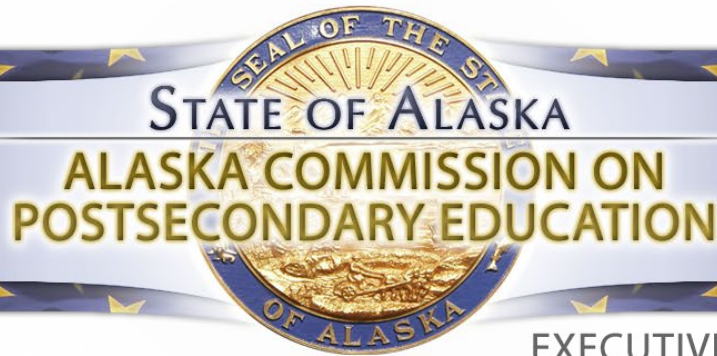


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ALASKA COMMISSION ON POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION RELEASES 2022 ALASKA HIGHER EDUCATION ALMANAC

Juneau – The Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education (ACPE) is pleased to announce the release of the *2022 Alaska Higher Education Almanac 2nd Covid-19 Edition*. In its fifth year, the Almanac continues offering Alaska's higher education stakeholders and policy-makers a source of relevant data and content about the landscape of higher education in Alaska. The 2022 Almanac also includes an in-depth view into the ongoing impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on Alaska's students and postsecondary education opportunities. From financial aid, student recruitment and retention, workforce needs, and economic sustainability – all aspects of postsecondary education attainment are impacted.

To ensure ACPE provides information that is timely and relevant to Alaska's education stakeholders, the release date of the Almanac is pivoting from a winter to a summer release. This adjustment provides adequate time to collect and analyze data and information, delivering up-to-date information for stakeholders and policy makers to use in program creation and evaluation efforts.

Highlights to note in the 2022 Almanac include:

- Widely embraced educational delivery methods across most postsecondary institutions
- Alaska recovered its first-time freshman enrollments at a rate 2% higher than the Lower 48
- Alaska experienced a 36% increase in job openings from 2019-2022
- Alaska continues on a 10-year downward trend of postsecondary enrollment and graduation rates

The 2022 Alaska Higher Education Almanac is available on the Commission's website at <https://acpe.alaska.gov/reports>.

ABOUT THE ALASKA COMMISSION ON POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION:

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THE COMMISSION PROVIDES:

- Education planning tools and resources
- Advocacy and support for postsecondary participation in Alaska
- Financial aid for college and career training
- Education consumer protection through institutional authorization and complaint investigation
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