

The NORTHERN LIGHT

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Winter shore ice is set ablaze by the mid-January setting sun on the beach of the Cook Inlet.

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Through the Challenges, God is Faithful 2020: A Year in Review

Staff, faculty, and students at Alaska Christian College have demonstrated an incredible ability to navigate around obstacles during 2020. The facts and figures of this newsletter provide insight into the impact achieved. We have moved courses to several different delivery formats and have had to learn to form a community while staying apart, a difficult task. Staff and faculty have learned new technologies and strategies for providing excellent content in the classroom. The Student Success Center has been very active and has seen an increase in usage this year. Our weekly schedule, meal ser-

vice, and on-campus operations have all been adapted to keep social-distancing protocols, but

"I'm so glad ACC is open this year and I have an opportunity to learn about what God has for me." - ACC Student

we continue to strive to provide Life-Changing Education to our students. Thank you for your

partnership in keeping ACC as strong as ever.

We enjoyed celebrating students during a modified commencement ceremony last May, and we anticipate coming together at the end of this semester to celebrate our students' success. Even though times are challenging, the pandemic has provided opportunities for ACC students to share the hope of Christ through their testimonies, their classwork, and their service to others. We are continually reminded of Galatians 5:13, which is our theme verse for the school year and calls us to "serve one another humbly in love."



student life snapshots: (Left to Right) Pastor Steve Hickey welcomes new students with new bibles at the first Chapel service of the semester. Extreme tubing at the Re-Ignite Retreat provided bonding time for new and returning students. Student store is ready for business.

In grateful acknowledgment of donations given in celebration, esteem, friendship, and loving memory, to honor the following people and support the students and mission of Alaska Christian College...

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"I love ACC because the community is loving, helpful, and nice. I love the retreats, how the professors reach out to the students, and how comfortable I feel there - it's a home!" - Dorcas, C'22



wish list

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- Ice Skates- \$500
 - Metering pump for chlorine system- \$1500
 - Set of ovens- \$10,000
 - 2 used vehicles under 100,000 miles- \$15,000 ea
 - Bobcat- \$60,000

VISION 2020²¹ Campaign Update: *building a sustainable future*

The lot is cleared and construction will begin as soon as the ground thaws this spring. Hundreds of volunteers are planning to make their way to Alaska to lend their skills towards the new Athletic Center.

It's not too late to put together a volunteer team from your church to serve at ACC this summer! Please email accsowers@alaskacc.edu if interested in more information.



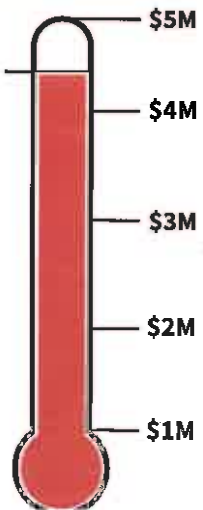
The new Athletic Center will attract increased enrollment and bring to campus opportunities for health and wellness year-round.

Find out more at www.AlaskaCC.edu/vision2020

Make an impact today and for generations to come by contributing to the VISION 2020 Capital Campaign which helps ACC meet three crucial goals:

\$4,505,000
as of Feb 1

- 1. Campus Completion-**
Athletic Center & Classroom addition (classroom completed!)
- 2. Legacy Endowment-**
Providing stable scholarship funding for years to come
- 3. Financial Sustainability-**
Operational Sustainability through loan retirement and funding for the future



We ask that all gifts for VISION 2020 be above and beyond your regular giving. If giving by check, please note "VISION 2020."

100%

of students received financial aid



VOLUNTEERS

Construction and maintenance workers, Summer Sowers, campus drivers, tutors, mentors,

pastors-in-residence, and prayer ministry partners continue to share the love of Jesus through their service. The difference they make in the lives of students and on our campus is immeasurable!



344 volunteers, from 17 different churches, were planning to serve at ACC last summer. However, the COVID-19 pandemic only allowed 37 volunteers from 4 churches to come.

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9 Maintenance volunteers were able to make the trip to Alaska to serve during the school year.

863 students that have attended in 20-years of Life-Changing Education

91 Students enrolled Spring 2020

98 Students enrolled Fall 2020

1220 Giving partners- individuals, churches, and organizations, sustained ACC's educational ministry to students in the midst of a global pandemic

251 "Life-Changers" monthly donors

109



Chromebooks available

BY DEGREE

Spring of 2020



- General Studies
- Behavioral Health
- Christian Ministry
- Paraprofessional Education



500+

Face masks made by volunteers from partnering churches

YEAR IN REVIEW

In 2020 we celebrated 20 years of Life-Changing Education. Partners like you have made a difference in the lives of students every year...and all the more in 2020! Thank you for your faithful prayers and giving!

83%

students who identified as American Indian or Alaska Native in Fall 2020

Spiritual Life - Fall of 2020

21 students baptized

18 students gave their lives to Christ

8 students reaffirmed their faith in Christ

83% of students surveyed agreed or strongly agreed that Chapel services were a meaningful experience that brought them closer to God



154

beds on campus with the addition of the newly acquired quadplex adjacent to campus



- 54% Donations
- 43% Tuition
- 3% Other Income



1000 HOURS

approximate student service hours completed

DEAN'S LIST:

36 in Spring 2020
30 in Fall 2020

50 Fall 2020 largest freshman class in ACC's history



ANNUAL FUND UPDATE

Fiscal Year
Date: 1/2020 - May 31 2020
*as of Feb 1, 2021



General Fund	\$1,038,000
to date: \$795,312	
Staff Support	\$150,000
to date: \$95,000	
Student Scholarships	\$1,300,000
to date: \$150,777	



Icy blues reflect off of the partially frozen Kenai Lake in late January.

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"I love ACC because it's a close and safe community for students on campus. The staff is really engaged as mentors to help students grow spiritually, mentally, and physically. ACC's students are diverse in a unique way but connected in unity through Christ."

-Buff, C'22



If you had the opportunity to meet Buff, you would quickly appreciate her infectious laughter and smile. Much of her free time on-campus is spent playing games with friends, taking walks, and hanging out around the campfire. Recently, the Student Life team invited her to serve as a Resident Assistant on campus. In that role, she assists Resident Supervisors and has the opportunity to have



Kasigluk, AK, is home to nearly 600 people and located approximately 20 miles northwest of Bethel in the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta. (above) Buff, several family members, along with campers and staff, share a Yupik dance at Covenant Bible Camp. (below)

student snapshot: "Buff" is from Kasigluk, AK and she is studying to earn an AA in Christian Ministry. At home, she loves spending time with her family. Much of their life and enjoyment revolves around subsistence-gathering food, picking berries in the summer, boating, and checking fishnets. She loves to do anything outside.

a positive influence in her peers' lives. As for the future, she plans to graduate next year and continue her education. She is not certain what her future holds but wants to tell young people about Jesus, potentially as a youth pastor.

Pray for Buff as she continues her education, serves at ACC, and discerns next steps!

