

## Laying the Foundation for Career Success

### AIC Continues to Innovate & Adapt



AIC winners who attended the AIC Award Ceremony photoshoot.

The UAF College of Business and Security Management awarded over \$40,000 in cash prizes and awards after the 2022 Arctic Innovation Competition's final presentations on Saturday, April 16, presented by Usibelli Coal Mine.

Alaska 529 launched its first AIC "Classroom of the Future" award, which was awarded to a randomly selected K-12 teacher who was identified by an AIC competitor as their teacher. The idea had to be submitted as part of a school or class project. Long-time North Pole High School teacher Mary McFetridge of the English Language Arts Department was nominated by one of her students and, as it turns out, the fourth place JR Division winner, Alicia Bostic.

Alaska 529 also awarded JR and Cub Division individuals or teams who placed first through third with \$2,000 education between TCC, Effie Kokrine Charter School, and the University of Alaska Fairbanks College of Business and Security Management, launched in September 2021 with the aim of preparing participants for postsecondary education or vocational training beyond high school. TCC Career Explorers students enrolled in a series of one credit college

After a two-year hiatus, in-person student experiences are making a comeback!

Over spring break, the Great Alaskan Accounting People student organization met with firms and accountants in Anchorage and Fairbanks. This trip is a tried-and-true tradition, allowing for networking and a chance to see what various firms have to offer.

At the BDO office in Anchorage, the supportive and productive culture resonated with accounting major, Alyssa Appel.



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