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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

News & Upcoming Events

- Alaska K-12 computer science was widely discussed and highlighted in many sessions at last month's Alaska Society for Technology in Education Conference (ASTE).
- The Alaska Dept. of Labor and Alaska DEED are partnering to offer Alaskans introductory coding sessions in Kotzebue, Wasilla and Juneau. These events are free and open to Alaskans of all ages – no prior coding experience necessary! CSforAK will be there to support the event!
- Alaskan Educators are coming together to form a Computer Science Teachers Association (CSTA) chapter for Alaska. If you are interested in joining, contact CSforAK here.
- CSforAK presented about the promise of computer science for workforce development at the recent Juneau Economic Development Council Innovation Summit.
- Code.org’s Hadi Partovi and Microsoft’s Bonnie Ross were featured in the 60 Minutes segment on closing the gap in the tech industry. Watch here.

ASDN/Code.org Regional Partner Update

- ASDN, as the Alaska Code.org Regional Partner is pleased to share that this school year we have held 13 workshops and trained 207 educators, representing 111 schools and 30 out of 54 Alaskan school districts.
- Of the teachers taught, 56% work in high needs schools, and 80% are in rural or remote schools.
This cohort of teachers will be impacting 1341 students, 49% of which are female.
To learn more about our computer science professional development offerings, visit ASDN's website.

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Alaska CS Policy Updates

- **Alaska Computer Science Standards** will be discussed at the upcoming Alaska State Board of Education Meeting taking place in Juneau on March 28-29, 2019. Check the [State Board webpage](#) for the agenda and public comment opportunities.
- In its recent State of [Computer Science Education Report](#), Code.org lists allowing computer science to satisfy a core high school graduation requirement as a top priority. Its time to examine this option for Alaska.

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