

TIPS FOR SUCCESS

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There's a big world out there. Bigger than prom, bigger than high school. And it doesn't matter if you were the prom queen, or the quarterback of the football team, or the biggest nerd in school. Find out who you are and try not to be afraid of it.

–Drew Barrymore as Josie Geller in *Never Been Kissed* (1999)

Homesick Already? Consider UAA!

The University of Alaska Anchorage is a great place to start your post-high-school education. It's conveniently located in the heart of Anchorage (far enough away from home to make you feel grown up and on your own, but close enough for when you're homesick for Mom's grilled cheese) and offers many programs to get you started on a career path that's right for you. Whether you attend just to get your general education classes out of the way and save money, or you commit to a particular degree, you can't go wrong at UAA.

If you haven't gotten started yet, check out UAA's website at www.uaa.alaska.edu. After surfing around the site, click on "Admissions" for information on applying and being admitted to the school. The University Center is also a great source of information about UAA, and many of the forms you might need are there in hard copy. You can also sign up there to take the AccuPlacer, which is required of all students seeking admission to UAA.

Enrollment at UAA starts April 7 for those already registered and continues through the summer. Be sure you allow time to check with a college advisor before you select your classes. The earlier you enroll in classes, the greater selection you have in classes.

If you are planning on attending UAA and still have to take your transcript over, please go to University Center and ask for Laura Keegan, Recruitment Coordinator at the Information Center; hand deliver your transcript to her (or to Marnie Kaler). This should prevent your transcript from being lost.

Check it out! You may find in the Fall that many of your Westside friends did the same!

Beating Senioritis

If you're feeling like you can finally see the light at the end of the tunnel, but you're just barely scraping together enough energy to make it, you're probably experiencing "senioritis." Essentially, you *just want to get D O N E !*

Obviously, you're not alone. Surely you remember the last three years when you were sitting quietly in class, working diligently on a biology assignment about plankton or something, and you suddenly heard screaming and shouting and the throwing of papers and slamming of lockers and squealing of tires as the seniors finished the last final of their high school careers and peeled away into the sunset. Finally it gets to be YOU doing this! But you have to make it there first!

Keep your chin up, apply yourself, eat healthy food, get good amounts of sleep (OUTSIDE of school), touch base with your teachers, and really relish the time you have left. Breathe in, breathe out... you're almost there!

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When I was a boy of fourteen, my father was so ignorant I could hardly stand to have the old man around. But when I got to be twenty-one, I was astonished at how much he had learned in seven years.

—Mark Twain
"Old Times on the
Mississippi"
Atlantic Monthly, 1874

Only one more
issue!

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Senior Class of 2008 Countdown!



- April 1** HSGQE Reading Retest for seniors who haven't yet passed
- April 2** HSGQE Writing Retest for seniors who haven't yet passed
- April 3** HSGQE Mathematics Retest for seniors who haven't yet passed
- April 4** Senior Prom
- April 11** Senior Fun Day
- April 23** Last day to RSVP to Honor Graduates' Breakfast (by invitation only)
- April 28** Honor Graduates' Breakfast
- April 29** Awards Assembly
- May 1** If you have been accepted and plan on attending an out-of-state college, be sure you have sent your **confirmation** by May 1 that you will be attending. If you don't confirm (often that means sending a card back), your acceptance can be revoked or removed.
- May 1** Senior IB Diploma Candidates Ceremony after school
- May 7, 8, 9** Senior Finals
- May 9** Graduation Walk-through and Instructions
- May 5-16** AP Testing, IB Testing
- May 14** Graduation at Sullivan Arena at 2pm (Congratulations!)

*Dates are subject to change