



*“Advocating for Alaskans to Pursue Postsecondary Workforce Development Pathways”*

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – November 6, 2023**

Subject: **AlaskaCAN! 2023 Fall Convening: “Collaborative Barrier Removal Strategies”**

Fellow Alaskans,

The Alaska Postsecondary Access and Completion Network (AlaskaCAN) is thrilled to announce the annual AlaskaCAN! Fall Convening, a virtual event on November 7, from 3:00 to 5:00PM AKST. This exciting event promises to bring together members from secondary and postsecondary institutions, community organizations/non-profits, Alaska Native organizations, state agencies, and business/industry for an afternoon of productive collaboration.

AlaskaCAN is about partnerships. Our mission is to build and strengthen partnerships to help more Alaskans pursue postsecondary workforce development pathways that are relevant to our robust Alaskan economy.

The focus of the **2023 Fall Convening: “Collaborative Barrier Removal Strategies”** is a continuation of a crucial conversation that began with the AlaskaCAN! 2021 Fall Convening: *“Removing Barriers to Postsecondary Education”*, and has carried on through additional AlaskaCAN-hosted events and other local, regional, and statewide initiatives. The significance of this undertaking cannot be taken lightly as it impacts our students, workforce development, and ultimately our statewide economy.

**Convening Highlights:**

- Development of specific, action-oriented plans outlining goals and steps for removing prioritized barriers faced by Alaskan students
- Facilitated discussions in breakout groups
- Connecting/networking with key partners and stakeholders

The event will kick off at 3:00PM with AlaskaCAN Professional Development Committee Chair, Angela Peacock, and AlaskaCAN President, Teresa Novakovich, followed by focused discussions with partners and stakeholders to identify strategies to remove barriers to postsecondary education and workforce development pathways. The Convening will conclude with key takeaways, ending at 5:00PM.

To register for the AlaskaCAN! 2023 Fall Convening, please visit [https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwkceitpispHdVXB\\_2JB39IbKyTLhBQtPr-%20#/registration](https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwkceitpispHdVXB_2JB39IbKyTLhBQtPr-%20#/registration). After registering, a confirmation email containing a unique link to join the Convening will be provided. AlaskaCAN! Convenings are free to attend for AlaskaCAN members.



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**AlaskaCAN Membership:**

AlaskaCAN membership is free while members enjoy many benefits, which may include but are not limited to:

- nominating and voting privileges
- participation in meetings and professional development programs
- membership on standing committees
- access to and use of the resources published through the AlaskaCAN website
- holding elected office

Individuals may join AlaskaCAN at any time as lifetime members. To become an AlaskaCAN member, please fill out the [AlaskaCAN Membership Application](#).

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**About AlaskaCAN:**

AlaskaCAN is a non-profit member organization that advocates to increase the number of Alaskans who complete postsecondary workforce development pathways. We convene Alaska’s education, training, and industry partners to build and strengthen relationships, increase awareness, and address barriers to create opportunities for access and ensure completion toward career goals for Alaska’s workforce.

For more information about AlaskaCAN, visit our website at [65by2025.org](http://65by2025.org).