Planning for Success

Billy Strickland, Executive Director

On October 1, 2017, the ASAA Board of Directors and staff met to update the Alaska School Activities Association Strategic Plan with the help of outside facilitators from the Association of Alaska School Boards. Members of the Planning Team worked together to review the organization’s information and identified the critical issues facing ASAA. Building on the strengths of our partnerships and statewide presence, the planning team revised the mission and vision statements as well as goals and objectives.

Coming out of this process the following has been developed:
Vision: To ensure ALL students have the opportunity to participate in co-curricular activities to develop positive life skills. #winforlife

Mission: To strengthen student wellness, academic and social development by advocating equitable participation and fostering healthy competition for ALL Alaska students. #winforlife

Goals for 2017-2022
1. Be deliberate in communicating with all stakeholders
   - Improve communication within the staff
   - Ensure that consistent information is going out to stakeholders
   - Develop system to ensure that all stakeholders are giving input
   - Identify who our ‘customers’ are

2. Develop a long-range financial plan to assist schools in offsetting costs of activities
   - Set up a system for stable revenue vs student focused revenue
   - Increase the Grant Writing department with a goal of $125,000
   - Grow Corporate Sponsorships yearly starting with a goal of $500,000 for 2017-18
   - Establish fundraising activities

3. Provide staff and board with ongoing professional development opportunities
   - Each staff member will have access to one professional development opportunity yearly
   - Annually at one of the BODs meetings the board will partake in professional development

The next step will be to develop an Action Team who will continue to work on strategies and actions. The planning process was a true collaborative effort and we sincerely appreciate everyone who contributed to the success of the update.
Alaska High School Hall of Fame
Sandi Wagner, Associate Director

This month we are recognizing 2006 inductee Herb Didrickson. Herb who recently passed away, was an outstanding high school athlete, excelling in basketball, cross-country and track during his tenure at Sheldon Jackson High School. He graduated from high school in 1946. On the basketball court he was a team leader, demonstrating his ability to score and to make plays happen. His speed and quickness was enhanced by his ball handling and dribbling skills. During his high school career he was named to all star teams and earned MVP honors. One of his most coveted awards was the sportsmanship award. Herb exemplified the behaviors on and off the court of a true sportsman. He attended Sheldon Jackson Junior College and continued to play basketball for many years beyond college. A street in Sitka was named in his honor and Sheldon Jackson College named the gymnasium the “Herb Didrickson Gym”. He coached and officiated basketball and sponsored many activities for young people. For more information on Herb and other inductees, please visit the website at http://alaskahalloffame.org

Alaska Commercial Company
Doug Stewart, Director of Marketing & Development

Alaska Commercial Company is a retail company which provides groceries and general merchandise in stores throughout Alaska. We have a compelling and authentic story with which few retailers in North America can compare. We are proud of our long tradition of providing food and general merchandise to rural Alaskans. Our history is interwoven with the history of Alaska. For the past 150 years Alaska Commercial Company has earned a special reputation in rural Alaska. We are Alaska’s trusted community store of choice, and the retail employer of choice in rural Alaska.

AASG Gears up for Two Conferences
Denise Greene-Wilkinson, AASG Executive Director

Students and faculty at Mat-Su Career and Technical High School in Wasilla are busy putting the final touches on the Alaska Association of Student Governments’ 2017 Fall Conference. The conference will be held October 26-28 at the school. The theme of the conference is “Our Civic Duty.” Elections will be held at the Fall Conference for all regional representatives serving a one-year term on the AASG executive board. A new Junior SBEED representative, who will represent AASG on the state school board, will also be elected to a two-year term. Students and their faculty advisers who plan to attend can count on a rich, rewarding and fun experience.

The AASG Spring 2018 conference is being planned at Tri-Valley High School in Healy, April 26-28. In addition to all the regular conference activities, elections will be held in the spring for officers on the AASG executive board.

Make plans today to attend one or both of our exciting conferences! Interested in hosting a conference? Host schools are needed for the 2018 Fall and 2019 Spring conferences. Learn more on our AASG website.

Upcoming Events

ASAA/FIRST NATIONAL BANK ALASKA SWIM & DIVE STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS
November 3-4, 2017
Bartlett Pool, Anchorage
More Information

ASAA/FIRST NATIONAL BANK ALASKA 3A/4A VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIP
November 9-11, 2017
West Anchorage High School
More Information

ASAA/FIRST NATIONAL BANK ALASKA ALL-STATE MUSIC FESTIVAL
November 16-18, 2017
Bartlett H.S. & West Anchorage H.S.
More Information
2017 ASAA/FIRST NATIONAL BANK ALASKA
XC RUNNING STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

GIRLS DII TEAM RESULTS
Champion          Grace Christian
Runner-up         Homer
Academic          Unalaska
Academic Award presented by Princess Cruises

GIRLS DII TOP FINISHERS
1st   Autumn Daigle        Homer
2nd   Ruby Lindquist       Seward
3rd   Tessa O’Hara         ACS

BOYS DII TEAM RESULTS
Champion          ACS
Runner-up         Homer
Academic          Galena
Academic Award presented by Princess Cruises

BOYS DII TOP FINISHERS
1st   Jacob Moos          Galena
2nd   Blake Bennett        ACS
3rd   Tristan Merchant    ACS

GIRLS DI TEAM RESULTS
Champion          West Valley
Runner-up         Kenai
Academic          Juneau-Douglas
Academic Award presented by Princess Cruises

GIRLS DI TOP FINISHERS
1st   Kendall Kramer      West Valley
2nd   Ava Earl            South
3rd   Sadie Tuckwood      JDHS

BOYS DI TEAM RESULTS
Champion          West Anchorage
Runner-up         West Valley
Academic          Juneau-Douglas
Academic Award presented by Princess Cruises

BOYS DI TOP FINISHERS
1st   Ti Donaldson        West Valley
2nd   Santiago Prosser    South
3rd   Sebastian Szweda    Service

Grace Christian Grizzlies
2017 DII Girls XC Running State Champions

Anchorage Christian Lions
2017 DII Boys XC Running State Champions

West Valley Wolfpack
2017 DI Girls XC Running State Champions

West Anchorage Eagles
2017 DI Boys XC Running State Champions