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STUDENT SERVICES REPORT



EXCEL ALASKA - UAF MINI BRIDGING SESSION 2018

Kuspu School District had three students sign up for the UAF Mini bridging session in October, giving them a test for what college is like by having the students immersed in campus life. Below is a list of everything the students completed while in Fairbanks.

- Met with admissions and **completed UAF application**
- UAF main campus tour
- Pipeline Training Center tour for Welding and Process Technology
- Community and Technical College tour for Culinary Arts, Welding, Automotive Technology, Nursing, Information Technology, Construction Technology, Aviation Maintenance, and Heavy Duty Diesel
- Met with Financial Aide and started filling out their **FAFSA's**
- Met with a UAF student panel where students asked questions about UAF
- Sat in a 200 level criminology class
- Started filling out **scholarships**
- **Students took Accuplacer for writing placement**
- Learned about scholarship opportunities.

EXCEL 9 IN ANCHORAGE

In November, six 9th grade students from Aniak participated in EXCEL 9. It was a great week and the students accomplished a great deal. The EXCEL 9 is designed to introduce students to various career pathways through interactive field trips and job tours. The students practiced valuable employability skills such as time-management, teamwork, consensus building and problem solving. Additionally the students started their Personal Learning & Career Plan on AKCIS. Students completed a resume, cover letter, and job application as part of a mini career workshop and took a look into their work-values and the importance of finding a career that fits them. Below are some highlights of what the students completed.

- Completed Drug and Alcohol Prevention Training
- Completed a healthy lifestyles lesson about the importance of drinking water
- Completed training on social media use
- Went on job tours at The Alaska Zoo and The Anchorage Museum
- Completed a service learning project where they made beaded bracelets for elders at the South Central Foundation
- Opened and created AKCIS profiles
- Learned how to fill out and complete a Job Application, and Resume, and Cover letter
- Learned personal social skill such as: Hand shakes, eye contact when speaking, and active listening.

EXCEL 12 IN ANCHORAGE

In November was the EXCEL 12 Session! It was a great 11 days and the students accomplished a great deal. The EXCEL 12 is designed to be very individualized to the students needs and wants for their next steps after high school.

Students went on various post-secondary tours, filled out applications, and learned about scholarship opportunities. The activities included in EXCEL 12 push students to step outside of their comfort zones and teaches them to effectively communicate with adults and peers in business environments. Below are some highlights of what the students completed.

- Completed a healthy lifestyles lesson that included how eat a balanced diet once they are living on their own.
- Students shopped for food for the session and cooked all of their own meals and planned all of their own leisure activities.
- Received Alaska State Drivers Permit (Devin Nook, Genevieve Williams)
- Received Alaska State Drivers License (Miranda Peterson, Tatianna Morgan)
- Found and applied for a real job in Anchorage they were qualified for, created a resume and cover letter for that specific job and interviewed for it in a mock interview at either Calista Corporation, or Donlin Gold.

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- Campus tours at Alaska Job Corps, AVTEC, Kenai Peninsula College, Alaska Christian College, UAA, and GCI
- Attended a personal finance presentation put on by Alaska USA Federal Credit Union
- Opened up Checking or Savings accounts at Alaska USA Federal Credit Union
- Started scholarship goal essay
- Filled out budgeting sheet for post-secondary options they are interested in so they understand the cost and amount of scholarship money they need to find.
- Completed Accuplacer for U of A system
- Completed real life budgeting activity that included creating a budget based on the job they interviewed for, finding a place to live that fit within their budget, and a car they could afford.
- Completed TABE test for AVTEC

WELDING SESSION IN ANCHORAGE

EXCEL/NIT Welding was hugely successful. One student attended this introductory session in welding and had the opportunity to complete the NCCER Core modules and become NCCER Core certified. That student gained some hands-on welding experience that could lead to jobs in the future. Randy Newman headed up the welding instruction. Students were able to use wire-fed welders, arc welders, and the plasma cutter. During the week they completed some cool group projects. The projects included a bookshelf, coffee table, two fire pits, two coat racks, and four saw horses.

