News & Updates about Computer Science in Alaska's K-12 Schools

Our Vision: Sequential and Sustainable Computer Science (CS) Instruction in Alaska's Pk-12 Public School System and Pathways to Technology Employment in Alaska's Work Force

Alaska CS Policy Updates

- **June Brings a Whirlwind of K12 Computer Science Activities Around Alaska** - This month ASDN is training over 100 AK educators on Code.org's CS curriculum. Educators from across the state, including many rural/remote communities, are gathering to learn how to teach CS at the elementary, middle and high school levels. The Mat-Su School District is holding its annual Girls Who Code Camp - bringing computer science to girls in 6th-10th grade.

- **State Board to Vote June 7th on Adoption of Alaska's Computer Science Standards** - On Thursday, June 7th, the Alaska State Board of Education will vote on the adoption of state computer science standards. You have one last opportunity to provide public comment at 9:10am. *Comment at this oral hearing is limited to three minutes per person and five minutes per group.* Public comment can be made for this meeting, during this time only, by calling 1- 844-586-9085 if you are outside of Juneau or Anchorage. For participation from Juneau, call 586-9085. For participation from Anchorage, call 563-9085.

- **ACSA/ASDN presents at the AOGA Conference** - Sam Jordan of ACSA/ASDN, accompanied by Kaycee Parady, a student at Auk Bay Elementary School in Juneau, presented on computer science and workforce development at the recent Alaska Oil and Gas Association (AOGA) 2019 Conference. The highlight was a live coding demonstration done by Kaycee with help from the audience.
ASDN/Code.org Regional Partner Update

SUMMER CODE.ORG WORKSHOPS FOR ELEMENTARY TEACHERS

Upcoming Workshops
- Juneau, (K-5), June 11
- Petersburg, (K-6) June 19
- Delta Junction, (K-6) August 12
- Ketchikan, (K-3) September 23
- Ketchikan, (4-6) September 23
- Open now – find a workshop on the maps

Questions? Contact the Alaska Code.org Manager Cheryl Bobo at cbobo@alaskaacsa.org

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News
- Amy Eakin, Technology Director in the Northwest Arctic Borough School District, is being recognized as the 2019 ISTE Digital Citizenship Network award winner for her efforts to bring digital citizenship to communities in the Northwest Arctic Borough. She will be given the award later this month at the ISTE Conference in Philadelphia. Congratulations Amy!
- Article: Computational Thinking Is Critical Thinking. And It Works in Any Subject
• **DEED Posts CS Graduation Guidance to Website**: DEED recently posted a guidance letter from Commissioner Michael Johnson regarding how computer science can be allowed to count for high school graduation credit in Alaska. View the letter here: [https://education.alaska.gov/edtech](https://education.alaska.gov/edtech)

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**Teaching CS Resources** - An ever growing resource doc for educators to learn about curriculum and instructional ideas for teaching CS in AK: [http://bit.ly/2V6gDLC](http://bit.ly/2V6gDLC)

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