

Seawolf Soundbites

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The Den

Final Days of Spring Semester

Options for Support Outside of Students' Class Schedule: Per the KTHS and AMCS Mitigation Plan, we are required to limit the number of people in the AMCS Den; therefore, students needing support must reserve their space.

- 1) All AMCS students must complete this form (<https://forms.gle/1nPPTJ7N57NdVmAj8>) if they plan to come into KTHS-AMCS Den **regularly**.
- 2) Students who need **occasional** teacher support must select a time during the appropriate teacher's office hours. **Reservations are required at least 12 hours before attending the office hours session. A link to reserve a seat will be provided after spring break.** Please note, students will continue to receive support during their APEX and advisories scheduled class times.

Mrs. Harbison's SP21 office hours:

Monday: 8:30-9:45 am, 10-11:15 am and 11:30 am -12:45 pm

Tuesday: 8:30-9:45 am and 1-2:15 pm

Wednesday: 8:30-9:45 am

Thursday: 11:30 am -12:45 pm and 1-2:15 pm

Mrs. Sherwood's SP21 office hours:

Monday: 7:30-8:30 am and 10-11:15 am

Tuesday: 7:30-8:30 am, and 8:30-9:45 am

Wednesday: 8:30-9:45 am and 1-2:15 pm

Thursday: 7:30-8:30 am, 8:30-9:45 am and 11:30 am -12:45 pm

Friday: 8:30-9:45 am and 1-2:15 pm

- 3) Students are welcome to come into the AMCS Den and work **independently** at any time from 8:30 am-2:15 pm if they sign up.

Graduation – May 11, 2021, at West High School at 4:30 pm.

Graduation Invitations

AMCS has learned that Jostens' graduation invitations contain the wrong date and time for our graduation. The issue has been resolved and corrected invitations will be sent out April 15.

Textbook Drop Off

The last day for spring UAA courses will be Saturday May 1st. Students who have physical textbooks must schedule a time to drop off their textbooks during the week of May 3rd-7th. AMCS Students will receive an email from uaa.middlecollege@alaska.edu with instructions on how to schedule and directions on where to drop off their textbooks. For further textbook related questions please email uaa.middlecollege@alaska.edu.

Pack News

Counselor's Corner

Mrs. Andresen's Lunch Zoom/Office Hours (new Zoom link):
Tuesdays, 11:15a.-12:15p.

11:15-11:45 am: Feel free to hang out for lunch and/or pop-in to ask a quick question,
(group setting)

11:45 am-12:15 pm: Meet with students 1:1. Please be prepared to wait.

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://asdk12.zoom.us/j/98518250873?pwd=ajBaZEYzOXVnYkFUdm5YWGFtSzRMdz09>

Meeting ID: 985 1825 0873 Passcode: 688836

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Dial by your location

Thank you for joining us for our Junior and Senior Meetings. If you missed them, the power points are available at:

Senior Meeting: <https://www.asdk12.org/cms/lib/AK02207157/Centricity/Domain/1502/Senior%20Meeting%20AMCS.pdf>

Junior Meeting: <https://www.asdk12.org/cms/lib/AK02207157/Centricity/Domain/1502/Junior%20Meeting-Spring%202021.pdf>

The college application process can be overwhelming. Therefore, it is important to go into your senior year feeling prepared. Planning-wise, juniors should consider taking either the ACT or SAT by fall. It is also helpful to start your senior year with a rough draft of your personal essay and a list

of colleges that you're interested in attending. For more information on the timeline to follow for college applications, go to <https://secure-media.collegeboard.org/CollegePlanning/media/pdf/BigFuture-College-Planning-Calendar-Seniors.pdf>.

Do not forget to fill out your FAFSA form if you want to qualify for the Alaska Performance Scholarship (APS). Make sure that you select a university where you can use APS such as UAA, UAF, or UAS when you fill out the FAFSA form. For more info. on APS, go to <https://acpe.alaska.gov/FINANCIAL-AID/AK-Performance-Scholarship> or watch the presentation AMCS hosted at https://youtu.be/Z7IkFP_uqe8. Just a reminder that

ACT/SAT requirement for the APS has been waived for the Class of 2021. The Class of 2022, however, should prepare to take it if they want to qualify for APS.

To sign-up for the SAT, go to <https://www.collegeboard.org/>. The ACT sign-up is available at <https://www.act.org/>. Contact Mrs. Andresen if you need a fee waiver for either test.

Ongoing-Letters of Recommendation

If you need a letter of recommendation from Mrs. Andresen, go to the AMCS website <https://www.asdk12.org/amcs>. Click on Counseling and select Letter of Recommendation from the drop-down list. Please give Mrs. Andresen two weeks to complete it.

Ongoing-Transcript Requests

Mrs. Andresen can upload transcripts to application websites such as SENDedu and CommonApp, but she cannot provide you with official transcripts.

Ongoing-CollegeBoard's Opportunity Scholarships (Class of 2022)

Complete six college planning steps for six different chances to win \$500! When you finish all the tasks, you will be entered into a drawing for a \$40,000 scholarship. For more information, go to <https://opportunity.collegeboard.org/home>

Upcoming Events & Due Dates

Sunday, April 18, 12p.-4p. BigFuture Days Midwest (for Juniors)

Connect with a college admissions representative in that region. For more information and to register, go to https://pages.collegeboard.org/big-future-days/midwest?SFMC_cid=EM454229-&rid=256477339.

Saturday, April 24, Deadline for a Special Discount for Boston University's Summer Journalism Academy

If students are accepted to the program and pay the registration fee by April 24, they will receive a special discount of \$200 off the tuition using the discount code **21BUADMISSIONS**. For more information, go to https://combeyond.bu.edu/workshop/bu-summer-journalism-academy-online/?j=96555&sfmc_sub=30087075&l=205_HTML&u=2449737&mid=514005790&jb=6009.

Monday, April 26, 5p. Anchorage Education Association (AEA) Scholarships Due

The AEA is offering three scholarships to local ASD high school graduates this year:

1. A \$2500 Pearl Shockley Scholarship will be awarded to a senior who is pursuing a career in communications.

2. A \$2500 Selma Weise Scholarship will be awarded to a senior who is preparing for a career in education.

3. A \$2500 Daniel Epps Memorial Scholarship will be awarded to a senior who is preparing for a career in music.

Links to the applications will be posted to the ASD Scholarship page at <https://www.asdk12.org/scholarships>.

Thursday, April 29, 1p.-5p. BigFuture Days Southeast (for Juniors)

Connect with a college admissions representative in that region. For more information and to register, go to https://pages.collegeboard.org/big-future-days/southeast?SFMC_cid=EM454229-&rid=256477339.

Wednesday, June 30- Deadline for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) Free Application

Some grants will run out of money before the deadline, so it is in your best interests to complete the form early. Go to <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>. FAFSA is required for Pell Grants, the Alaska Performance Scholarship, and many other grants, scholarships, and post-secondary education loans.

Registrar's Range

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! <https://anchorageak.scriborder.com>

Spirit Wear

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

Teacher's Terrain

Yearbook	Graduation
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Senior Recognition Ads: Josten's AMCS Yearbook Page Senior Recognition Ads are due by April 1!Order your yearbook today: Josten's AMCS Yearbook PageThe Yearbook staff is also gathering photos and content: -Yearbook Content Forms -Follow AMCS Yearbook on Insta	<ul style="list-style-type: none">AMCS Graduation: Date: May 11, 2021 Time: 4:30 pm Location: West HighWe need all graduating students to fillout the following Google Form: 2021 Graduate InfoTo look at all the options from Jostens: Josten's AMCS Page

U Howls

Fall 2021 UAA Course Options

As AMCS juniors begin meeting with their UAA Advisor to determine their fall classes, please keep in mind that UAA will be offering a variety of course delivery options to include face-to-face courses for fall. For specific details regarding face-to-face courses and guidelines please visit <https://sites.google.com/alaska.edu/coronavirus/uaa/uaa-faqs>.

Registration for fall classes begins April 19th for Non Degree Seeking students (AMCS students). The AMCS registration hold will be lifted from a student's account once the student meets with their Middle College advisor and the advisor approves their course selections.

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FA21 Advising Appointment

[Schedule your FA21 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.

Seniors

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.

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.

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).

Alaska Native Science & Engineering Program (ANSEP) Acceleration Program

Applications for the Fall 2021 cohort are due April 19; for more information, visit the ANSEP website. <https://www.ansep.net/component/acceleration-academy-2/>.

UAA Events

Fireside Chats: This is an ongoing series of informal virtual sessions on various topics featuring UAA students, staff, faculty, etc. They take place at 5:30 pm (AKST) every other Tuesday! Students and families can view and register for upcoming sessions from [this page](#) and list any questions they have, and note any special assistance requirements (e.g., a sign language interpreter). The page will be updated soon with upcoming sessions, which will include Native Student Services, military students, first-generation students, and student exchange.

- April 15 – Virtual Application Day
- April 22 – Next Steps After Applying
- April 27 – Alaska Middle College

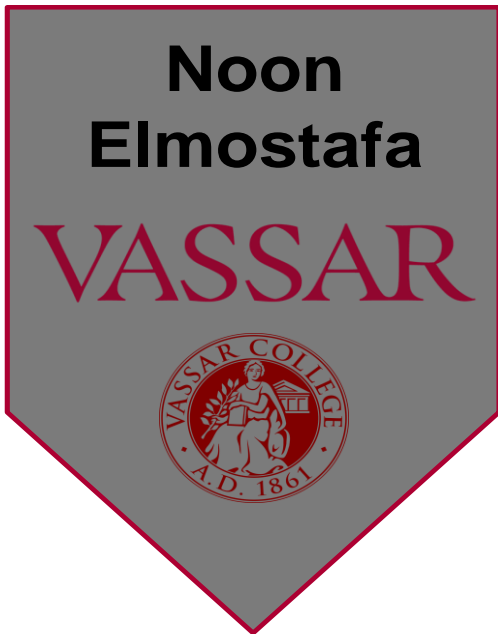


The Lone Seawolf

Congratulations!

AMCS Team would like to give the following students a shootout for their accomplishments and wish them the best on their next steps toward their professional/career goals.







Upcoming Important Dates

April

- 27-1 UAA Final Exams

May

- 11 AMCS Graduation
- 20 ASD End of Fourth Quarter

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