

ACC is proud to announce that we are now an accredited member of the Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability.

In 2019, ACC was awarded the status of a Certified Best Christian Workplace.



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Jane Atuk, Dr. Stanley Austin, Robert Bembenek, Sandra Bolger, Liz Buettner, Bob Coffin, Jan Eppard, Chuck Ford, Elizabeth Griffin, Eysail Hammar, Vivian Joy Holland, Shirley Johnson, Bruce & Mae Keith, Nicole Leman, John & Opal Liljegren, Jim McCall, Lisa Broberg Quintana, Genelle Samuelson, Beth Sandell, Ben Sunderman, Charles Walles, and Ruth E. Winner

Last April, ACC alumna Josephine Daniels accepted a first-grade teaching position in the village of Savoonga, a village of nearly 700 people located on St. Lawrence Island in the Bering Sea.

Josephine graduated from ACC in 2016 with an AA in Paraprofessional Education and finished her elementary education degree at the University of Alaska Southeast in May 2019.

We celebrate this great accomplishment with Josephine and are pleased to count her among the numerous ACC graduates that are faithfully serving in rural Alaska. Pray for her as she completes her first year of teaching, and makes a difference in her classroom and community.

“It feels like a dream come true. It’s always been one my highest aspirations to become a teacher and move back to the village.”

–Josephine Daniels



Savoonga’s local economy consists largely of subsistence hunting for walrus, seals, fish, and bowhead whales. The city calls itself the “Walrus Capital of the World.”

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BRIGHT BEGINNINGS

December Graduates

This December, we celebrated seven new graduates who have earned their AA degrees and are off to a great start! Planning to continue on to pursue careers in education, counseling, ministry, nonprofit management, and veterinary medicine, these students have proven themselves capable of the hard work and determination it takes to fulfill their dreams. We are excited to send them off on their next adventure.

Indigenous Peoples' Day

ACC celebrated Indigenous Peoples' Day with its first festival of dancing, games, food, and reflection.

(continued inside)

Capital Campaign Quiet Phase is a Huge Success

ACC's VISION 2020 CAPITAL CAMPAIGN raises \$3.75 million during Quiet "Leadership" Phase. The classroom addition is nearly completed and this fall, a groundbreaking ceremony began work on the new athletic center. (more details inside)



December Commencement sees seven new graduates who are off to a great start



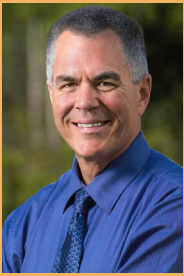
Indigenous Peoples' Day celebration draws students and staff



Groundbreaking ceremony for new Athletic Center



Day breaks over campus



From the Desk of
Dr. Keith Hamilton,
President

reflecting
back, looking
ahead:

What a great year 2019 was for ACC! We enrolled our largest class, graduated our largest fall class and anticipate the largest spring class as well, became a certified Best Christian Workplace (our staff/faculty, when surveyed, chose us a great place to work), became an accredited member of the Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability (ECFA), and of course, saw many lives changed through the Good News of Jesus Christ. We know of more than 30 students who made commitments this fall to the Lord and witnessed 14 baptisms. We experienced unprecedented growth and blessings at ACC in 2019!

For 2020, we are inviting you to give UBER generously as these programs and blessings bring additional costs to campus. We are lacking the necessary funds to expand and continue growing our campus and mission.

I invite you to prayerfully be generous this winter to fulfill our mission.

In this newsletter, VISION 2020 is being introduced to you! Please know that this campaign is also part of growing our future and we need EVERYONE to participate at some level. Know that giving to VISION 2020 is above and beyond your giving to the general fund which covers all the costs of providing for the mission.

Will you grab ahold of what is happening in Soldotna and across Alaska with a gift today?

God's best to you in 2020,

Keith



Festivities included friendly competitions of the One-Foot High Kick, Stick Pull, and the Alaskan High Kick

Indigenous Peoples' Day (continued from front..)

In observance of this state holiday, and in joining with native communities throughout the country, ACC students and staff shared in a celebration of native culture. Samplings of native food were prepared by students from both Alaska and Arizona, including fry bread, akutaq (affectionately known as "Eskimo ice cream"), and

many varieties and preparations of fish. Students also sang, danced and created a community art project, encouraging reflection and celebration of what it means to be native.

In addition to being a fun-filled day, this observance also highlighted one of ACC's Guiding Values, a commitment to "value Alaska Native culture and tradition."



Due to the frigid determination of staff members Sean Hoffbeck and Steve Hallam, the ice rink is in! Students and staff enjoyed an evening game of broomball as part of the Spring Semester Welcome Week events.



On campus, the moon sets over the yurt just before morning classes begin.

Photo credit: Age Woody

PROJECT TIMELINE

2018

NOVEMBER

Your generosity will propel ACC forward to see these projects met on time!

2019

JANUARY

Preparation phase of campaign begins and determines scope of project funding



VISION

2020

BUILDING A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE



3 YEARS

of pledges

\$3.5M

two buildings

\$1M

financial sustainability plan

\$500K

legacy endowment

= \$5M

total

You impact the lives of Alaska Native students and their communities as we partner together in Life-Changing Education. It is our VISION to offer our growing student body the resources and facilities they need to succeed. Together we can increase the capacity of Alaska Christian College for decades to come and empower our students to thrive!

Through numerous grants and the generous donations of our Board, Staff, and Major Donors...



Focused sustainability, **VISION 2020 CAPITAL CAMPAIGN** meets three important goals:

- 1 CAMPUS COMPLETION** a classroom addition and fully-equipped athletic center constructed largely by volunteers
- 2 FINANCIAL STABILITY PLAN** provides operational security through loan retirement & funding for the future
- 3 LEGACY ENDOWMENT** increasing this fund to \$1 million provides stable funding of student scholarships for years to come

ACC has long realized that an athletic center is vital to recruit new students, retain existing students, and provide crucial support for student's well-being. With a full-sized basketball court, walking track, workout facilities, locker rooms

and saunas, this facility will first serve students and be open to the community at large to support the cost of operation. **The addition to the Academic Success Center will double classroom capacity and is largely completed.**

These campus additions along with the increased endowment fund and stability planning will **ensure that ACC is ready to meet students needs today and far into the future.**

Check your mailbox for more details coming soon!

SEE VISION 2020 IN ACTION! Watch the video at: www.AlaskaCC.edu/vision2020

2020

2021

2022

APRIL

VISION 2020 Phase One: Leadership raises over \$1,000,000 and meets matching grant goal

SUMMER

Construction begins on classroom addition
Phase Two: Major Donor Phase opens with a \$1,000,000 goal

JANUARY

Phase Two goal of \$1,000,000 is exceeded!
Phase Three: Public Phase begins and continues until \$5 M goal is reached

SUMMER

Construction begins on Athletic Center and continues throughout the year

SUMMER

Construction continues on Athletic Center

SUMMER

VISION 2020 Campaign concludes with Legacy Endowment, Sustainability Plan and building projects fully funded and completed!