



# Seawolf Soundbites

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## The Den

### **AMCS Parent Night, Oct. 7th, 6-7 PM via Zoom**

Held in lieu of ASD's student-led conferences, the UAA Advisors and AMCS Staff will talk about how the year is progressing and what to expect next. Whether you are able to attend the meeting or not, please complete the Parent Survey that we emailed you earlier this week. The information gathered will help the AMCS Staff and UAA Advisors in meeting the needs of our learning community. Please RSVP if you plan to attend, [register now](#).

### **Spring 2021 Class**

AMCS will start accepting applications for the 2021 Spring Class. Information Night is October 14<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM via Zoom. The application link opens October 15<sup>th</sup> and closes December 14<sup>th</sup>. The program is looking for seniors who are planning to graduate this December. We invite these seniors to apply to the program and join the Pack for a semester. Let us expand our Pack, share this information with students who might want to join our program.

## Wolf-wise Workshops (W3)

### October

- 2 **Overview of E-Portfolio: From the Classroom to the Job** [Register Now](#)  
**Friday at 11:30 am via Zoom**  
Presented by Paul Wasko, UAA e-Portfolio Services Coordinator. The workshop will present an overview of features in the software along with a discussion on strategies on how to best meet course assignment requirements to using a portfolio for college and job applications.
  
- 9 **College Essays that Work** [Register Now](#)  
**Friday at 11:30 am via Zoom**  
Ms. Sherwood will present a seminar on how to write an engaging, effective, and

exceptional college essay that will capture the attention of the admission committees. Students will look at some successful college essays (from students who were accepted at major universities), and find resources to help them in their writing. Students are encouraged to bring their essay to the workshop and submit it to Ms. Sherwood for feedback.

16 & 23 No workshop - no ASD classes, UAA is in session

30 **UAA Application Day** [Register Now](#)  
**Friday at 11:30 am via Zoom**

Join the members of UAA Admission Office to apply and submit to UAA for Fall 2021

## Pack News

### Counselor's Corner

October is going to be an exciting month as the Student Services Office has planned several events to aid AMCS parents and students in planning for next semester and college. Please see below (or the attachment) for upcoming dates. Remember to sign up for the AMCS Student Services Remind for by sending a text to 81010 and texting the message "@amcsst".

Seniors who are planning and hope to qualify for the Alaska Performance Scholarship need to take either the ACT, SAT, or WorkKeys test. Only the class of 2020 received a waiver for the tests. In addition, students who are planning to graduate in December need to notify Ms. Andresen.

The PSAT, which the Juniors typically take in the fall, has been postponed until January 26<sup>th</sup>. AMCS students typically take the test at their affiliate school. Contact information and due dates will be available in the next newsletter. Space will be limited to maintain social distancing so make sure to sign up on time!

Students who still need to take a PE/Health credit might want to consider signing up for an online course 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter. These courses allow students to complete a semester's worth of material in nine weeks. Students who feel as if they can add to their current workload can take Nutrition & Wellness, Personal Fitness, or Health 1: Life Management Skills. Course descriptions are available at <https://edynamiclearning.com/courses/?order=asc&orderby=title>. Please contact Ms. Andresen by Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> if you would like to sign up for a class.

### **Junior/Senior Presentations, Oct. 5<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>, during Ms. Sherwood's Advisory Classes**

Ms. Andresen will visit the classes to discuss understanding transcripts and graduation requirements, PSAT/ACT/SAT testing, Alaska Performance Scholarship, 2<sup>nd</sup> semester scheduling, and the college search timeline. Students will receive a copy of their transcript prior to the class meeting.

**Juniors and Seniors who aren't in Ms. Sherwood's advisory are welcome to join the discussion but need to RSVP by Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> at <https://forms.gle/uFCqxP6zSHKGwbuNA>.**

## Second Quarter Single Course Enrollment Forms due Oct. 9<sup>th</sup>

If you are planning to take a course at your affiliate high school, complete the single course enrollment form located at <https://www.asdk12.org/domain/4675> and email it to Ms. Andresen at [Andresen\\_Shelly@asdk12.org](mailto:Andresen_Shelly@asdk12.org). Remember, page two of the form does not apply to you. Please indicate what period(s) you are available for the class you are requesting. The affiliate school schedule is 1<sup>st</sup> hr. 8:00-9:35 AM, 2<sup>nd</sup> hr. 9:45-11:15 AM, and 3<sup>rd</sup> hr. 11:40 AM -1:15 PM.

## College Virtual Visits

### University of Alaska Fairbanks Admissions, Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>, 1:15-1:55 PM

The University of Alaska Fairbanks will be hosting an admissions and general info virtual presentation. Come learn about applying to UAF and financial aid, scholarships, and campus life! Meeting link: <https://alaska.zoom.us/j/85798199536>

### University of Oregon Admissions Counselor, Oct. 16<sup>th</sup>, 10:00-10:45 AM

Registration Meeting Link: <https://connect.uoregon.edu/register/amcs101620>.

### Out-of-State University Panel, Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup>, 6:00-7:30 PM

Geared for Alaska students, the panel will discuss the benefits of attending college out-of-state and answer admission-related questions. For more information and to register go to [https://depaul.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_Zo1IHowUQ5OKpg97A3PQ3A](https://depaul.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Zo1IHowUQ5OKpg97A3PQ3A).

## Senior Seminar Series

### Funding Your Future (FYF) Presentation, Oct 21<sup>st</sup>, 6:00-7:00 PM

Families who want to learn more about applying for the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) are encouraged to attend this presentation provided by the Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education (ACPE) Success Center Staff. Scholarships, grants, and WUE will also be discussed. to learn more about financial aid and how to apply for it. The meeting will be held via Zoom at: <https://zoom.us/j/92514573747?pwd=MFYrTmVUUUFOaDFoR09UWHlmY05kdz09>

### Funding Your Future (FYF) Presentation hosted by King Tech High School (KTHS), Oct 27<sup>th</sup>, 6:00-7:00 PM

AMCS and KTHS are partnering to offer parents and students another option to attend the FYF presentation: <https://zoom.us/j/96514384221?pwd=c0V2ek5sNWdSM0M2bDJIMGNsvVRnUT09>.

## U Howls

### Get Help Now

Are you struggling or not getting the grade you want? Now is the time to reach out for help. First step is to reach out to your professor or advisor. [Schedule an appointment now.](#) Until your appointment, here are some UAA resources that are totally offered online.

### Student Resources at UAA Learning Commons – Fall 2020 online services

#### [Learning Commons HelpDesk](#)

Resource Coaches at the LC Help Desk provide support for navigating UAA's systems, including technology, resources, and services. The LC Help Desk also provides support with developing transferable skills for college and beyond. You can connect with the LC Help Desk through email or Google Hangout: [UAALCHelpDesk@gmail.com](mailto:UAALCHelpDesk@gmail.com).

### Math Lab

Instilling knowledge of mathematical concepts from pre-Algebra through pre-Calculus and beyond. The Math Lab works with students to help them learn, remember, and build upon the concepts taught in class. Help sessions are provided via Zoom.

### Science Tutoring

Science tutoring in chemistry, anatomy & physiology, and physics is generally available during Fall and Spring semesters. Help sessions are provided via Zoom.

### The Communication Center

Support for all your communications projects, for any class. Communication Coaches can provide feedback not only on your structure and development, but to enhance vocal delivery and nonverbal support. The Communication Center provides tutoring via live GoBoard sessions.

### The Writing Center

Helping people improve any part of their writing process—including brainstorming, developing ideas, and polishing language. Consultants can live chat about your work via GoBoard, or help through Email Writing Consultations. After a student submits their work, a Consultant will make comments on the document and return it within 48 hours.

For students who want to develop their English Language comprehension and usage, the Writing Center provides one-on-one support through Language Partners. Partners can meet regularly via GoBoard and are arranged via the Program Specialist's email: hteel1@alaska.edu.

### Free Resources

The Learning Commons provides free digital resources for access anytime. Our YouTube Channel has peer resource coaches created tutorials and our WoodburnPlus page has printables and info-guides for student success. Check out our website under the Free Resources tab.

## **2020 Anchorage Alaska College and Career Fair, Oct. 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>**

Registration is now open. For more information go to <https://www.uaa.alaska.edu/collegefair>.

### **Spring Advising Appointments**

Spring semester is just right around the corner and advising starts soon. Appointment with your advisor is scheduled based on the following the following priority.

Middle College Senior Priority Advising October 26<sup>th</sup> – November 6<sup>th</sup>

Middle College Junior Priority Advising November 9<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>

New student advising appointments begin November 30<sup>th</sup> – December 17<sup>th</sup>

In order to get an appointment, you must complete:

1. UAA Title IX Training
2. Fall 2020 mid-term grades are on file with your advisor

Prior to your appointment you must complete:

1. Know the remaining courses you need to complete high school diploma requirements
2. Research college courses you need for the degree you are pursuing

# Spring registration for Spring 2021 classes begins Monday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>.

## Upcoming Important Dates

### October

- 2 Workshop: Overview of E-Portfolio: From the Classroom to the Job
- 9 Workshop: College Essays that Work  
Second Quarter Single Course Enrollment Form Due
- 13 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Anchorage Alaska College Career Fair (virtual): College Exploration Panel Presentations
- 14 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Anchorage Alaska College Career Fair (virtual): College Virtual College Fair
- 14 2021 AMCS Spring Class Information Night via Zoom
- 15 2021 Spring AMCS Class application opens
- 16 No high school classes; UAA still in session
- 23 No high school classes; UAA still in session
- 30 UAA Application Day



# Wanted: Pack Leaders

## About Me:

Hello! I am Ariel Harbison. I have been teaching in ASD for 5 years. I have been a math teacher at East High. I am excited to help students grow and achieve success with higher level education here at AMCS.

I enjoy coaching and playing basketball and soccer. My husband and I love to hike, mountain bike, and travel to new places as much as we possibly can. We are currently restoring a '76 VW Bus and hope to spend a summer visiting National Parks when she is completed. She is bright yellow and we call her "The Frizzle".

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## Fun Facts:

I have a 2  $\frac{1}{2}$  year old pug named Sparkpug. I enjoy anything outdoors and have recently gotten into mountain biking and riding single track trails.



*Hello Sunshines*

*meet Ms Sherwood*

I am the AMCS Writing Advisory teacher for the 20-21 school year. I am extremely excited to work with all of you.

For the past 13 years I have been an English teacher at SWS at East High School and before that I taught in other states. Helping students with their writing is one of my favorite things.

I love writing, travel, reading, yoga, hiking, and family time. I am looking forward to working with all of you.



Contact me at [sherwood\\_beth@asdk12.org](mailto:sherwood_beth@asdk12.org)

## Pack Leaders

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