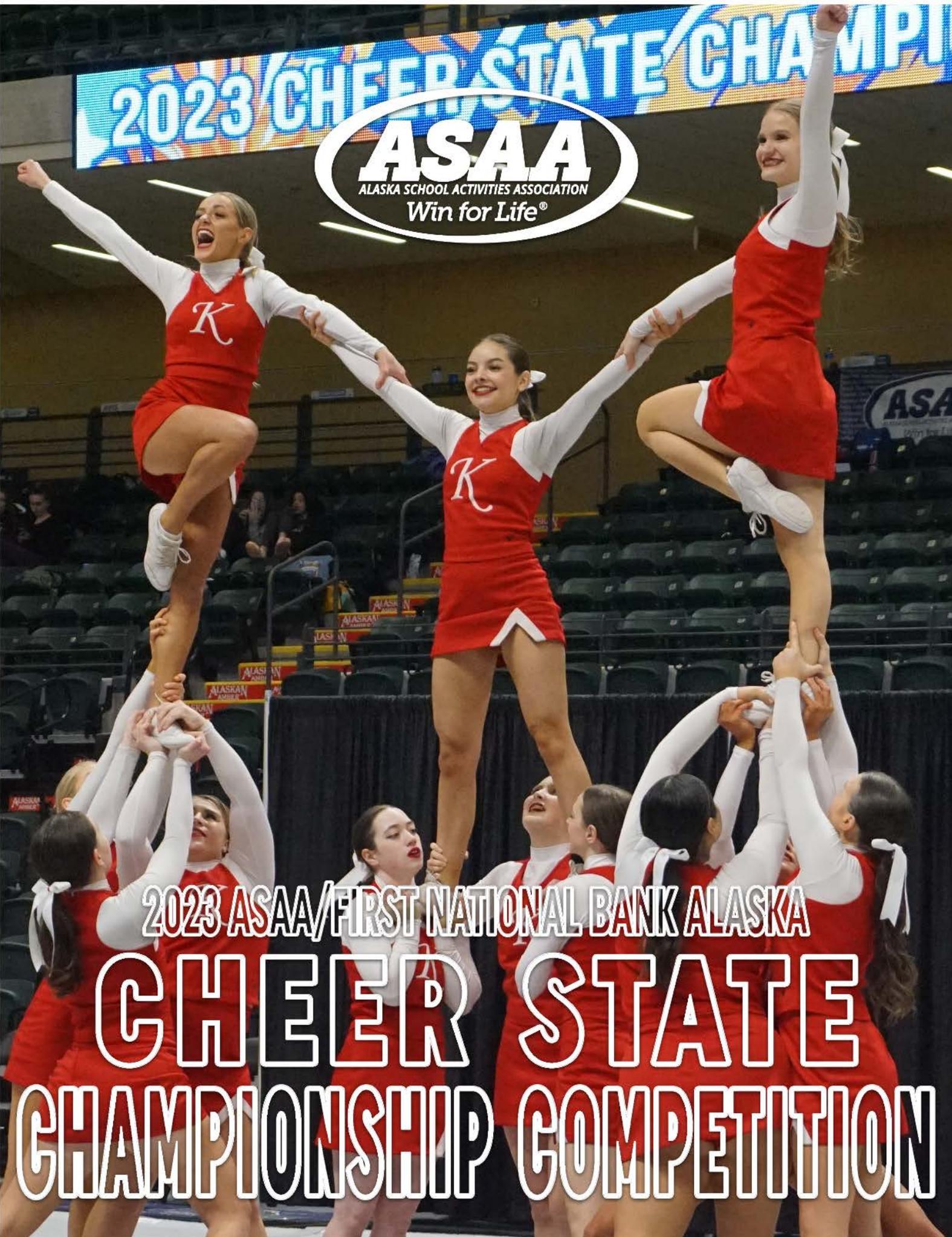


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ASAA WELCOME



On behalf of the Alaska School Activities Association (ASAA) Board of Directors and ASAA's corporate partners, welcome you to the 2023 ASAA/First National Bank Cheer State Championship Competition! To the student-athletes, we applaud your dedication to doing your best for yourself and for your school. To the coaches, counselors and parents, thank you for continuing to support interscholastic sports and activities. And to the spectators, we appreciate you being part of this statewide championship event.

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Billy Strickland
ASAA Executive Director

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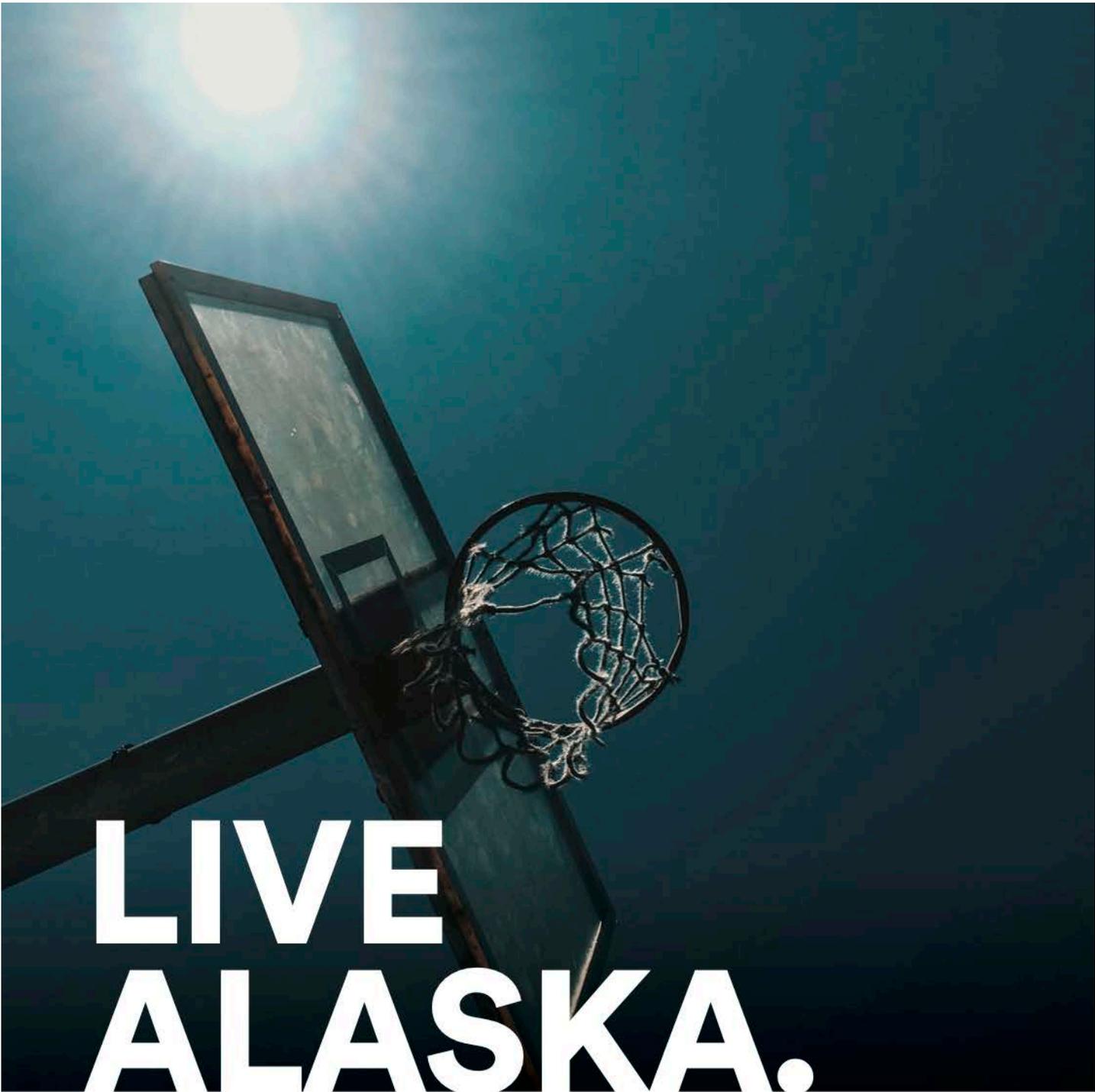
We also encourage you to engage with UAA by supporting Seawolf Athletics. It is our pleasure to welcome thousands of sports fans to campus each year. This past fall, UAA set an NCAA Division II record for attendance at a regular season volleyball match when nearly 4,000 fans came out to the Alaska Airlines Center to watch our nationally-ranked volleyball team defeat Central Washington! We hope you'll join us for volleyball, basketball, hockey and gymnastics competitions on campus in the future.

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Sean Parnell
UAA Chancellor





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THE HISTORY OF ASAA

ASAA's roots predate statehood. In the early 1950s, school leaders in the Territory of Alaska recognized the need to separate the high school basketball program from the local town business leagues. William Zahradnicek of Palmer, and W.W. Lahnum and Gordon Guffey of Anchorage, joined forces to organize the Western Alaska High School Activities Association with a mandate to ensure the necessary educational leadership. Sterling Sears of Juneau and Les Wingard and J.E. Danielson of Ketchikan were moving ahead at the same time to form the Southeast Alaska Activities Association.

In 1956, the Territorial Department of Education Superintendents Advisory Commission determined the need for an organization that could establish common rules and regulations to guide the activities of the two associations. In the Fall of 1957, the commission approved the Constitution and Bylaws of the Alaska High School Activities Association (ASAA). Officers representing the two divisions were elected. The first Board of Control consisted of William Zahradnicek, Palmer, as Chairman, J.E. Danielson, Ketchikan, Secretary-Treasurer; and members George McMillan, Juneau, Joe Montgomery, Anchorage, and Sterling Sears, Juneau.

This informal arrangement worked very well until the early 1970s, when the State Legislature added a section to the Educational Statutes placing the Association under the Department of Education. School populations and the number of participating schools were increasing. After many meetings, the two original associations became five distinct Regions based on school size and geographic location. One year later, in 1976, Regions increased to six. The new Board of Control consisted of one member from each Region, a representative of the Association of Alaska School Boards, and a representative of the Superintendents Association. In 1978, the board added a representative of the Alaska Association of Student Governments.

Due to the increasing number of schools participating in boys and girls basketball, the need for additional statewide culminating events became evident. This required the formation of a classification system that spanned all of the Regions. This task fell to a committee composed of representatives from all six Regions. It was known as the "Black and Blue" Ribbon Study Commission because of the difficulties faced in satisfying the needs of each Region. In June 1981, the Board of Control adopted the Commission's recommendation to establish four classifications based on school enrollment with some overlap in the two smallest classes due to geographic location. The first statewide event for the smaller classes was an invitational basketball tournament held in Anchorage in 1983-84.

In 1986, the Department of Education eliminated funding for ASAA. The Board of Control voted to incorporate as a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation, beginning July 1, 1987. Because of ongoing jurisdictional issues between the Association and the State of Alaska, both entities sought a legal resolution. This resulted in the 1995 repeal of the Legislative Statute that had placed ASAA under the Department of Education.

In 2007, in order to ensure consistent tobacco, alcohol and controlled substances policies by member schools and districts, the Board of Directors adopted the "Play for Keeps-Win for Life" program for all student participants. In 2011, the Alaska Legislature passed House Bill 15, (amended in 2012 under Senate Bill 119), that sets standards for concussion awareness, education, treatment and return to participation protocols. ASAA developed recommended policies and procedures to assist in the implementation of the law. In 2013, the Alaska Legislature passed Senate Bill 41 that addressed interscholastic participation by "alternative education program students." ASAA developed bylaws and policies to assist schools, students and families in the implementation of the statute.

Currently, the Alaska School Activities Association serves over 200 schools and 26,000 student participants. These student participants are active in 22 athletic activities and 6 academic activities culminating in 54 State Championship events! Without the support of the schools, students, coaches/advisors, parents, and fans ASAA couldn't be as successful as it has been since 1956. **THANK YOU!**



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Anissa Houston	9
Marck Ortila	9

Principal	Mark Jenkins
Athletic Director	Chris Hanson
Head Cheer Coach	Theresa Knapp



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DIVISION II | 3A WESTERN CONFERENCE

NAME	GRADE
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Isabella January	10
Adilyn Jung	12
Hank Karr	10
Jordan klejka	11
Maya Komulainen	11
Ellie LaValle	9
Kaylie St.Vincent	10
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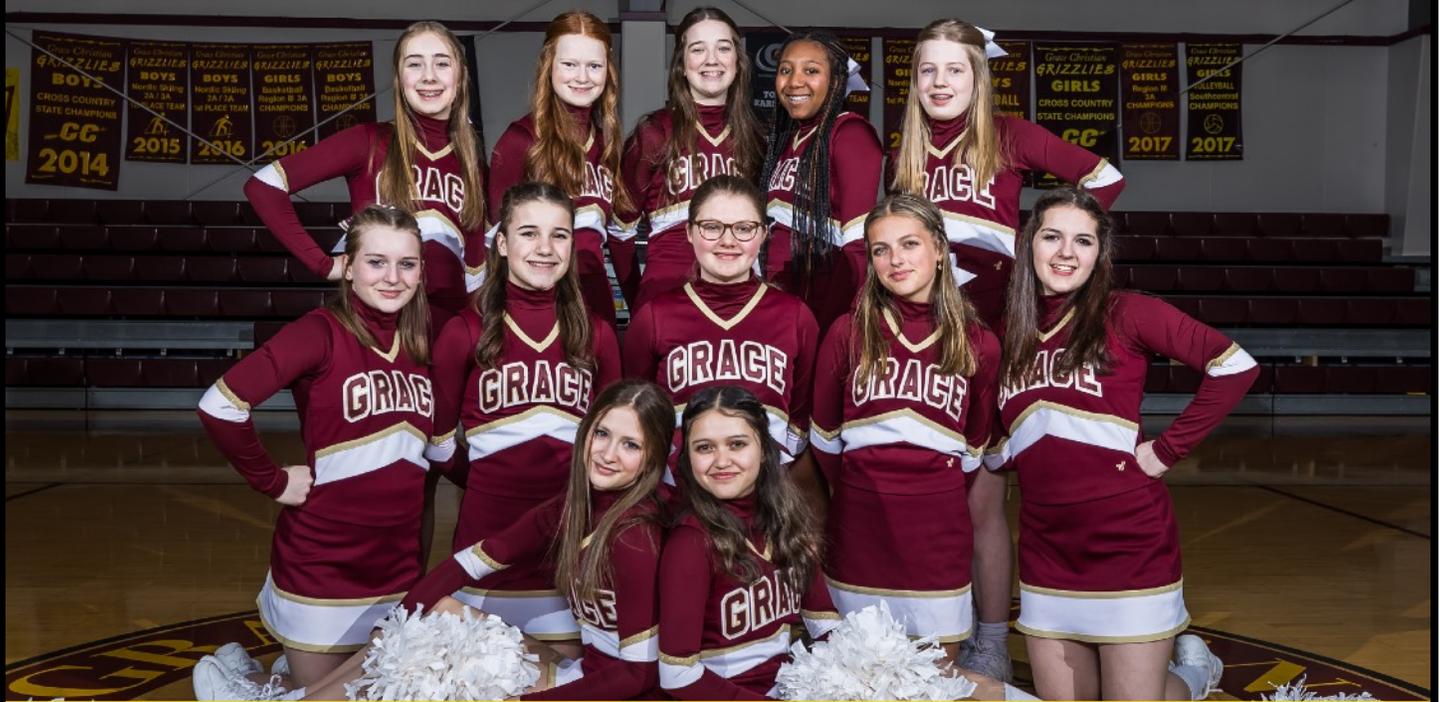
DIVISION II | 2A INTERIOR CONFERENCE

NAME	GRADE
Samantha Eleshansky	10
Ingrid Fritsch	9
Sadie Fry	9
Maggie Herschleb	10
Carl Hesse	10
Morgan Saiget	9
Pheobe Tschappat	9

Principal	Kate Williams
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Head Coach	Arissa Pearson



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DIVISION II | 3A PENINSULA CONFERENCE

NAME	GRADE	Principal	Chris Gionet
Eliza Blomfield	8	Athletic Director	Paul Salima
Aubrey Buck	9	Head Coach	Katy Hiott
Lexi Carlson	8	Assistant Coach	Julie Smith
Ashlyn Eldridge	9		
Katherine Jackson	8		
Elizabeth Jones	8		
Caroline Klebs	8		
Evangeline Knight	9		
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Sameah McGhee	12	Head Coach	Winter Marshall-Allen
Thi Tran	12		
Mary Brewer-Cote	10		
Thea James	9		
Taylor Fraley	9		
Hannah Klima	9		
lynnzi stout-dee	9		
Dorothea Hanenberger	9		



HUTCHISON HAWKS



DIVISION II | 3A AURORA CONFERENCE

NAME	GRADE
Piper Burks	11
Lily Coronado	11
Piper Crush	11
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Alana Moses	11
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Caitlyn Martin	11
Sylvia McGraw	9
Maya Montague	12
Brooklynn Reed	12
Gabriella Romero	11
Ayla Tallent	12
Genesis Trevino	12
Nico Walker	12

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Head Cheer Coach	Brianna Force
Assistant Cheer Coach	Avery Brandmeyer
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Asha Foruria	9	Head Cheer Coach	Marni Bauder
Eliana Hatch	12	Assistant Cheer Coach	Beau Bauder
Ronnie Huss	12	Assistant Cheer Coach	Maxine Duncan
Jillian Ivanoff	10		
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Iryna Kadatska	11
Addison Knudsen	12
Brenna Scholten	12
Kara Johanson	10
Cirsten Thrun	12
Hanalori Callahan	10
Cameron Minix	12

Principal	Teriscovka Smith
Athletic Director	Patrick Callahan
Head Cheer Coach	Bailey Immingan-Carpenter
Assistant Cheer Coach	Minnie Clark



SITKA WOLVES



DIVISION II | 3A EASTERN CONFERENCE

NAME	GRADE
Jeneva Paz Antolin Arce	9
Kaiya Balovich	11
Kaelynn Balovich	10
Deszerei Chong	12
Caleb Hutton	12
Sunny McClenahan	11
Haley Silva	11
Macee Steinson	12
Hayla Trigg	10
Gwen White	10

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Cadence Garrett	11
Samantha Shockey	12
Chris Spotts	12
Madison Wedermyer	10

Principal	Lisa Shelby
Athletic Director	Jimmy Sickler
Head Cheer Coach	Jennifer Crosby



WRANGELL WOLVES



DIVISION II | 2A SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE

NAME	GRADE
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Ayla Dickey	9
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Athletic Director	Rodger Nicolls
Head Cheer Coach	Talaria Shaw
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DIVISION I | 4A COOK INLET CONFERENCE

NAME	GRADE
Talia Jenkins	9
Danielle Williams	9
Abigail Kammer	9
Makenna Benedict	10
Jessica Hughes	11
Jessica Jensen	11
Mia Maruskie	10
Peyton Hays	10
Dahyun Lee	12
Mylia Kopun	10
Bethany Goorchenko	9
Mycah Warren-Dowl	12
McKinley Lund	9
Sydney Alexander	9
Keira Potter-Knudsen	11
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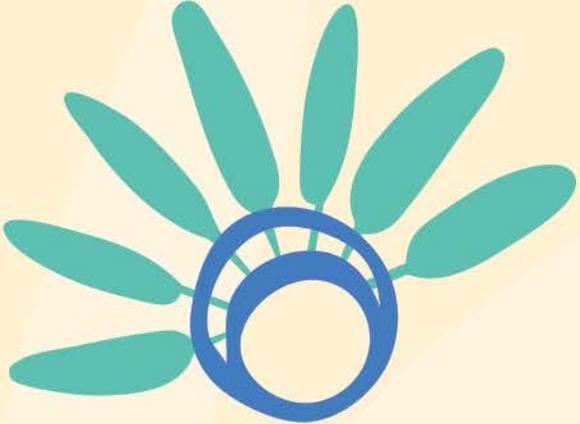
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Aleah Steele	10	Head Cheer Coach	Jasmine Talbot
Jasmine Bellamy	9	Assistant Cheer Coach	Ashlynn Martin-Thompson
Samantha Hass	10		
Serenity Crawford	9		
Sanai McSwain	12		
Elisabeth Allain	10		
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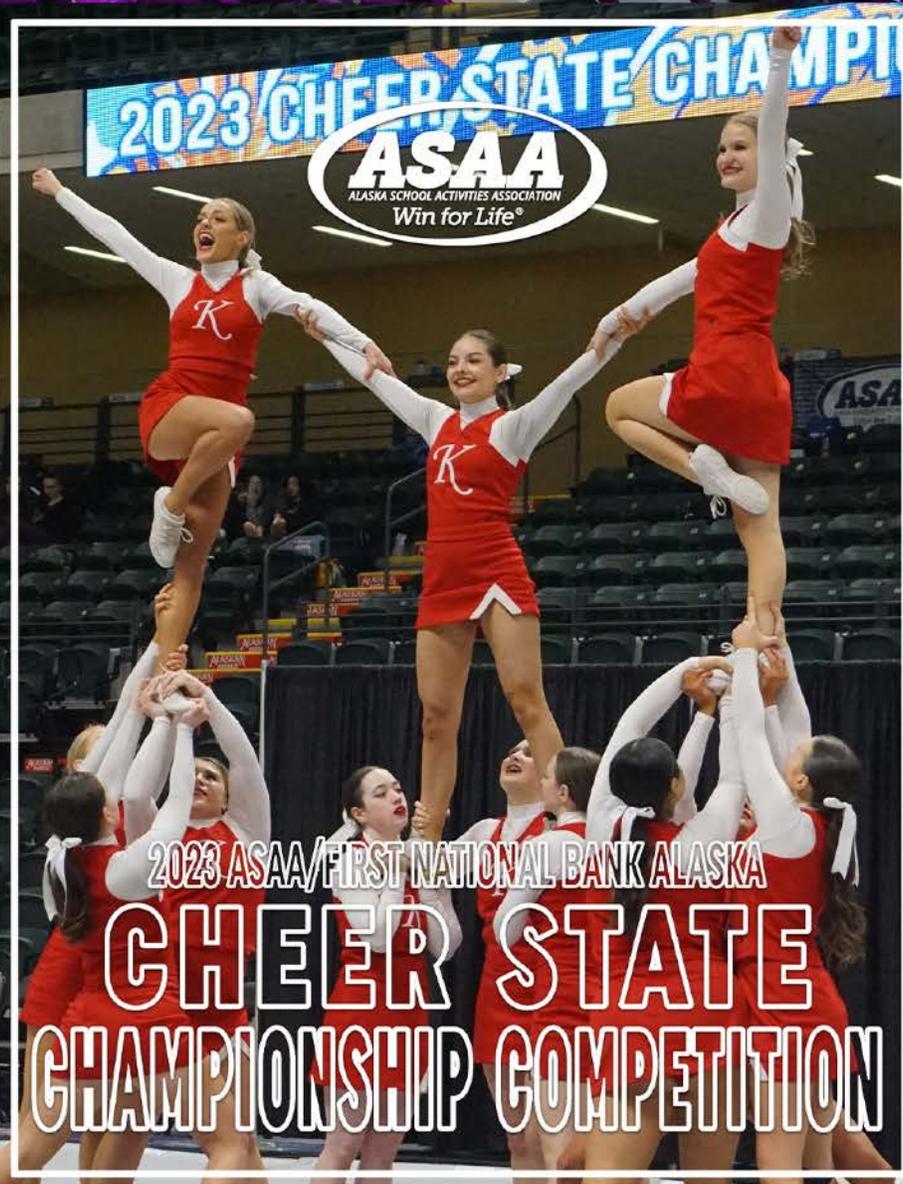
DIVISION I | 4A SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE

NAME	GRADE
Preshious Hammons	12
Sandrenia Nickel-Bean	12
Karina San Miguel	9
Joanna Magalotti	11
Natalie Wittwer	12
Claire Durling	11
Ariella Hill-Cristobal	11
Emma Busby	12
Summer Lucas	12
Reuben Grimes	12
Emily DelGado	11
Mila Griffin	11
Simon Iputi	8
Ayla Keller	10
Ryan Shattuck	11
Julia Felix	11
Piper Robidoux	12
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Arely Vera Garcia	9

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Katelyn Bolling	12
Bristol Albrant	9
Kate Thomas	9
Kevon Reese	12
Janessa Caguiat	11
Allison Thomas	12
Rowan Bolshakoff	10
Brooklin Dillard	12
Paul Thompson	10
Corrin Johnson	10
Gabriela Tirado	11
Micaella Ronquillo	11
Colin Elliot	11
Clara Odden	10
Hope Call	11
Julia Biagi	11
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Logenn Merrill	12

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Athletic Director	Kelly Smith
Head Cheer Coach	Jaylyn Merrill
Assistant Cheer Coach	Lacey Bailey



KODIAK BEARS



DIVISION I | 4A NORTHERN LIGHTS CONFERENCE

NAME	GRADE
Raeen Balolong	12
Ram Yrrehc Caballa	10
Krixhanee Diesta	11
Darnell Diesta	12
Hailee Fangonilo	9
Abby Flerchinger	10
Alexa Gutierrez	9
Rica Mangrobang	12
Angelyn Nono	9
Lhizzie Padilla	10
Tosha Simpler	12
Ryleigh Teague	9

Principal	Joyce Blair
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Assistant Cheer Coach	Cindy Monte





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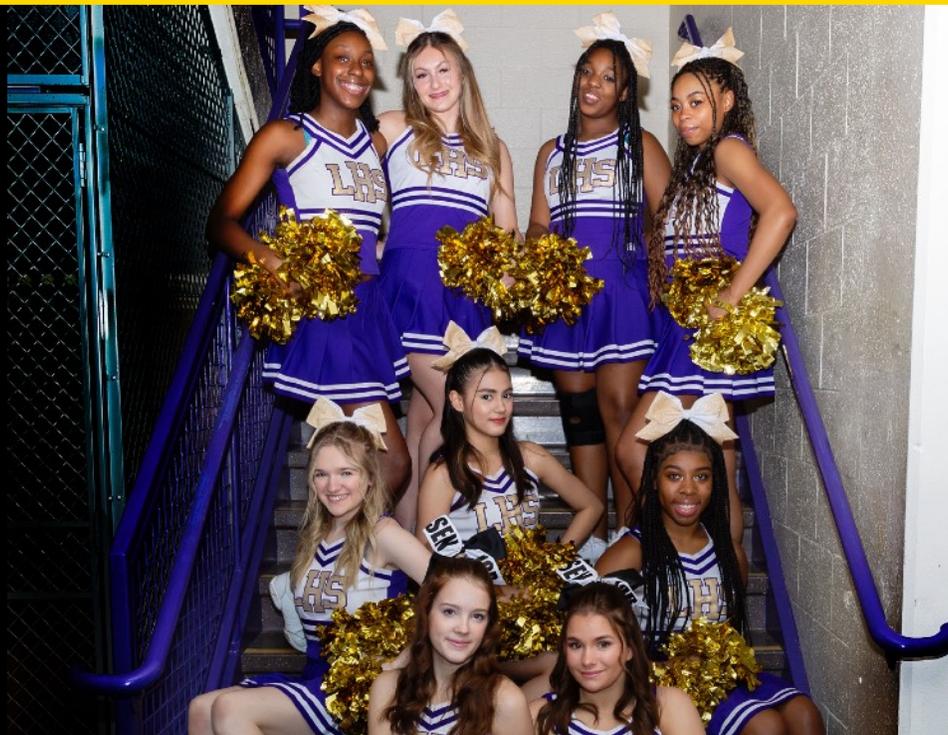
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Caylee Desmond	11	Head Cheer Coach	Dustee Davis
Jamyah Gosier	11	Assistant Cheer Coach	Timberly Kneebone
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Skylar Brougham	9
Zoe Martel	12
Lila Folsom	9
isabel Rennie	9
Torrey McClain	12
Merritt Waite	11
Mikayla Bell	10
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Principal	Paul Reid
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Lynzie Denbow	9
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Olivia Hays	9
Lacy Nye	9
Hailey Stonecipher	11
Adele Tacey	10
Rylen Weed	12

Principal	Sergeant Truesdell
Athletic Director	Phil Leck
Head Cheer Coach	Jayda Williams
Assistant Cheer Coach	Lacie Kelly



SOUTH ANCHORAGE WOLVERINES



DIVISION I | 4A COOK INLET CONFERENCE

NAME	GRADE
Jenna Thomson	11
Jillian Singleton	9
Auriana Smith	10
Julia Witherell	12
Gracie Paschall	10
Pami Boutsomsi	10
Sienna Robinson	10
Leila Henderson	9
Deanara Castro	11
Sierra Mendenhall	12
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Arianna Smith	11
Naileeani Tufaga	10
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Anelise Kohntopp	11		
Madison Reeves	8		
Jordan Campbell	8		
Emily Perkins	9		
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Lily Johnson	11		
Kyra Peterson	9		
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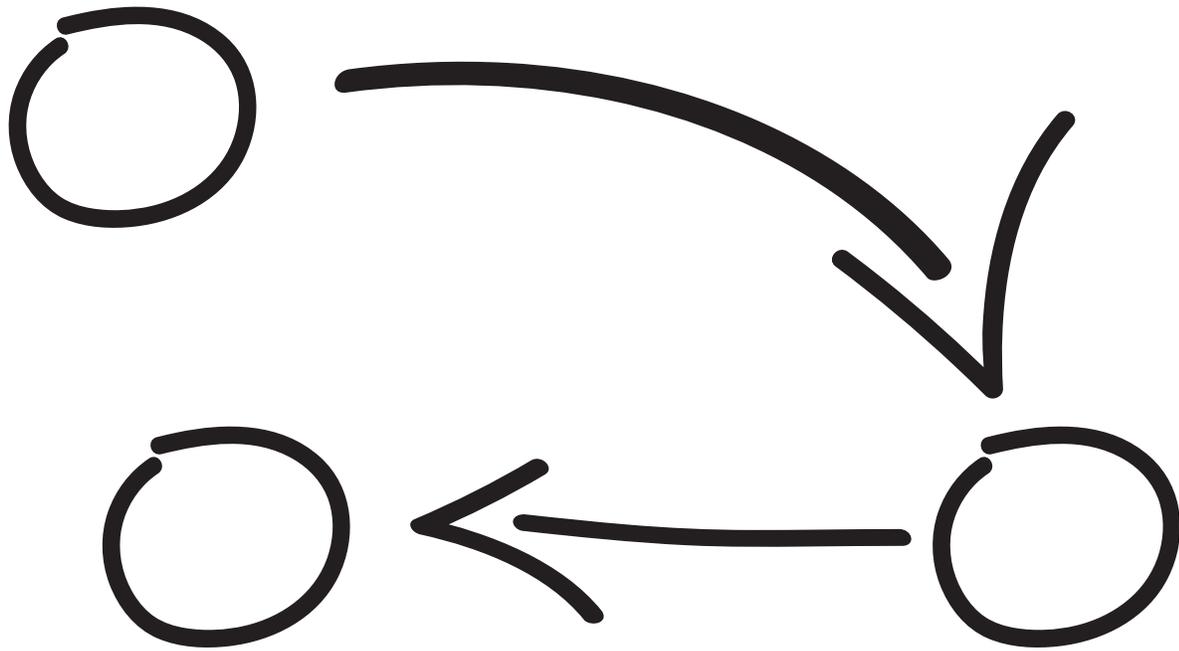
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ACADEMIC AWARD

Division I Palmer (3.37)

Division II Kenai Central (3.97)

DIVISION I

1 st Juneau-Douglas	4 th Palmer	8 th Soldotna
2 nd Colony	5 th Lathrop	9 th Betty Davis East
3 rd Ketchikan	6 th Wasilla	10 th Chugiak
	7 th South Anchorage	

DIVISION II

1 st Kenai Central	4 th Nome-Beltz	8 th Homer
2 nd Bethel Regional	5 th Barrow	9 th Susitna Valley
3 rd Sitka	6 th Grace Christian	10 th Cordova
	7 th Wrangell	

All Tournament

Nikyla Gueco - Barrow

Kiley Twito – Bethel

Leyana Rosario – Bettye Davis

Jessica Jensen – Chugiak

Emily Bernier – Colony

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Abi McKay – Grace

Sameah McGee – Homer

Lily Coronado – Hutchison

Liezl Escalona – Juneau-Douglas

Calani Holmes – Kenai

Allie Thomas – Ketchikan

Darnell Diesta – Kodiak

Nariah Jackson – Lathrop

Eliana Hatch – Mt Edgecumbe

Cameron Minx – Nome

Zoey Martel – Palmer

Macee Steinson – Sitka

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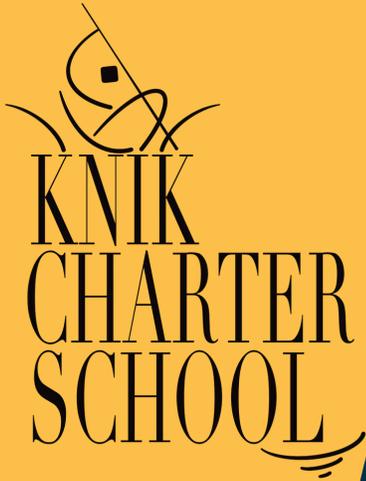
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