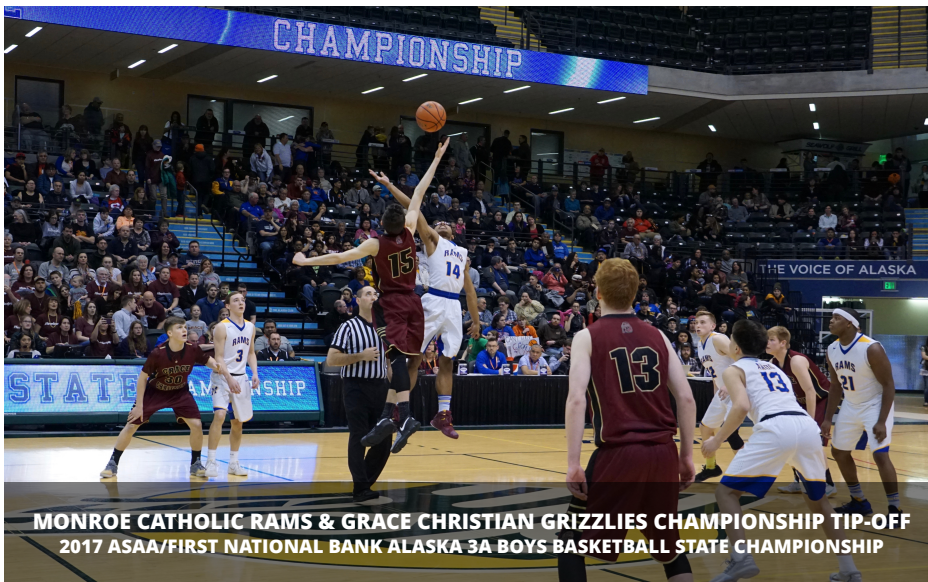


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Upcoming Events



ASAA/FIRST NATIONAL BANK ALASKA ALL-STATE ART COMPETITION

April 21, 2017

Displayed at ArtAlaska.org website

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ASAA/FIRST NATIONAL BANK ALASKA SOLO & ENSEMBLE MUSIC FESTIVAL

May 12-13, 2017

UAA, East & West Anchorage HS

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Finding the Answer by Asking the Right Question

Billy Strickland, Executive Director

A high school basketball game is 32 minutes long. Multiplying those minutes by the five players on the court results in 160 minutes of "playing time". Often players and more often their parents want more "playing time", however unless the game goes to overtime, there is no way for a coach to create additional time.

At the recent ASAA/First National Bank Alaska basketball tournaments comprising March Madness, I noticed most coaches tend to play about 8 players, while dressing down 12 players for the game. Why not play all 12? The answer is simply because not all the players are of the same ability. Competitive sports are competitive. This means that a student isn't only competing against the other team, but is also competing with members of his/her own team for the privilege of "playing time." However, good teammates don't let this competition ruin their ability to work together for the good of the team. In fact, more often these teammates celebrate together the team's success or commiserate in its failures. Understanding this concept of unselfishness, is one of the enduring benefits of educational based activities.

When desiring to play more the question to ask is "what skills do I need to develop in order to better help the team" as opposed to "why is he playing more than me." Ask the former question and a coach will provide the answer which can lead to playing more, ask the latter and an honest coach will more likely state "because I feel he gives me a better chance to win." Let's help all our kids "Win for Life" by asking the right question.

Alaska High School Hall of Fame

Sandi Wagner, Associate Director

This month we are recognizing 2016 inductee Donald Erickson. As the boy's basketball coach of tiny Covenant in Unalakleet, he nearly orchestrated one of the greatest upsets in Alaska high school hoops history. It didn't happen as No. 1 Dimond escaped with a 52-50 victory after scoring the game-winning basket with six seconds to play. But the David vs. Goliath playoff game defined the anything-can-happen at state basketball. Erickson coached at Covenant from 1965 to 1974 and posted a remarkable 87-15 record with two Class B titles over a four-year span [1970-73]. Off the court, Erickson was an active member of the community serving as a pastor, foster parent and an official. He was also a recipient of the state's Outstanding Young Educator award. Don passed away in 1986 at the young age of 49 and left a legacy of love for young people behind.



Donald Erickson

For more information on Donald and other inductees, please visit the Alaska High School Hall of Fame website at <http://alaskahalloffame.org>. The Alaska High School Hall of Fame Class of 2017 induction ceremony will take place on May 7, 2017 at 4:00PM at the Lakefront Anchorage Hotel.

Sponsor Spotlight

Doug Stewart, Director of Marketing & Development

Arctic Slope Regional Corporation (ASRC) was established pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of 1971. Incorporated in 1972, ASRC has its corporate headquarters in Barrow, Alaska with administrative and subsidiary offices located in Anchorage and throughout the United States. The past 43 years have been a time of growth and diversification for ASRC. Although Arctic Slope Regional Corporation had humble beginnings, and there was a time the company's leaders worked for no pay, it is now the largest Alaskan-owned company – with approximately 10,000 employees worldwide.



The corporation supports scholarship programs through the Arctic Education Foundation, and has joined in partnership with Ilisaġvik College to strengthen job skill sets for residents of the North Slope. Internship opportunities are also available at ASRC to shareholders enrolled in higher education programs. In addition to formal education, the cross-generational transmission of values to the region's younger generation is vital to the community. ASRC supports cultural, youth and community events that promote that heritage, and provides opportunities for youth to engage with their elders. Handing down Iñupiat traditions and values to the next generation is at the bedrock of ASRC's success, as the corporation relies on the wisdom of the region's elders to build a cadre of future leaders. ASAA appreciates their efforts in providing opportunities for youth all across the State of Alaska.

Upcoming Events



ASAA/FIRST NATIONAL BANK ALASKA SOCCER STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

May 25-27, 2017

Service HS & Eagle River HS

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ASAA/FIRST NATIONAL BANK ALASKA SOFTBALL STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

June 1-3, 2017

South Davis Park Complex, Fairbanks

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ASAA/FIRST NATIONAL BANK ALASKA BASEBALL STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

June 1-3, 2017

Mulcahy Stadium in Anchorage

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**2017 ASAA/FIRST NATIONAL BANK ALASKA
GREATLAND HOCKEY STATE CHAMPIONSHIP**



MONROE CATHOLIC
2017 GREATLAND HOCKEY STATE CHAMPIONS

**2017 ASAA/FIRST NATIONAL BANK ALASKA
4A HOCKEY STATE CHAMPIONSHIP**



CHUGIAK MUSTANGS
2017 4A HOCKEY STATE CHAMPIONS

GREATLAND CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

CHAMPIONSHIP

Champion	Monroe Catholic
Runner-up	Houston

ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM

Aidan Rude	Glennallen
Alec Easty	Hutchison
Caleb Sanborn	Monroe
Isaac Smoldon	Houston
Michael Coiley	Monroe
Nate Jankowski	Monroe
Reed Humphreys	Houston
Riley Ott	Monroe

AWARDS

Sportsmanship Award: Glennallen/Kenny Lake
Presented by ATT

Academic Award: Glennallen/Kenny Lake
Presented by Princess Cruises

4A CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

CHAMPIONSHIP

Champion	Chugiak
Runner-up	South Anchorage

ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM

Andrew Beckett	Chugiak
Asa Kinnear	South
Ben Trujillo	South
Cam McDonald	Eagle River
Jack Walters	Chugiak
Jake Hessinger	Colony
Jake Kirsch	Colony
John Hammer	Chugiak
Noah Ashley	South
Sutton McDonald	Eagle River
Tanner Rath	Dimond
Zach Krajnik	Chugiak

AWARDS

Sportsmanship Award: South Anchorage
Presented by ATT

Academic Award: Juneau-Douglas
Presented by Princess Cruises

**2017 ASAA/FIRST NATIONAL BANK ALASKA
GIRLS NORDIC SKI STATE CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS**



**WEST ANCHORAGE EAGLES
2017 GIRLS TEAM NORDIC SKI STATE CHAMPIONS**

TEAM AWARDS

Champion	West Anchorage	3:03:14
Runner-up	Chugiak	3:06:26
1 st Place 2A/3A	Grace Christian	3:40:30
Academic Award: West Valley & Palmer (4.0)		
Sportsmanship Award: Soldotna		

CLASSIC 5K (TOP 3)

1. Jenna Difolco	West Valley	17:35
2. Molly Gellert	West	17:35
3. Magdalen York	West	17:40

TOP 2A/3A

1. Rylee Norris	Valdez
2. Charlee Demintieff	Grace
3. Ruby Lindquist	Seward

FREESTYLE 7.5K (TOP 3)

1. Molly Gellert	West	16:58
2. Magdalen York	West	17:13
3. Jenna Difolco	West Valley	17:40

TOP 2A/3A

1. Ruby Lindquist	Seward
2. Rylee Norris	Valdez
3. Charlee Demintieff	Grace

SKIMEISTER

Molly Gellert	West
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RELAY TEAMS (TOP 3)

1. West Anchorage	39:29
2. Chugiak	39:50
3. West Valley	39:51

**2017 ASAA/FIRST NATIONAL BANK ALASKA
BOYS NORDIC SKI STATE CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS**



**WEST ANCHORAGE EAGLES
2017 BOYS TEAM NORDIC SKI STATE CHAMPIONS**

TEAM AWARDS

Champion	West Anchorage	3:50:49
Runner-up	Service	3:51:12
1 st Place 2A/3A	Grace Christian	4:14:29
Academic Award: Service (4.0)		
Sportsmanship Award: Dimond		

CLASSIC 7.5K (TOP 3)

1. Gus Schumacher	Service	19:32
2. Luke Jager	West	19:37
3. Hunter Wonders	South	19:57

TOP 2A/3A

1. Trent Fritzel	Grace
2. Luke Fritzel	Grace
3. Avi Johnson	Grace

FREESTYLE 10K (TOP 3)

1. Gus Schumacher	Service	23:19
2. Hunter Wonders	South	23:20
3. Luke Jager	West	23:33

TOP 2A/3A

1. Luke Fritzel	Grace
2. Trent Fritzel	Grace
3. Avi Johnson	Grace

SKIMEISTER

Gus Schumacher	Service
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RELAY TEAMS (TOP 3)

1. South Anchorage	49:19
2. West Anchorage	49:25
3. Service	50:02