

ALASKA POSTSECONDARY ACCESS AND COMPLETION NETWORK

BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION

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Krystal "KJ" Crawford (*At Large Seat Nominee*)

Krystal "KJ" Crawford previously served on the Network board from 2016-2018. Wanting to reengage with the Network, KJ brings a diverse background of educational experience. As the first person in her family to graduate high school, KJ stumbled through her postsecondary education in an often confused, self-directed "step-by-step" manner - First receiving her Associate degree in the lower 48, later completing her Bachelor's degree in Public Communications from UAA, and finally earning a Master's degree in Organizational Management from Wayland Baptist University in Anchorage. Wanting to help others navigate the postsecondary process, after receiving her degree from UAA, KJ served as a 'College & Career Specialist' for ACPE. During her tenure with ACPE, she also served as the 'AKCIS Training & Development Specialist', and finally the 'Communications and Success Center Manager' – All professional roles focused on assisting students of all ages explore postsecondary options and credentialed training opportunities. KJ now serves as the Programs Director for the Alaska Safety Alliance. In this position, she combines her passion for education, communications, and technology to develop comprehensive training resources for high-hazard industries across Alaska. Outside of work, KJ can be found tending to her backyard garden and flock of urban chickens, or venturing around Talkeetna where she and her husband built a log cabin by hand, using nothing more than locally sourced wood and YouTube tutorials. KJ and her husband are the proud parents of two young daughters and an elderly German shepherd.

