



"65% of Working-Age Alaskans with a Postsecondary Credential by 2025"

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Fellow Alaskans,

One of the greatest assets we have is our children. One of our greatest responsibilities is their future. The *Alaska Postsecondary Access and Completion Network* was formed a few years ago with that responsibility in mind.

The Network's Mission is:

To build and strengthen partnerships to increase the percentage of all Alaskans who complete postsecondary education, particularly credentials relevant to a robust Alaskan economy.

The Network's Vision is:

Alaska's economy is driven by Alaskans.

One of the first actions of the Network was to adopt the *65 by 2025* goal. The Alaska Department of Labor estimates that by 2025, 65 percent of jobs in Alaska will require education or training beyond high school. Alaska ranks 49th in postsecondary access and completion. Achievement of the *65 by 2025* goal will require much more than traditional-age students going on to postsecondary. It will require more Alaskans in every demographic to complete a credential or degree.

Alaska does not have a strong culture of education. We are seeking to change that culture by asking you to join the movement to meet our job market demands by completing your certificates and degrees. We are asking you to help change that culture by investing in college savings plans for your children. We are asking you to help change that culture by supporting student achievement at every level.

As we tackle the State's fiscal challenges, we should not lose sight of our vision of having an economy that is driven by Alaskans. An educated workforce will secure our future.

Please join us at our third annual Alaska Can! Conference on March 23-24, 2017. For more information visit 65by2025.org.

Sincerely,

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