



University of Alaska Anchorage National Apprenticeship Week PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, National Apprenticeship Week celebrates its 12th anniversary of raising awareness of Registered Apprenticeship programs as a proven pathway to successful careers through hands-on training, education, and skill development; and

WHEREAS, the University of Alaska Anchorage School of Education's Strategic Use of Nationally Registered Apprenticeships for Educators (SUNRAE) Program marks its second year of ensuring that future educators in communities across the state are prepared for high-demand teaching jobs, with opportunities to gain leadership skills, pursue educational advancement, and obtain workforce credentials; and

WHEREAS, National Apprenticeship Week serves as an opportunity to highlight the role of apprenticeship in fostering economic growth, reducing unemployment, and creating pathways for all individuals, including those underrepresented in the field of education, to secure sustainable and meaningful employment; and

WHEREAS, the University of Alaska Anchorage School of Education's Youth Early Teaching Initiative (YETI) supports young people by expanding dual-enrollment options that launch pre-apprenticeships across Alaska, preparing the next generation of Alaska's educators; and

WHEREAS, the partnership between the University of Alaska Anchorage School of Education and statewide sponsors and tribal organizations strengthens local communities by preparing culturally responsive educators to lead in the places they call home.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Cheryl Siemers, Chancellor of the University of Alaska Anchorage, do hereby proclaim the week of April 26 – May 2, 2026, as National Apprenticeship Week at the University of Alaska Anchorage, and call upon all partners and community members to recognize the value of educator apprenticeship programs and support their continued growth across Alaska.

IN SUPPORT,

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Cheryl Siemers
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Cheryl Siemers, Chancellor of the University of Alaska Anchorage