available starting **Monday, March 14**. Students eligible for free and reduced lunch must see Dr. McGinley or Ms. Edwards for specific details on how the food service program works.

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## Alaska Brain Bee

The Brain Bee is a fun neuroscience competition for high school students. In addition to competing for prizes, participants will have the opportunity to dissect sheep brains, train live laboratory rats, learn how they are used in research, and take a virtual tour of the human brain in the UAA Planetarium & Visualization Theater. Lunch will be provided. Do not miss this great event! Visit the [Brain Bee website](#).

2022 Alaska Regional Brain Bee at the ConocoPhillips Integrated Sciences Building on  
**Saturday, March 26 from 10:00 am - 2:30 pm**  
[Register now and reserve your seat.](#)

### CNA: Opportunity to Pay for College

If you are interested in a health career, KTHS is accepting applications for the Fall 2022 Certified Nurse Aide. This is a six-credit UAA course that may lead to certification and employment. For more information, visit the [KTHS CNA website](#).

***Applications are due April 15.***

### 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 posted your UAA transcript. Your advisor will share the updated grade information with AMCS. Please note that grade changes/replacements are manual, and we will not know when your grade changes.

Transcript Requests: The Anchorage School District uses [ScribOrder](#) to request educational records. If you are under the age of 18, a parent/guardian must be the one to submit the request. Be sure to have requests 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, and it saves everybody time!

### Spirit Wear

Get AMCS spirit wear now, order directly from the company and have it delivered to your doorstep; [place your order](#).

### 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.

## Pack News Program Pack Leaders' Announcements

### Counselor's Cave

High school juniors: The QuestBridge College Prep Scholars Program is now open! Apply by **March 24** for awards like full scholarships to college summer programs, up to \$1,000 for a laptop, essay feedback, and more. Find out if you're eligible and apply for free at [www.questbridge.org](http://www.questbridge.org).

Image: [2022 College Prep Scholars Program flyer](#)

Juniors: Before submitting your midterm reports and scheduling your advising appointment, meet with Ms. Sherwood to discuss your graduation requirements and future plans. We will get you prepped and ready for your advising appointment at UAA. [https://calendly.com/amcs\\_counselor/consult-with-ms-sherwood](https://calendly.com/amcs_counselor/consult-with-ms-sherwood)

### Teacher's Terrain

Yearbooks: The AMCS yearbook has been submitted for printing! We do have a few extra copies to sell, if you missed your chance, please contact Mrs. Harbison or Ms. Sherwood. We can check if we have any surplus copies left. We hope to distribute yearbooks in the first week of May.

## UHowls UAA Pack Leaders' Announcements

### AMCS JUNIOR SP22 Progress Report & FA22 Advising Instructions

It is the time when we check on your progress in your UAA courses. Midterm grades should be available in UAOnline and/or BlackBoard between February 18 and March 4, 2022.

**In order to schedule your FA22 advising appointment with your Middle College advisor, you need to submit your midterm grades, your high school graduation requirements, and your proposed college courses for the fall 2022.**

**SUBMIT MIDTERM PROGRESS REPORT HERE**. Once you turn in your midterm grades, schedule your advising appointment by going to <https://uaa.campus.eab.com/>. Middle College advising appointments for returning students are available from March 21 - April 15. After that, we will start meeting with the new cohort of AMCS students for FA22.

### AMCS SENIOR SP22 Midterm Progress & Exit Survey

**Seniors, it is essential for us to know how you are doing in your classes and to help you prepare for your next steps after high school.**

Please take a few minutes to complete the [Senior Exit Survey](#). Your midterm grades should be available in UAOnline and/or BlackBoard between February 18 and March 4, 2022. If you have applied to a UAA program and need to know which UAA advisor to schedule a meeting with for your fall classes, then please reach out to your Middle College advisor.

**SENIORS**: All SENIOR advising holds will be removed once the Withdrawal period is over on March 25, 2022. If you still want help applying to UAA, UAS, or UAF, please contact your Middle College advisor. For seniors going elsewhere, official UAA transcripts can be ordered through the UAOnline Official Transcript Ordering Service (Parchment Exchange). Login to UAOnline, choose "Student Services and Account Information," choose "Official Transcript Request Service," and then follow the instructions.

**Electronic Transcripts:** The fastest delivery - Processed and delivered by the next business day. University of Alaska official transcript delivered by email in a secure electronic PDF. **Paper Transcript:** Official University of Alaska paper transcript processed the next business day and mailed by carrier of the student's choice (USPS or FedEx) *\*Before ordering an electronic transcript, please confirm with the recipient that they will accept an electronic transcript and check your unofficial transcript at UAOnline to ensure it is up-to-date.*

If you missed the AMCS All School Gathering, then please take a few minutes to review the [slideshow](#) or connect with a peer who attended the meeting.

## Upcoming Important Dates Fall Semester

### March

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| 4    | No ASD classes; UAA is in session    |
| 7-11 | Spring Break – No ASD or UAA classes |
| 21   | Fall 2022 UAA advising begins        |
| 25   | UAA course withdrawal deadline       |

### April

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| 26-30 | UAA final exams |
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## Pack Leaders Contact Information

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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.



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