Helping Students “Win for Life”

Billy Strickland, Executive Director

Helping students “Win for Life” takes the efforts of many individuals. Parents, teachers, coaches and school administrators all have important roles in positively shaping student’s lives. Another group may not be aware of is the ASAA Sports Medicine Advisory Committee, also know as the SMAC. The mission of the Committee is to “ensure that all athletes from ASAA member schools are provided sound and consistent medical expertise to enhance the safety of their athletic experience.” One of SMAC’s recommendations is that schools should write and rehearse an emergency action plan (EAP) for each venue used for practice or competition. To assist in this effort, last year ASAA offered to all members schools a program developed by the Minnesota State High School League. This program, “Anyone Can Save a Life”, is highly useful in assisting schools to develop their EAP’s. More information about the Sports Medicine Advisory Committee and their recommendations can be found at: http://asaa.org/resources/sports-medicine/

I would like to thank Doctor Cary Keller (Fairbanks), Doctor David Head (Nome), Doctor Don Lehman (Sitka), Doctor Jeff Brand (Anchorage) and Certified Athletic Trainer Lynn Young for their many years of dedication to serve on SMAC.

Alaska High School Hall of Fame

Sandi Wagner, Associate Director

This month we are recognizing 2016 inductee Victor Barranco. One of the greatest musicians from Alaska. A trombone player, who got his start at North Pole HS, was a member of All-State Band and the Northwest Honor Orchestra. He was also a four-year letterman in Cross-Country Skiing and Track & Field. Since graduating from high school, Barranco has earned a Master of Performance degree.
from the University of North Texas, joined the U.S. Army Band and has been an adjudicator, clinician and soloist at high school and college music conventions. He has toured with the Broadway production of 'Fiddler of the Roof' and performed with Grammy winning artists. For more information on Victor and other inductees, please visit the Alaska High School Hall of Fame website at http://alaskahalloffame.org

Please take the time to nominate athletes, coaches, officials or others that have made significant contributions to high school activities in the State of Alaska. These nominations need to be received by December 1, 2016.

**Sponsor Spotlight**

*Lavonne Norman, Director of Marketing*

**AT&T**

With roots in Alaska since 1904, AT&T continues to invest here, not only in the telecommunications infrastructure but also in Alaska's youth. In 2001 AT&T, then known as AT&T Alascom, stepped up to partner with ASAA to support and encourage more than 40,000 Alaska high school activity participants.

AT&T Marketing & Events Manager, Kristin Bohne, recently described their long-standing support, "ASAA provides a wonderful opportunity for AT&T employees to participate in the championship events, and we are proud to sponsor the AT&T Sportsmanship Award for those athletes who exhibit extraordinary grace, maturity and commitment to their team. AT&T envisions a world where everything and everyone works together, and team sports exemplify the best of what good communication and working well together can accomplish."

THANK YOU AT&T for all that you do to support Alaska's high school activity participants. We look forward to working with you in the future.

**Play for Keeps (TAD)**

*Dr. Teresa Johnson, Director of Student Services*

Have you ever wondered if the Play for Keeps (TAD) program is working? Using several benchmarks from the Alaska Youth Behavior Risk Survey, we can study the eight year history of tobacco, alcohol, and drug use by our students.

In the 2007 - 08 school year we began the implementation of the program. Since then a steady decline has been noted. Thanks to all of you, we are making a difference!

Click here to see a detailed chart.
AASG 2016 Fall Conference
Denise Greene-Wilkinson, AASG Executive Director

After last spring's Alaska Association of Student Governments conference in Kodiak, the students and advisors from Wasilla High School decided that they would host one of the largest conferences ever held by the Association. With 530 students from throughout Alaska attending, that goal was met.

The conference's theme was “Growing Dreamers into Leaders” and for those students attending, leadership was very much on the agenda. Students participated in forums and Q and A with local and national political leaders, they gave speeches and held elections for positions on the executive board and they developed and passed a number of resolutions during the conference's General Assemblies.

The development and passage of resolutions is one of the main vehicles for representing student views, interests and priorities. Resolutions introduced and passed at the conference included student views on issues dealing with education, economics and the environment.

The students at this fall's AASG conference were bold—taking a stand and getting involved. They demonstrated leadership and will certainly become the leaders of tomorrow.

Special thanks to the team at Wasilla High School for hosting such a successful conference, and to all the schools, parents and advisors statewide who made it possible for their students to attend.

Upcoming Events

ASAA/FIRST NATIONAL BANK ALASKA HOCKEY STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS
February 9-11, 2017
Curtis Menard Sports Complex
More Information

ASAA/FIRST NATIONAL BANK ALASKA DDF STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS
February 23-25, 2017
East Anchorage High School
More Information

ASAA/FIRST NATIONAL BANK ALASKA NORDIC SKI STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS
February 23-25, 2017
Kincaid Park Trails in Anchorage
More Information
2016 ASAA-FIRST NATIONAL BANK ALASKA
 TENNIS STATE CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

TEAM RESULTS
Champion: South Anchorage 175
Runner-up: Juneau-Douglas 70
3rd: Service 60

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS
Boys Singles
1st: Joseph Hemry, South
2nd: Eli Neslund, East
3rd: Derek Stone, Dimond

Girls Singles
1st: Christine Hemry, South
2nd: Erica Hurtte, Juneau
3rd: Kaja Ferklova, South

Boys Doubles
1st: Alec Clayton & Dylan Bruce, Service
2nd: Jake Brown & Lian Lincoln, South
3rd: David Columbus & Nicola Rupf, East

Girls Doubles
1st: Amara Hackett & Anna Kardash, Lathrop
2nd: Isabella Jameson & Sophia Sanders, South
3rd: Peyton Brown & Lauren Robertson, South

Mix Doubles
1st: Phillip Wall & Sami Good, Juneau
2nd: Chris Bailey & Khailey Yancha, South
3rd: Kyle Winkler & Kristina Yu, West

AWARDS
Sportsmanship Award: Chugiak
Academic Award: South Anchorage (3.96)

2016 ASAA FIRST NATIONAL BOWL SERIES
FOOTBALL STATE CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

SMALL SCHOOL
Champion: Ben Eielson
Runner-up: Houston

ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM
Antonio Griffith, Eielson
Jeremiah Brown, Eielson
Taylor Benjamin, Eielson
Tobias Dobash-Noa, Eielson

AWARDS
Academic Award: Houston

MEDIUM SCHOOL
Champion: Soldotna
Runner-up: Palmer

ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM
Blake Jones, Soldotna
Bryce Martin, Soldotna
Jace Urban, Soldotna
Jared Oviok, Palmer
Lafi'tone Skipp, North Pole
Roy Tupou, Thunder Mt
Trey Witz, Palmer

AWARDS
Sportsmanship Award: Soldotna

LARGE SCHOOL
Champion: East Anchorage
Runner-up: West Anchorage

ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM
AJ Su'esu'e, West Anchorage
Dak Paulsen, East Anchorage
Jontay Edwards, Bartlett
Justin Tovio, West Anchorage
Lazono Martin, West Anchorage
Ralph Toleafoa, East Anchorage
Turek Taylor, West Anchorage

AWARDS
Sportsmanship Award: East Anchorage

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