



Seawolf Soundbites

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The Den Administration Pack Leaders' Announcements

UAA Sports Night

In partnership with UAA's Athletic Department, AMCS invites all AMCS students to Sports Night. UAA is offering our students a complimentary ticket to [Women's Volleyball](#), the last home game of the season. Join UAA in celebrating the seniors' last home game and cheer them on against Saint Martin University.

[Reserve your complimentary ticket](#) and enter the following code: **AMCS2021**. Please note, additional tickets may be purchased at the time a ticket is reserved. Students will be sitting in a designated section with other AMCS students. All seats in these pre-established groupings of one, two, three, four, or more must be purchased together.

The Box Office is available to assist you at AAC.BoxOffice@alaska.edu or 907-786-1562.

Alaska Airlines Center observes COVID safety protocols and requires face masks at all times while in the building. Please take a mask with you; otherwise, you will not be allowed to enter the center.



Go Seawolves!

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AMCS Den Appliance Needs

King Tech High School does not qualify for a lunch program under the National School Lunch Program. AMCS allows students to bring food and drinks into the AMCS Den (classroom space). However, students are unable to heat their food or keep it cold. AMCS needs a microwave and a small refrigerator for students to use while attending their classes at KTHS. If interested in donating one of these items, please contact AMCS front office, (907) 742-8900.

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, grade changes/replacements are a manual process, and we will not know when your grade changes.

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 sign. 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.

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Counselor's Cave

College Applications:

- Apply as a **first-year student** when applying to college or university. **Do not** apply as a transfer student.
- If you plan on continuing your education at UAA after graduation from AMCS, you must reapply as a first year student.
- If you plan on applying to UAF, please contact me for a fee waiver for Alaska Middle College Students before applying.
- If you are requesting a recommendation from your counselor or a teacher through your college application, it is a common courtesy that you contact the recommenders and ask if they would be willing to write a recommendation. The more lead time the better. [Letter of Recommendation / Recommendations](#)
- When applying for college, you should put Beth Sherwood as your high school counselor (not your affiliated school counselor). I am the person who has access to your records at AMCS.

- FAFSA is an important first step in attending college. You must complete it to qualify for any financial aid at university, including loans, grants, and scholarships from universities. Even if you feel like your family's income is too high, you should still fill out the FAFSA. <https://studentaid.gov/>
- Any questions about the college application process? Feel free to contact me through email, or telephone, or set up a meeting in person or over zoom.

Planning to graduate in December? If you plan on graduating in December 2021, you need to contact Ms. Sherwood as soon as possible.

Withdrawal and Advisory: If you withdrew from a Fall class at UAA, you will be placed in an advisory class next semester.

Part-Time school enrollments: If you plan on taking a class at your affiliated high school, please fill out the [Part time Course Enrollment Form](#) and return it to me. I will then process it and send it to your affiliated high school. If you are in the same class all year, you don't need to resubmit the form. This is only for new classes. **Part time course enrollment forms are due by December 14th.**

Credit by Choice: Credit by Choice Applications have to be filled out prior to or at the beginning of the semester. They will not be accepted after you have completed the course. [Credit By Choice](#)

Alaska Performance Scholarship: I strongly recommend that ALL of you go through the steps to ensure that you will qualify for the Alaska Performance Scholarship. Even if you have no intention of attending college in Alaska, or want to take a gap year, this is a "safety net" that if secured could help you out down the road. There are a few things that you need to do while you are still in high school.

1. Check with me to make sure the classes you are scheduled into this year will qualify for Alaska Performance Scholarship
2. Take one of these tests: ACT, SAT, WorkKeys BEFORE YOU GRADUATE. As far as we know, this is still a requirement for 2022 graduates.
3. Apply to and Alaskan college (UAA, UAF, UAS) or Alaskan training program
4. Complete the FAFSA, and send your completed FAFSA to the Alaskan college where you applied

I am eager to connect with and help you with your plans. Please stop by my office anytime! I can also set up a zoom, if that would work better for you.

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Yearbooks at Affiliate Schools: Senior students wishing to appear in their affiliate school's yearbook need to contact the school to submit their picture. [Visit AMCS website for more information.](#)

Graduation: Scott Brown attended senior advisories in September to help students prepare for cap and gown orders. **Your cap and gown orders are due by November 30.** If you have questions about your order, please reach out to Scott at (907) 567-8367.

As a reminder, students will need a cap, gown, tassel, and a stole for **each** ceremony that they plan on walking in. AMCS regalia is a black gown, black cap, green and gold tassel, and gold stole. Please contact your affiliate school for their colors or connect with Scott for this information.

Pre-order your yearbook, \$50,
by January 28 at Jostens.

Year Book

Senior Parents, buy a senior ad. Celebrate your student's journey with a yearbook ad. There are celebration pages for your senior, create and purchase a page for your senior today. Head to Josten to start creating your senior celebration page!

- Senior Potraits due **November 19!**
- Yearbook is collecting photos for school sports, activities, pictures from the fair, and photos of students' arts and crafts.

For yearbook submissions, head to [Images.josten.com](https://images.josten.com) and input the User ID: **416224854**.

Wanting to stay up-to-date with the yearbook? Head to Instagram and follow us @damos.yearbook. Stay informed about deadlines and phot submissions here.

UHowls UAA Pack Leaders' Announcements

Healthcare Career Exploration Week

UAA in partnership with Alaska Health Education Centers, is offering a three-day interactive exploration of career paths in healthcare for all AMCS students on **December 14-16, 9 AM – 1 PM** at KTHS.

This event is an opportunity to help you determine if a career in the healthcare field is right for you. Learn about becoming a medical doctor, psychologists, dental hygiene, and many other careers in the healthcare field. The tentative agenda is as follows:

Day 1: Behavioral Healthcare

Day 2: Allied Health care

Day 3: Health Professionals



SP22 Middle College Advising

SP22 Middle College advising appointments begin October 25, 2021, when the SP22 UAA schedule goes live. Schedule your SP22 advising appointment so you can register as soon as non-degree-seeking students are eligible. Middle College students will have an advising hold on their account until they have met with their advisor. **Registration for SP22 non-degree seeking Middle College students begins on Monday, November 22, 2021, @ 12:01 AM.**

UAA Academic Preview Week

UAA is hosting a week of open houses for UAA's academic areas. This event is an opportunity for prospective students to interact with college staff and faculty members. [View the full schedule and register.](#)



Upcoming Important Dates Fall Semester

November

11	No AMCS classes – UAA still in session
20	UAA Sport Night
22	Register for Spring UAA classes
24	No UAA classes
25-26	Thanksgiving – No AMCS or UAA classes
30	Seniors: Cap and Gown order deadline

December

6-11	UAA final exams
14-16	AHEC Healthcare Career Exploration
16	AMCS classes end
17	No classes
20-31	ASD Winter Break

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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.



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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.