

**Caroline Proulx:**

As the College and Career Guide at Nome-Beltz High School for the past three years, I work with students in a secondary setting helping them explore their options for after high school. My work allows me to provide an important perspective on where students are struggling in their transition to postsecondary education. Alaska has been my home for the past 4 ½ years since graduating with my Bachelor's Degree in Sociology and History from Saint Mary's College (Notre Dame, IN). After a year in Bethel at the Kuskokwim Learning Academy, I moved to Nome to work as the College and Career Guide. I meet with high school students in groups and individually, with an emphasis on helping seniors apply to postsecondary institutions, apply for scholarships, and navigate the scary but exciting transition to adulthood. I also coordinate postsecondary awareness outreach with elementary and middle school students.

All students should feel they have the knowledge and resources to pursue the postsecondary option of their choosing. My goal is to help all students find the best match to their personalities and career goals, whether that's an apprenticeship, training program, certificate program, or college degree. Alaskan students should be able to get the training they need (at an affordable price) to pursue the jobs they want and that are needed in our state. When discussing issues of postsecondary accessibility, I want to ensure that rural students' experiences are taken into consideration.

I have experience networking with a variety of organizations in Alaska including universities, training programs, local scholarship organizations, Native Corporations, and businesses. Regularly working with these agencies, I provide my students with the most accurate information and help them form connections that will facilitate their transition to postsecondary life.