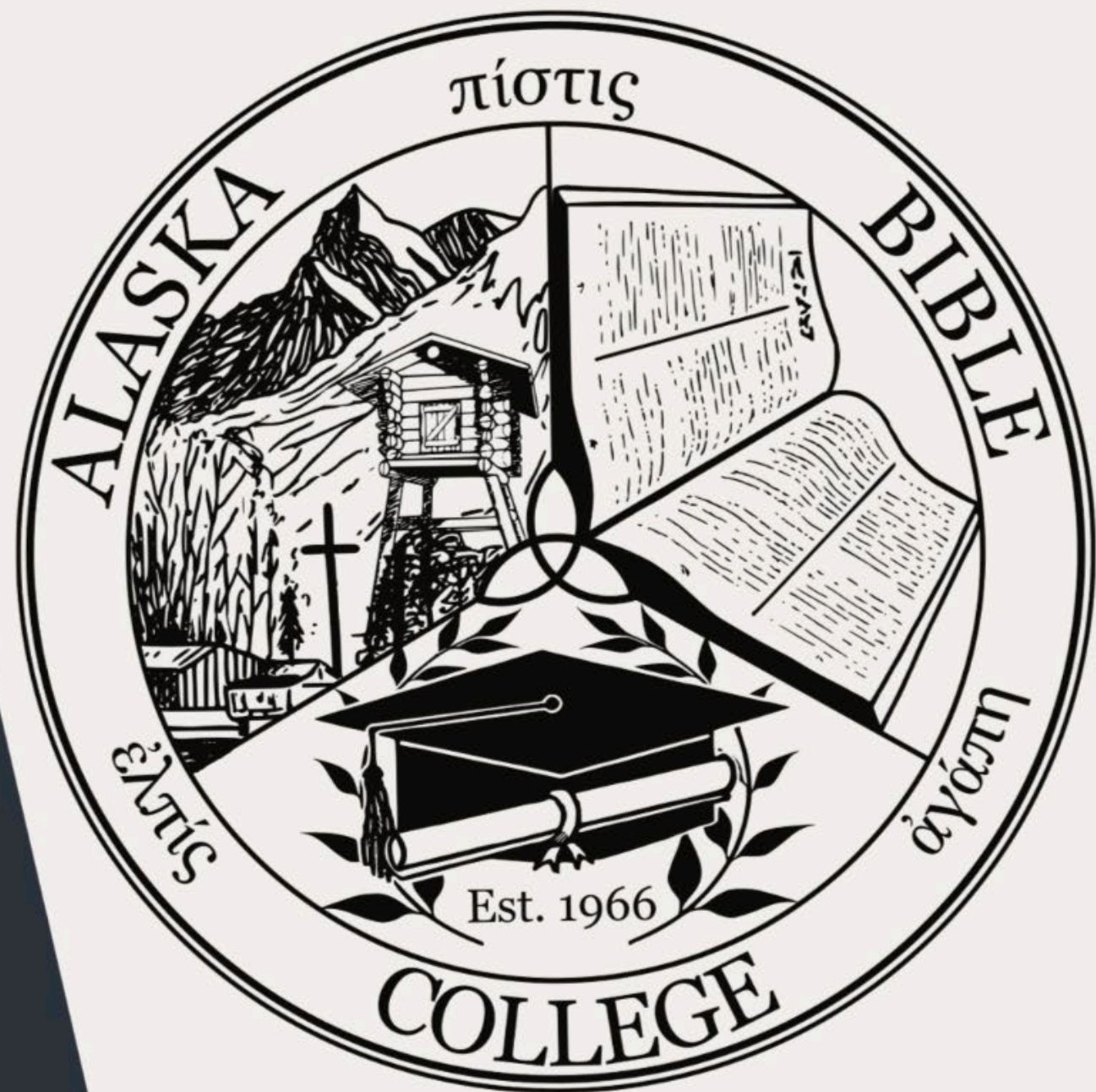


# Alaska Bible College



# Mission & Program Overview

## Mission Statement

Alaska Bible College exists to exalt the Lord Jesus Christ and extend His Church by biblically training believers to be servant leaders with Christlike character.

## Educator Preparation

Equipping servant leaders who embody Christlike character and are prepared to meet Alaska's diverse educational needs across a variety of learning settings.





## Objectives

Develop a foundation in educational best practices and effective pedagogy, grounded in a Christian worldview.

Train candidates to create inclusive, equitable learning environments that support diverse student needs.

Equip future educators with skills in evidence-based instructional strategies, assessment, and classroom management.

Foster a commitment to continuous professional growth, focusing on both spiritual and professional development

# Partnerships & Community Engagement

## Educator Partnerships & Community Engagement (EPAC)

**Chair** Jill Horsman

**Members** Jana Depriest, Dr. Rod Everding, Dr. Matthew Lindquist, Julian Schultz, Laurie Nielson, Dwight Homstad, student advisor Kristian Hughes.

EPAC provides guidance to ensure the program meets local needs and aligns with Alaska's educational standards.

## Community Involvement

Dedicated to training Alaskan educators to serve local communities, with a focus on teacher retention and culturally responsive teaching.





# Partnerships & Community Engagement

## Collaborative Partnerships

<b>Pearson</b>	Supplies research-based resources and assessments suited to Alaska's classrooms.
<b>Georgia College</b>	Mentorship partnership supporting CAEP accreditation alignment.
<b>Corwin</b>	Provides materials for professional development.
<b>Safe &amp; Civil Schools</b>	Publisher providing behavior management resources.
<b>BranchED</b>	Partner in supporting inclusive, equity-centered educator preparation.

# Student Outcomes & Assessments

## Praxis and Exam Success

All candidates are required to pass the Praxis Core and Praxis II Elementary Educator exams, demonstrating their readiness to teach in K-5 classrooms.

We are proud to report a 100% pass rate on the Praxis II Elementary Education exams, reflecting the strength of our program and candidate preparedness.

## Science of Reading Assessment

The ED-IM3101 course is aligned with the International Literacy Association standards, covering the Seven Pillars of Effective Reading Instruction.

A comprehensive final exam, with a required score of 80% or higher, confirms candidates' proficiency in the science of reading.

## Dispositional Assessment

Regular evaluations by instructors, staff mentors, and partner schools identify and support key teaching dispositions.

Dispositional assessments guide candidates' professional growth in classroom readiness, cultural sensitivity, and servant leadership.



# Progress on Accreditation & Program Standards

## CAEP Accreditation Process

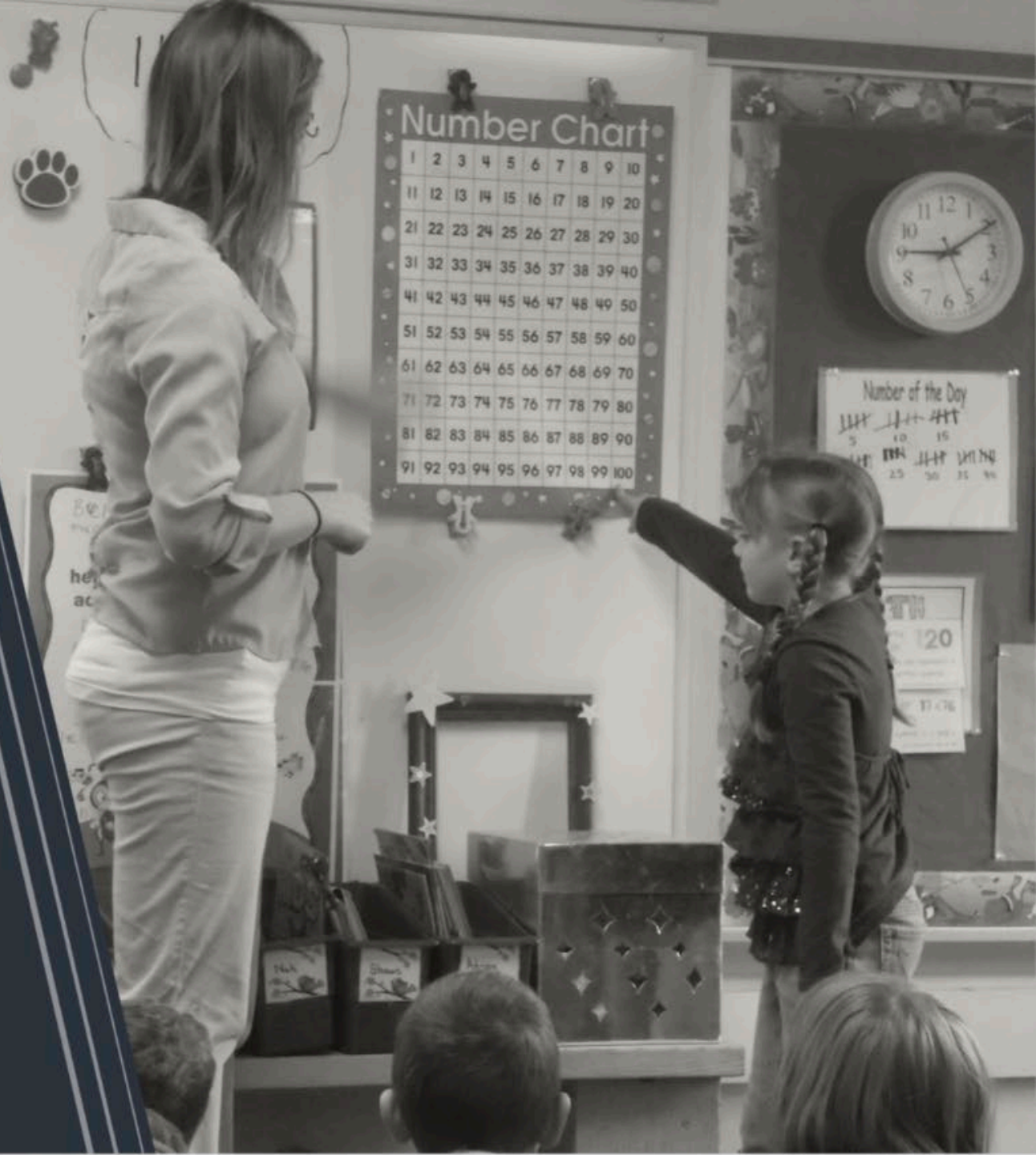
Due to the untimely passing of Dr. Shelly Boardman, our primary CAEP contact, we have encountered a delay in the accreditation process.

The self-study is now scheduled for the first quarter of 2025, with a site visit planned for February 2026.

This may lead to an approximate shift in the full accreditation timeline, moving from the original projection of May 2026 to August 2026.

## Continued Commitment to Accreditation

Alaska Bible College remains fully committed to the CAEP accreditation process, dedicated to achieving the highest standards in educator preparation.



# Progress on Accrediation & Program Standards

## Standards Alignment

Our program integrates multiple standards, including CAEP and InTASC, to ensure quality and relevance.

## Alaska Standards for Culturally Responsive Schools

Incorporated throughout our curriculum, emphasizing the importance of contextually aware teaching.

## Program Objectives Based on Standards

***The Learner and Learning***  
Creating equitable learning environments.

***Content Knowledge***  
Developing subject-matter expertise and critical thinking.

***Instructional Practice***  
Designing effective curricula with robust assessment.

***Professional Development***  
Growing as educators with servant-leader principles.







# Next Steps & Goals

## **CAEP Site Visit Preparation**

We are actively preparing for the February 2026 site visit as part of our commitment to achieving full CAEP accreditation.

This milestone will be essential for progressing from applicant to candidate status and aligning fully with national standards.

## **Teacher Retention & Recruitment**

Our program remains dedicated to supporting Alaska's educational needs by recruiting and retaining local educators.

Continued emphasis on "growing our own" by equipping Alaskans with the skills to serve their communities.

## **Future Program Development**

We plan to enhance partnerships, expand culturally responsive teaching resources, and deepen our commitment to educational best practices.

Focus on continuous improvement, including assessment methods and community engagement, to support a

# CONCLUSION

## **Commitment to Alaska's Future**

Alaska Bible College remains steadfast in our mission to equip servant leaders with the skills, character, and cultural understanding needed to meet Alaska's educational needs.

We are dedicated to addressing teacher shortages and supporting retention through locally-focused, culturally responsive educator preparation.

## **Path Forward**

With our ongoing progress toward CAEP accreditation and strengthened community partnerships, we are excited to continue this journey and support Alaska's schools and communities.

## **Questions?**

We welcome any questions or feedback and thank you for your time and support.

