

Alaska's CACG Program

Peer Mentor:

College/Career Guide

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□ School Profile

- 2008-2009 student population = 1,879
- 153 staff and faculty
- Student self report data 2008:
 - 65% attending 4 year college/university
 - 15% attending 2 year school/program
 - Accuracy questionable

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□ Similar/co-existing programs

■ Career Resource Center

- Advisor: Yuko Benedetti
- Goal = Post high school planning
- Only 1 person for 1,879 students

■ A.V.I.D (Advancement via Individual Determination)

- National program
- First generation, low income, minority students in the academic middle (B, C, and D grades)
- Put these students on college track

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- Similar/co-existing programs (cont.)
 - Indian Education Program: Title VII
 - Community Counselor stationed at Service from the Indian Education Program.
 - Service available for native students, those eligible for the Title VII Indian Education Program
 - CITC (Cook Inlet Tribal Council) Native Students Program
 - Similar program

Why Service High School?

□ Shifting Demographics

- South High School Opened fall 2004
- Resulted in redrawing of boundaries
- Service HS 2003
 - 79% (1,932) white
 - 21% (527) minority
 - Total students = 2,459
- Service HS 2008
 - 53% (995) white
 - 47% (884) minority
 - Total students = 1,879

Why Service High School?

- Shifting Demographics

- South HS 2008

- 75% (1,281) white
 - 25% (439) minority
 - Total students 1,720

- They requested our services to complement existing programs

Setup Activities

- College/Career Guide Training
 - FAFSA, application processes, AKCIS, financial aid, college/school exploration
 - UA system partners training
 - Local universities application and financial aid processes
 - Utah OJT
 - Mountain View and East High
 - Met with current Peer Mentors

At Service High

- Meetings with faculty and staff
 - Principal and Assistant Principal of Academics
 - Counselors
 - Career Resource Advisor
- First Steps: Getting our names out there
 - Introductory Letter
 - Senior list from counselors
 - Senior questionnaire
 - Visual Displays
 - “Tabled” during lunch

At Service High

- Working with students
 - Used counselor's list to identify and meet with students
 - Administered senior questionnaire
 - Used results to identify more students in need
 - In class presentations
 - Financial Aid night, CITC luncheon, Indian Ed. potluck, and incoming freshman night
 - Universal Encouragement Survey

At Service

- Experiences with students
 - Timing of program affected students we saw
 - Last minute planners
 - Large amount of UAA applicants (due to late application deadline)
 - Mainly seniors
 - Observations from Scott and Misty
 - Summer Activities

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Any Questions?