

ALASKA POSTSECONDARY ACCESS AND COMPLETION NETWORK

BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION

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Suzanne McCarthy (*Registered Apprenticeship Seat Nominee*)

Suzanne comes from the Copper Basin region where she spent 20 years serving as the director of the Copper Basin campus of the University of Alaska, focusing on creative ways to bring education to remote communities and villages. In 2013, she became the statewide director for the Alaska Laborers Training School, providing vocational education and career pathways into commercial and heavy construction. She has a MS degree in Natural Resources Management, a BS degree in Geology and 35 years of experience in education and workforce development. She is passionate about empowering others and helping to provide opportunities through education that will help individuals to prosper while developing a strong, skilled workforce for the State of Alaska. She oversees three registered apprenticeship programs in Anchorage, Fairbanks and Southeast Alaska, which provides opportunities for those with little or no construction experience a pathway into a solid, high-wage career that includes full benefits. Registered apprenticeship is considered the other four-year degree, which can help Alaskans gain postsecondary credentials while earning a living wage: earn while you learn without educational debt. I served as the director of a rural college campus where I worked closely with villages and rural communities to develop video conferencing avenues so that individuals could access real-time education without expensive travel that negatively impacted families and budgets.

