# 2024-2025



# AABC SENIOR ALL-STAR GAME

APRIL 11-12, 2025

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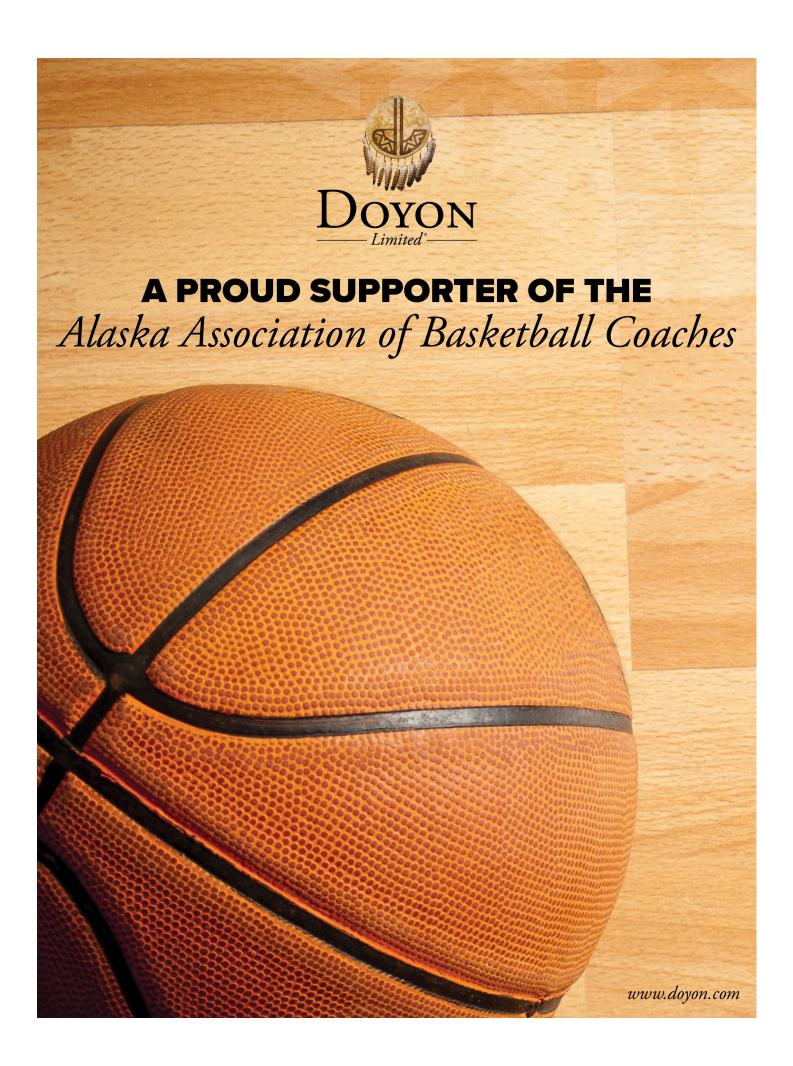
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#### Welcome to the 2025 Senior All-Star Games!

The Alaska Association of Basketball Coaches (AABC) is thrilled to welcome players, coaches, and fans to the 2025 AABC Senior All-Star Games. This event marks an exciting culmination of each athlete's high school basketball career, and we are honored to showcase the incredible talent that Alaska has to offer. Our mission is to promote the game of basketball, celebrate our athletes and coaches, and support the broader basketball community across the state.

For 16 years, this signature event has been made possible by the generosity of businesses and organizations that believe in investing in Alaska's youth. Their support not only enhances this event but also contributes to the growth and development of our communities. We encourage you to recognize and support our sponsors, whose generosity makes this celebration possible. In particular, we extend our deepest gratitude to ASRC, ConocoPhillips, Doyon Limited and Tommy's Express Car Wash for their unwavering support. Your commitment to our mission has been invaluable.

The AABC remains dedicated to honoring long-standing traditions while also expanding our reach to better serve Alaska's basketball community. This year, we were proud to host a hospitality room at the 2025 State Basketball Tournaments, providing a great opportunity for coaches, officials, and supporters to connect. In addition to organizing this premier All-Star event, AABC facilitates the annual All-State selections and pays tribute to those who have significantly impacted the game through the AABC Hall of Fame. We are also proud to partner with the Alaska Exposure College Showcase, helping student-athletes take the next step in their basketball careers.

We take great pride in promoting the game of basketball, celebrating the achievements of our athletes, and recognizing the dedication of our coaches and officials. This year, we are honored to induct Jeff Lentfer and Leah Magner (Player), Virginia Anderson and Dwayne Davies (Coach), Carl Smith (Official), and Bruce Eggleston (Media) into the 2025 AABC Hall of Fame. Additionally, we are pleased to present the Roger Steinbrecher Integrity Award to Reid Kornstad from Nikiski for his outstanding contributions to the game and his community. These individuals have left a lasting impact on Alaska basketball, and we are proud to celebrate their achievements.

Congratulations to the 2025 AABC Senior All-Stars! We hope you enjoy a memorable weekend and wish you all the best in your future endeavors.

Eric Stockhausen, President Jason Boerger, Vice President Alaska Association of Basketball Coaches



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Jason Boerger Vice President



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**3A & 4A Action Photos** 

**3A Boy Player of the Year** 

**Training Camps** 

# **Schedule of Events**

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SENIOR ALL-STAR SCHEDULE for Friday, APRIL 11th 2025 @ Grace Christian School	
4:00 PM	GYM SET UP - ALL COACHES WELCOME
6:00 PM	OPTIONAL 3 POINT SHOOTING COMPETITION FOR INTERESTED PLAYERS
6:45 PM	ALL PLAYERS ARRIVE AND SIGN SPONSOR PROGRAMS
7:00 PM	ALL PLAYERS MUST BE AT GYM (Wear team gear, bring basketball shoes)
	- All Star COMPETITIONS - All Star Team REVEAL
	ALL COACHES WELCOME AT A COACHES SOCIAL @ Uncle Joes IOR ALL-STAR SCHEDULE for Saturday Exposure Camps
8:30 AM-1:00 PM	GIRLS @ DIMOND HIGH SCHOOL - SEE FLIER FOR MORE INFO
8:30 AM-12:00 PM	BOYS @ BARTLETT HIGH SCHOOL - SEE FLIER FOR MORE INFO
SENIOR ALL-STAR SCHEDULE For Saturday, APRIL 12TH, 2025 @ Grace Christian School	
9:00-11:00 AM	SET UP THE GYM - ALL COACHES WELCOME
11:00AM-12:30 PM	AABC ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
	(Hospitality Room - Members Only)
- Adults \$8 - Students \$5 - 60 and over \$5 - 6 and under free - NO ASAA passes - YES AABC Members-	
1:00 PM	1A/2A BOYS AND GIRLS PLAYERS ARRIVE - GET UNIFORMS - Room 148
1:30 PM	TAKE PICTURE OF 1A/2A BOYS AND GIRLS IN GYM
2:00 PM	1A/2A SENIOR GIRLS ALL-STAR GAME
	-Half-time Girls & Boys Finals 3 Point Finals + 1A/2A 1st Team All State Recognition
3:30 PM	1A/2A SENIOR BOYS ALL-STAR GAME
	-Half-time is Free Throw Competition + 1A/2A 1st Team All State Recognition
4:15 PM	-Half-time is Free Throw Competition + 1A/2A 1st Team All State Recognition 3A/4A BOYS AND GIRLS PLAYERS ARRIVE - GET UNIFORMS - Room 148
4:15 PM 5:00 PM	
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5:00 PM	3A/4A BOYS AND GIRLS PLAYERS ARRIVE - GET UNIFORMS - Room 148 TAKE PICTURE OF 3A/4A BOYS AND GIRLS
5:00 PM 5:20 PM	3A/4A BOYS AND GIRLS PLAYERS ARRIVE - GET UNIFORMS - Room 148 TAKE PICTURE OF 3A/4A BOYS AND GIRLS SINGING OF THE NATIONAL ANTHEM
5:00 PM 5:20 PM	3A/4A BOYS AND GIRLS PLAYERS ARRIVE - <b>GET UNIFORMS - Room 148</b> TAKE PICTURE OF 3A/4A BOYS AND GIRLS SINGING OF THE NATIONAL ANTHEM 3A/4A SENIOR GIRLS ALL-STAR GAME
5:00 PM 5:20 PM 5:30 PM	3A/4A BOYS AND GIRLS PLAYERS ARRIVE - <b>GET UNIFORMS - Room 148</b> TAKE PICTURE OF 3A/4A BOYS AND GIRLS SINGING OF THE NATIONAL ANTHEM 3A/4A SENIOR GIRLS ALL-STAR GAME - <b>Half-time <u>Hall of Fame Inductions</u></b>
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#### COACHES PLEASE STAY AND HELP WITH GYM CLEAN UP

### **2025 All-Star Girls Coaches**



#### Name: Joshua Cadzow

School: Fort Yukon

Season Record: 27-3

Conference and Classification: Golden Heart 1A Girls

**Season/Team Accomplishments**: Birchwood Bash champions, Rex Rock champions, North Pole JV tourney champs, Jerry Carroll Invitational champs, Northway 2nd place Golden Heart champs, 1A State girls champions



#### Name: Jubilee Heinbaugh

School: Glennallen High School

Season Record: 19-4

Conference and Classification: Interior Conference, 2A

**Season/Team Accomplishments**: Lumen Christi Invitational Champions, 42nd Annual Cordova Tip-Off Tournament Champions, Interior Conference Champions, State Runner-Up



#### Name: Krystyna Park

School: Grace Christian

Season Record: 22-5

Conference and Classification: Peninsula Conference, 3A

**Season/Team Accomplishments**: Mt. McKinley Tournament Champions, Hardwood Classic Tournament Champions, Grace Grizzly Tournament Champions, Peninsula Conference Regional Champions & Peninsula Conference Coach of the Year.



#### Name: Tom Berg

School: Colony Knights

Season Record: 24-4

Conference and Classification: Northern Lights Conference, 4A girls

**Season/Team Accomplishments:** 1st Place Service Tipp-Off, 3rd Place Cactus Jam (AZ), 1st Place Dimond Prep , 1st in Northern Lights Conference Region III, 1st in 4A State, Coach of the Year-Region III (NLC), AABC 4A Girls Coach of the Year.

### **2025 All-Star Boys Coaches**



#### Name: Silas Paniptchuk

School: Shaktoolik Wolverines

Season Record: 18-3

Conference and Classification: Bering Sea Conference, 1A Boys

**Season/Team Accomplishments:** Bering Sea Conference Champions, 1A Conference Coach of the Year, 1A Player of the Year(Seth Paniptchuk)



#### Name: Thurman Jack

School: Unalakleet High School

Season Record: 24-5

Conference and Classification: Northwest Conference, 2A Boys

**Season/Team Accomplishments**: 2nd Subway Showdown, 1st Christopher Lockwood Tourney, 1st 2A Conference Clash Tourney, 1st Noorvik Elders Tourney, 1st in Northwest Conference Region I, 1st in 2A State.



#### Name: Steve Compagno

School: Sitka High School

Season Record: 23-4

Conference & Classification: 3A Eastern Conference

**Season/Team Accomplishments:** Sitka Holiday Tournament: First Place, Joe T Tournament (Lathrop H S): First Place, Valdez Elks Tournament: First Place, 3A Eastern Conference First Place, 3A Eastern Conference Regional Champions, 3A Eastern Conference Coach of the Year, 3A State Runner-up



#### Name: Eric Stockhausen

School: Ketchikan High School

Season Record: 20-9

Conference and Classification: Southeast & 4A

**Season/Team Accomplishments**: Won the Region V tournament and finished as the Runner-Up (2nd Place) in the 4A classification

#### 1A Girls AABC Tommy's Express Car Wash Alaska All State Team



**1A 2025 Player of the Year:** Kylee Carroll, Fort Yukon 1A 2025 Coach of the Year: Josh Cadzow, Fort Yukon

1A First Team: Kylee Carroll, Fort Yukon Ida Lester, Newhalen Summer Sampson, Shaktoolik Brooke Schaeffer, Noatak Jane Ward, Fort Yukon

1A Second Team:

Lea Armour, Klawock Olivia Harvilla, Bristol Bay Madison Katchatag, Shaktoolik Renee Kiyutelluk, Shishmaref Nellie Ward, Fort Yukon

1A Third Team:

Brooklyn Hingsbergen, Selawik Sierra Lang, Aniak Faith Mudge, Tri Valley Jora Savland, Hoonah Chloe Wassille, Akiuk

#### Junior emerges to help lead Fort Yukon to second straight state title

By Jeremiah Bartz | Frontiersman.com

After the Fort Yukon Eagles captured their first girls basketball state championship in school history last year, Eagles head coach Josh Cadzow said his squad had to work through some growing pains early in the 2024-25 season. "It was a little challenging at the start. We were trying to figure out what type of team we were," Cadzow said after losing a couple of key pieces to graduation. "We were trying to figure out how to play offense. The defense was already there." Cadzow and the Eagles were able to find that formula and worked their way to a second straight state title. A big part of that was the rise of Kylee Carroll.

The junior center went from role player to standout, and became a force on both ends of the floor. Now, Carroll has received a top honor. Carroll has been named the Alaska Association of Basketball Coaches 1A Girls Player of the Year.

"I knew from the beginning of the season she was going to be a big part of our season," Cadzow said of Carroll.

As a sophomore Carroll was primarily a rebounder, Cadzow said. As a junior, she became more of a complete package averaging about 17 points and 13 rebounds per game. "She worked so hard," Cadzow said.





Cadzow said Carroll also has the ability to knock down the three when she's drawn outside.

Carroll is one of three junior standouts, who can lead the Eagles on any night. There are also sisters Jane Ward and Nellie Ward. Jane was also named first-team all-state this year. Nellie was secondteam this year and the 1A girls player of the year last season.

Cadzow said having the three leaders helps take pressure off everyone.

As the Eagles continue to celebrate back-to-back titles, there is already excitement for next season. There are no seniors on the roster, and Cadzow will have everyone back.

"The whole town's excited. Everyone's excited," Cadzow said ...

s of the Year: Nellie Ward, Fort Yukon Alieen Lester, Newhalen Johnna Nanalook, Newhalen Alieen Lester, Newhalen Elaina Mack, King Cove Elaina Mack, King Cove DeeAnn White, Ninichik Kiah Charlie, Scammon Bay Megan Hickman, Nikolaevsk Denise Fernandez, Shishmaref Nianiella Dorvall, Nikolaevsk Tonya Busse, Klawook Kandace Carroll, Fort Yukon Jo-Jo Nashookpuk, Alak Marissa Atonuk, Kiana Rose Fraker, Yakutat Kendra Meelen, Ninichik Danica Wilson, Bristol Bay Amanda Matson, Ninichik Whitney Leman, Ninichik Whitney Leman, Ninichik Whitney Leman, Ninichik Theresa Chihuly, Ninichik Asin Bush, Klawock Corrie Lindeman, Niniichik Tisha Simmons, Tok Tisha Simmons, Tok Daisy Lane, Point Hope Alice Magnuson, McGrath Allison Anderson, Bristol Bay 

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of the Year: Nellie Ward, Fort Yukon

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#### 2A Girls AABC Tommy's Express Car Wash Alaska All State Team



2A 2025 Player of the Year: Jennifer Nash, Tikigaq 2A 2025 Coach of the Year: Jubilee Sutherland, Glennallen

#### 2A First Team:

Lexi Cook, Metlakatla Cheyenne Fields, Glennallen Lizabeth Ivanoff, Unalakleet Ava Jagielski, Seward Jennifer Nash, Tikigaq 2A Second Team:

Lily Esmailka, Susitna Valley Laney Green, Chevak Alianna Stone, Glennallen Amara Warren, Lumen Mikinley Williams, Seward

#### 2A Third Team:

Ourea Busk, Unalakleet Ariel Godinez-Long, Haines Alana Harrison, Wrangell Kali Hill, Chevak Sara Steffen, Craig

#### Tikigaq seniors caps historic career with another honor

By Jeremiah Bartz | Frontiersman.com

If longtime Tikigaq head coach Romona Rock has one disappointment about the prep career of her star Jennifer Nash, it's that Nash didn't have the chance to cap her time in high school basketball on the Alaska Airlines Center floor in the state tournament.

"I felt so bad we didn't make it into state for the first time in maybe 15 years or more," Rock said. "(Jennifer) works so hard. She should have been there."

But that can't take much away from Nash's historic career while wearing the Tikigaq uniform.

Nash, a 5-foot-5 point guard, helped lead her team to the state championship game in each of her first three years of high school and state titles as a sophomore and a junior. Now, Nash has been named the Alaska Association of Basketball Coaches 2A Girls Player of the Year for the third straight season.

"She's No. 1," Rock said of Nash's place in Tikigaq girls basketball history.

Nash also etched her name in state history as a senior. In February, Nash broke Alaska's girls basketball single-game scoring record with 59 points against Buckland. During a three-game set with Buckland, she had 56 another night. Nash now has two of the top four girls basketball scoring performances in state history, according to the Alaska Sports Report.





Even though Nash didn't have to end her high school career at UAA's Alaska Airlines Center, that's where she'll begin the next chapter of her life. Nash has committed to play for the Seawolves next season.

"We have been with her through everything. We are so excited," Rock said of Nash's opportunity to play Division II basketball at UAA. "She's going to do excellent."

Nash is one of three Alaska seniors on the AABC all-state lists headed to the UAA women's basketball program next season joining Wasilla's Mylee Anderson (4A first team) and Juneau-Douglas' Kerra Baxter (4A second team).

Despite some adversity, Nash continued to evolve and get better, Rock said. Nash was the only senior on a squad that started three freshmen this season.

"She worked so hard. We have a really young team," Rock said. "I feel like everything is a learning experience."

Off the court, Nash boasts a 4.0 grade point average. She also qualified for the ASAA cross-country running state meet and competed for her school in the ASAA Mix Six state volleyball tourney.



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#### Iyana Andreanoff

High School: Nenana

Parent(s)/Guardian(s): Ella Peterson and Sam Andreanoff

Future Plans: Attend to collage for medical field

Other Sports/Activities: Volleyball

**High School Accomplishments:** Finish high school and make my parents proud

People to Thank: My mom



#### Lea Armour

High School: Klawock High School

Parent(s)/Guardian(s): Lenny and Amanda Armour

**Future Plans:** I plan to attend University of Alaska Southeast Juneau to become a Native Arts Teacher.

Other Sports/Activities: Volleyball

**High School Accomplishments:** Honor Roll freshman-junior, High Honor roll senior year, Region V all conference for basketball 2023, 2024 and 2025, All tournament state team 2025, Region V all conference volleyball 2022 and 2025

**People to Thank:** My dad, mom, coaches and family who have supported me through the years.



#### **Raeleen Bradley**

High School: Unalakleet High School

Parent(s)/Guardian(s): Zane Paniptchuk, Renata Kayoukluk

**Future Plans:** I plan to attend the University of Alaska Anchorage to obtain my Bachelors of Science degree in Premajor Nursing.

**Other Sports/Activities:** I have played varsity basketball and volleyball since I was a freshman.

**High School Accomplishments:** I have been rewarded with All-Tourney and MVP multiple times, multiple team awards, along with academic GPA awards.

**People to Thank:** I would like to thank my family and close friends for supporting me throughout my high school career.



### MaryMae Brandell

High School: King Cove School

Parent(s)/Guardian(s): Jacki Brandell, Lonnie Brandell

**Future Plans:** I plan on working toward a Bachelors Degree in Psychology.

**Other Sports/Activities:** Other sports I am involved in include Volleyball and Cross Country.

**High School Accomplishments:** My highschool accomplishments are being inducted in the National Honors Society, and always receiving High Honor Roll status.

**People to Thank:** I would like to thank everyone who has impacted my life, especially all of my family and friends.



#### Lexi Cook

High School: Metlakatla Highschool

Parent(s)/Guardian(s): Chevalier Cook

**Future Plans:** I plan to play basketball at Chapman University while studying medical science.

Other Sports/Activities: Commercial fishing, wrestling, band.

**High School Accomplishments:** Valedictorian, 2x region champs, 2024 state champs

**People to Thank:** Coach Tyson Hayward, Dad Chevy Cook, Papa David Grant, Grandma Punky Hayward



#### Emma Dohrn

High School: Haines High School

Parent(s)/Guardian(s): Jennifer Allen, Peter Dohrn

**Future Plans:** I plan to attend Montana State University to pursue a degree in art.

**Other Sports/Activities:** I have been a member of the swim, volleyball, and track & field teams throughout my high school career.

**High School Accomplishments:** 2023 Region V D2 Discus Throw Champion 2024 Region V D2 Discus Throw Champion 2023-24 Region V 2A Basketball All-Conference Team

**People to Thank:** I would like to thank my coaches Coleman Stanford, Stuart Dewitt, and Fran Daly-Van Wyhe, as well as my dad.



#### **Cheyenne Fields**

High School: Glennallen High School

Parent(s)/Guardian(s): James Fields and Tricia Fields

**Future Plans:** After graduating, I plan on attending Chemeketa Community College in the Fall of 2025 to pursue a Bachelor's Degree in Dental Hygiene.

**Other Sports/Activities:** I am involved in helping with middle school spring basketball, skiing whenever I have free time, and working a part time job at our local Dental Clinic.

**High School Accomplishments:** At school, I was awarded student of the quarter. For High School basketball, I received my 1,000 career point.

**People to Thank:** I would like to thank my parents, my coach, my brother Aidan, and my friends who have shown great support for me.



### Ashlyn Ganey

High School: Haines High School

Parent(s)/Guardian(s): Michael Ganey, Melissa Ganey

**Future Plans:** Attend the University of Alaska Anchorage to study Elementary Education

**Other Sports/Activities:** Cross Country, Volleyball, Basketball, Track & Field

**High School Accomplishments:** 2021 and 2022 DII Girls Cross Country State Championship Team

**People to Thank:** My mom and dad, all of my highschool teammates, Coaches Coleman Stanford, Stuart DeWitt, Fran Daly Van Wyhe, and Lori Giddings.



### Ari'el Godinez Long

High School: Haines High School

Parent(s)/Guardian(s): Amber Long and Coleman Stanford

**Future Plans:** I am currently working on my EMT certification and plan to EMT in Fairbanks, Alaska before becoming a paramedic.

**Other Sports/Activities:** I have also participated in cross country, volleyball, and track and field for all years of my high school career.

**High School Accomplishments:** DII 2021 cross country state champ, three time region five cross country champ, 2023-24 region 5 All-conference basketball team, 2024 region 5 Triple Jump champ, 2025 class salutatorian

**People to Thank:** I want to thank my head coach, and father, Coleman Stanford, my mother Amber Long, my coach Stuart DeWitt, Lori Giddings, as well as my sister Grace Long Godinez.



#### Laney Green

High School: Chevak

Parent(s)/Guardian(s): Liana Pingayak/Lester Green

Future Plans: I want to go to trade school to learn about real estate. I

**Other Sports/Activities:** I was in cross country, wrestling, and basketball. I qualified for state for all 3 events my senior year. I qualified for state wrestling for all 4 years of high school. I am a competitive basketball player. This year you received 2 mvp which included a mvp and all-star. I got all-star at the regional state and wrestling tournament.

**High School Accomplishments:** I got two mvps this year, 2 all-stars. I got two outstanding wrestling awards at the regional tournament in Bethel. I received athlete athlete of the year last year and will be athlete of the year this year also. I was the student body president of Chevak school during the 2023-2024 school year. I was a part of the upward bound program and was apart of the NABI team playing with Yuut Elitnaurvik team.

**People to Thank:** I would like to thank my coach Liana Pingayak for being my coach for 6 years, following me through middle school and high school years. Watching me level up as a player and be competitive.



#### Morgan Gundersen

High School: Sand Point School

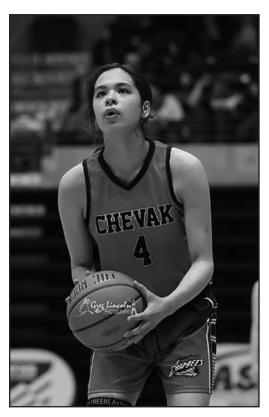
Parent(s)/Guardian(s): Marita Gundersen

**Future Plans:** My future plans are to go to college to further my education.

**Other Sports/Activities:** The other sports I participated in were cross country, volleyball, and nyo. I am vice president of the student government and serve as the school board representative for my district.

**High School Accomplishments:** In basketball, I was honored with a Defensive Specialist Award and made the Regional All-Tournament Team twice, as well as being selected for the Sockeye Classic All-Tournament Team twice. In volleyball, I was named to the Lumen All-Tournament Team and th

**People to Thank:** I would like to thank all of my previous coaches and family for supporting me.



#### Kali Hill

High School: Chevak School

Parent(s)/Guardian(s): Celestine Paniyak/Adam Hill

**Future Plans:** I want to go training for carpentry at AVTEC. Because its a need in the villages and lifelong tool to have.

Other Sports/Activities: I joined volleyball, got 2nd at regionals.

**High School Accomplishments:** My high school accomplishments is keeping my grades up. I was vice president of the student body in Chevak School.

**People to Thank:** I would like to thank my mother Celestine and Aunt Laverna. For being there and supporting me. I want to thank my coach Liana Pingayak because she pushed me and made me become a competitive basketball player.



#### Marie Housler

High School: Nenena City School

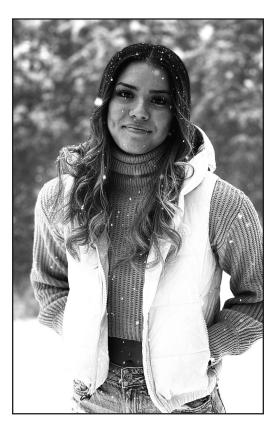
Parent(s)/Guardian(s): Josephine Changsak, Aaron Housler

**Future Plans:** I plan to attend North Dakota State to get my bachelor's degree in nursing.

Other Sports/Activities: volleyball and soccer

**High School Accomplishments:** English writer of the year, female student athlete of the year, honor roll, science student of the year

**People to Thank:** I'd like to thank my parents, my former coach, and my current coach



#### Krista Howland

High School: Hoonah City Schools

Parent(s)/Guardian(s): Shawna and Lonny Howland

**Future Plans:** My future plans is to play basketball in college and work my way up to playing D1.

**Other Sports/Activities:** I participated in Cross Country and Wrestling.

**High School Accomplishments:** 2x wrestling region champ, 3x wrestling state medalist, 1x wrestling state champion, 2x cross country state qualifier, 2x MVP awards for basketball, 2x all conference for basketball, 1x regional runner-up.

**People to Thank:** I would like to thank my parents, my siblings, and my teammates and coaches.



#### Beth Ivanoff

High School: Unalakleet Schools

Parent(s)/Guardian(s): Allen and Jobina Ivanoff

**Future Plans:** My future plans are to attend college, and then go off into the medical field to become a registered nurse.

Other Sports/Activities: The sports I am involved in are basketball.

**High School Accomplishments:** My high school accomplishments are making the all tournament team many times in my high school career, being region champs, getting 3rd place at the state tournament, and being the 3 point champ many times.

**People to Thank:** I would like to thank my mom, dad, brother, and my auntie for being at every game and for supporting me even in the highs and lows. They have been such a great support system and have helped me with anything and everything. I would also like to thank my coaches.



#### Ariana Lake

High School: Hooper Bay School

Parent(s)/Guardian(s): Nathan and Sandra Lake

Future Plans: My future plans are to attend UAA.

Other Sports/Activities: Cross Country and Volleyball

**High School Accomplishments:** My high school accomplishments are to finish high school and to make my parents proud.

**People to Thank:** I'd like to thank my parents for supporting me throughout my life. i'm also thankful for everyone that helped us become who we are today.



#### Tianna Lewis

High School: King Cove High School

Parent(s)/Guardian(s): Christopher and Tanna Lewis

**Future Plans:** My future plan is to attend Western Washington University in the fall.

**Other Sports/Activities:** Cross country and volleyball are other sports that I am involved in, and I volunteer year-round with the King Cove Women's Club.

**High School Accomplishments:** I have served on our Student Council for 5 consecutive years and was previously the Vice-President, and am currently the President. I am also a National Honor Society inductee and the valedictorian of our graduating class.

**People to Thank:** I would like to thank my many coaches, both inside and outside of basketball, as well as my family and friends for their encouragement and support throughout the years.



#### Susie Long

High School: Hooper Bay

Parent(s)/Guardian(s): Rose and Ignatius Long

**Future Plans:** I'm planning to attend college to study business and entrepreneurship.

Other Sports/Activities: Cross country.

**High School Accomplishments:** Some of my high school accomplishments include receiving all tourney, mvp, and player of the game during sports activities. Academically, I will be the salutatorian of my graduating class this upcoming May.

**People to Thank:** I would like to thank my parents and family for always being there for me throughout my school years. I also would like to thank my teachers, classmates, coaches and teammates for all their support and encouragement to keep pushing forward. Without them, I wouldn't have gotten this far.



#### Yagnnesis Mejias

High School: Cordova Jr/Sr High School

Parent(s)/Guardian(s): Yaritza Mejias/ Pedro Natera

**Future Plans:** I will attend the University of Alaska Fairbanks and hope to continue playing basketball intramurally. After earning a bachelor's degree in political science, I plan to attend graduate school to pursue a career in criminal justice as a defense attorney.

**Other Sports/Activities:** I am an active student in my community and serve as the president of a nonprofit, student-led program called B.I.O.I.C., which stands for \*Believe It Or Not, I Care\*. I am the lead alto vocalist in my high school choir, which is currently competing at reg

**High School Accomplishments:** Throughout high school, I have achieved numerous accomplishments that reflect my dedication, leadership, and perseverance. I have advanced to the state level for choir, earned multiple All-Tournament Team awards for volleyball, and was honored with my fir

**People to Thank:** I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to my parents, family, friends, and all of my supporters who have stood by me throughout my journey. A special thank you goes to my coach, although we didn't always see eye to eye during volleyball season, everything changed once basketball started. He went out of his way to keep me in the game, encouraging me to stay positive and push through challenges. I know he can always count on me to step up when a problem needs fixing, just as I can count on him to show up at my house at 4 a.m., making sure I'm awake and ready to go to state. His dedication and belief in me have made a lasting impact, and for that, I am truly grateful.



#### Jennifer Nash

High School: Tikigaq high school

Parent(s)/Guardian(s): Guy and Ruth Tuzroyluk

**Future Plans:** I plan to play college ball at UAA and to further my education.

**Other Sports/Activities:** I participated in cross country, volleyball, and basketball at Tikigaq High school.

**High School Accomplishments:** I won back to back titles for basketball and got named 2a player of the year twice in a row.

**People to Thank:** First i'd thank God, i wouldn't be where i am at without him, i give Him al the glory. My coaches Ramona Rock, Rex Rock, and Ryan Rock for pushing me to my full potential. My parents Guy and Ruth for going above and beyond, sacrificing anything for me, so I can succeed.



#### **Brooke Schaeffer**

High School: Napaaqtugmiut School

Parent(s)/Guardian(s): Dawn Schaeffer

Future Plans: My future plans are to continue with working.

**Other Sports/Activities:** I participated Cross Country my elementary and middle school years and for high school i participated in basketball and volleyball.

**High School Accomplishments:** Being able to work hard both in school and in practices and showing up to State Basketball my last 2 years of high school, and becoming a Region Champ for 2024-25 basketball.

**People to Thank:** I would like to thank Millie Booth for coaching me for 3 years, Mary Adams for coaching my last year and most importantly my uncle Shaun Adams for helping throughout his 3 years of coaching.



#### Amara Warren

High School: Lumen Christi High School

Parent(s)/Guardian(s): John and Alicia Warren

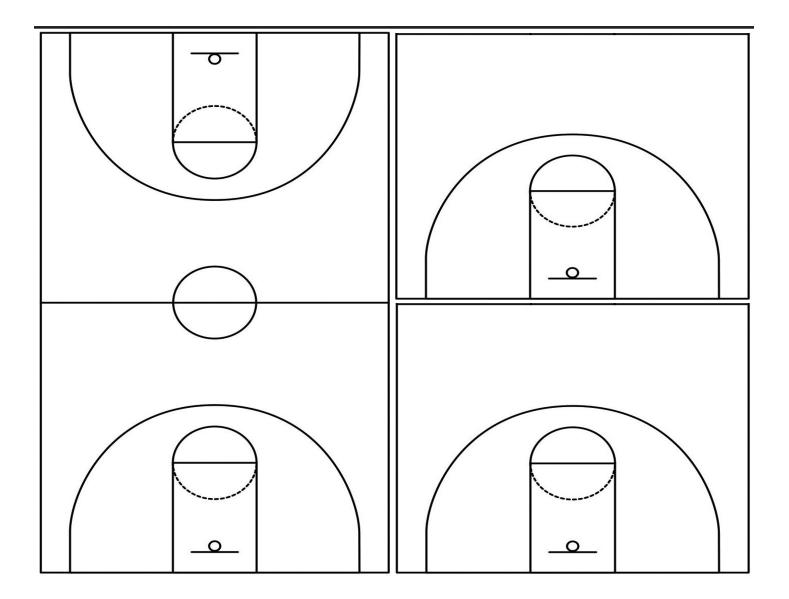
**Future Plans:** Next year I plan to attend South Dakota School of Mines or Colorado School of Mines to study geological engineering.

**Other Sports/Activities:** In addition to basketball, I am a member of my schools soccer and track teams. I am also part of the executive board of the Student Leadership Board at my school, a peer mentor for younger students in Big A Little A, and a member of my schools National Ho

**High School Accomplishments:** 2023 1A State Basketball Champion, Region MVP twice, 5 time All-Conference team in basketball, 3 time Region Champion in Discus, 2023 State Champion in 2A Co-ed Soccer, 3 times All-Conference in Soccer, 2 time Conference MVP in soccer, 2 time State Tour

**People to Thank:** I would like to first thank my parents for always being supportive of my athletic pursuits. In addition my siblings and extended family for always cheering me on. I would also like to thank all the coaches I have had throughout my basketball career. I would also like to thank Coach Lentfer and Coach Boerger for teaching me the game and helping instill my love of the game. In addition Coach Kenny, Coach Marisa, and Coach Brian at Lumen Christi for all the time and energy they have spent helping me become both a better player and person.

### **Game Notes**



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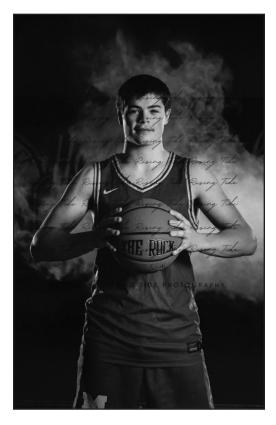






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#### **Brody Booth**

High School: Metlakatla highschool

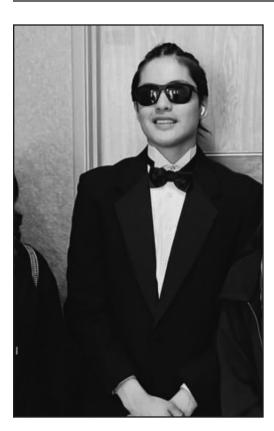
Parent(s)/Guardian(s): Chris and Darcy Booth

**Future Plans:** I would like to attend diesel mechanic school to learn how to work and operate heavy machinery. Just not sure where too yet.

Other Sports/Activities: I was involved in wrestling this past year

**High School Accomplishments:** 2024 State all tournament team,

**People to Thank:** My family and friends and whoever has supported me through the journey.



#### **Ben Carroll**

High School: Fort yukon

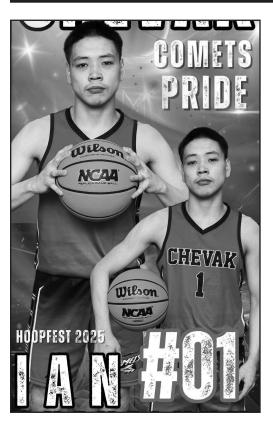
Parent(s)/Guardian(s): Jacqueline

**Future Plans:** I want to try and play college basketball somewhere

Other Sports/Activities: Mixed 6 volleyball

**High School Accomplishments:** Regional champion for mixed 6 volleyball my 10th and 11th grade year, made state for cross country 10th grade year, and valedictorian

**People to Thank:** I would like to thank my parents. I would also like to thank all my older siblings on pushing me to be better all the time, they like teaching me on how I can make my game better every time I play.



#### lan Chayalkun

High School: Chevak high school

Parent(s)/Guardian(s): Stella

Future Plans: commercial fishing and training

Other Sports/Activities: wrestling, basketball

**High School Accomplishments:** to complete the high school with a good GPA

**People to Thank:** My coach Patrick, my coach Jareth, my mother Stella, and everyone who was there to push and motivate me to go this far.



#### Aiden Clark

High School: Kake highschool

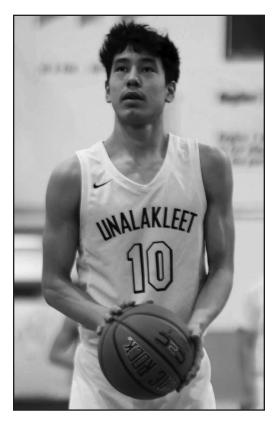
Parent(s)/Guardian(s): Paulette jackson

Future Plans: To be an aviation mechanic

Other Sports/Activities: Cross country and wrestling

**High School Accomplishments:** Having a 4.0 gpa currently and winning regionals twice

**People to Thank:** My coach Anthony Ross and my mom Paulette jackson



#### Paxson Commack

High School: Unalakleet Schools

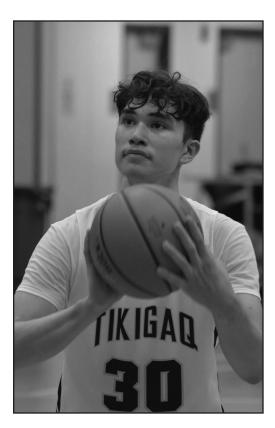
Parent(s)/Guardian(s): Kathy and LA Commack

**Future Plans:** My plan after high school is to get my private pilot license then commercial license at the University of Anchorage Alaska or Blue River Aviation. I'm also interested in welding and carpentry.

**Other Sports/Activities:** Wrestling (Past: Cross Country Running, Native Youth Olympics, Mixed Six Volleyball)

**High School Accomplishments:** Basketball: 1000+ point club, 500+ career assist record, 2024 & 2025 State All Tournament Team, 2023 All State Third Team, Speaking Captain Academic: Honor Roll 4 years, Class of 2025 Salutatorian

**People to Thank:** I'd like to thank all my coaches throughout the years, especially my Dad LA Commack during elementary and junior high basketball and Thurman Jack and Gage Ivanoff during high school basketball. My parents, brothers, and all my family for supporting and encouraging me. Big thank you to all my teammates and coaches for the early morning workouts, long practices, fun team camps and ball trips, and great teamwork and memories.



### Aqquilluk Hank

High School: Tikigaq

Parent(s)/Guardian(s): Aqquilluk & Dana Hank Sr.

Future Plans: I plan to attend college.

Other Sports/Activities: None

**High School Accomplishments:** I have played basketball all four years of high school. I have also been on the honor roll.

**People to Thank:** I would like to thank my parents, grandparents, and coaches.



#### **Connor Hootch**

High School: Emmonak

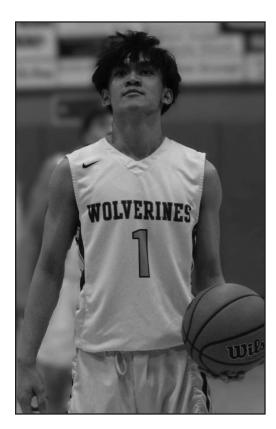
Parent(s)/Guardian(s): Paula Westlock

**Future Plans:** Plan of attending college to pursue a degree in education and to become a teacher.

Other Sports/Activities: Cross Country, Volleyball

**High School Accomplishments:** I went to state for the sports I did.

**People to Thank:** I would like to thank my mom, my grandparents, teachers, and coaches.



#### John Itliong

High School: Cordova Jr/Sr. High School

Parent(s)/Guardian(s): Apryel Itliong & Jhonny Itliong

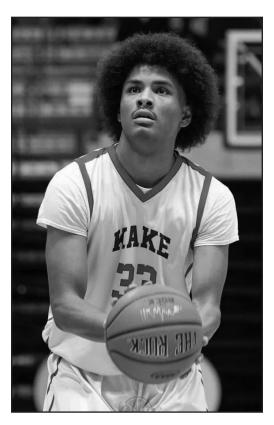
**Future Plans:** I plan on attending Portland State University to pursue a degree in Athletics and Outdoors Management.

Other Sports/Activities: none.

#### High School Accomplishments:

I was named a member of the All State First Team in my junior year. I also helped my team win regionals and place third at state during that same year, earning all-tournament and MVP honors along the way.

**People to Thank:** I would like to thank my parents for supporting me every step of the way, and giving me the opportunity to strive towards my goals. They have been the foundation of my success and having them in my corner has motivated me to seek out my full potential as a student, athlete, and as an individual.



#### **Keontay Jackson**

High School: Kake city highschool

Parent(s)/Guardian(s): Sara Jackson

**Future Plans:** My future plans are to make a living while playing the sport I love.

Other Sports/Activities: None

**High School Accomplishments:** 1A state champion, 1A state championship runners up, 3x regional champion

**People to Thank:** I would like to thank my mom, my older sister, my younger sister, and my grandparents.



#### Chiko Jacob

High School: Cordova Jr/Sr High School

Parent(s)/Guardian(s): Felipe & Bjoirn Jacob

**Future Plans:** I have enlisted in the Navy and will go to bootcamp in June.

Other Sports/Activities: N/A

**High School Accomplishments:** My high school accomplishments (junior/senior year) include: making all tournament team in 5 consecutive tournaments, winning regionals in Nenana, 3rd team all state.

**People to Thank:** I'd like to thank my coaches, family, and friends.



#### **Dominic Johnson**

High School: Tikigaq schools

Parent(s)/Guardian(s): Romona Rock, Rex Rock Sr

Future Plans: will major in engineering

**Other Sports/Activities:** I like to be outdoors, hunting, fishing, whailing

High School Accomplishments: N/A

**People to Thank:** I would like to thank my coach ryan rock for being there and teaching me new skills i can use in life and also on the court



#### **Carter Marsden**

High School: Annette Island school district

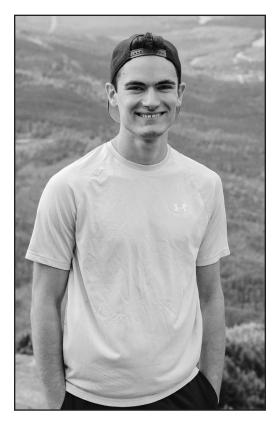
Parent(s)/Guardian(s): Jeanine Marsden Apollo Marsden

**Future Plans:** Attend a marine mechanics class at the Trident Trades program.

Other Sports/Activities: Ran two years of Cross Country.

**High School Accomplishments:** Player of the game 2024 state tournament.

**People to Thank:** My parents, Grammie, Grandma Kathy, Danny Marsden Jr and family, Uncle Aaron, Aunt JJ, Tristan Winter and family, and Uncle Danny.



#### Ian McGarry

High School: Cook Inlet Academy

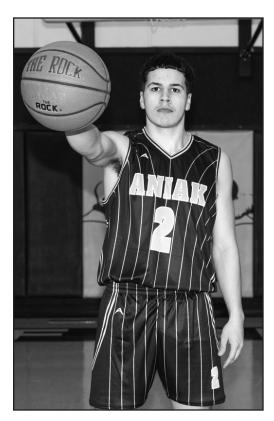
Parent(s)/Guardian(s): Ben McGarry and Chelsea McGarry

**Future Plans:** Currently I am planning to pursue a business degree through UAF. If not playing college basketball, I'm also going to try to do some travelling around the state and in the lower 48.

**Other Sports/Activities:** Basketball is my only sport, but I love being outdoors; hiking, running, and camping especially. I also enjoy hanging out with friends, photography, music, and cooking.

**High School Accomplishments:** 2023 1A player of the year, 2x region champions, 2x first team all-state, 2x all-state tournament team, 4x all-conference team, 4x all-academic team, 2025 Soldotna Al Howard tourney MVP, 2024 state tournament sportsmanship award (team)

**People to Thank:** My parents for always loving and believing in me, my brothers for pushing me to be the best I can be, all the coaches that have helped me level up my game, my friends for all the great memories, and the Lord Jesus Christ for everything he's blessed me with in the past 18 years.



#### William Morgan

High School: Aniak Junior Senior Highschool

Parent(s)/Guardian(s): Nancy morgan

**Future Plans:** I'm going to attend trade school for heavy equipment and welding

Other Sports/Activities: Basketball, Volleyball

**High School Accomplishments:** Freshman Year, Regional champs, Sophomore Year, Regional Champs, State Runner-up, 1 time all-tourney, Junior Year, Regional champs 5 time all-tourney 1 time MVP, Senior Year, 3 time all- tourney 1 time MVP

**People to Thank:** I would like to thank my mom, my siblings, my coach, and teammates for their encouragement and motivation during my highschool basketball career.



#### Justus Mulcahy

High School: Nunamiut

Parent(s)/Guardian(s): Ada Ahgook and Micheal Mulcahy

**Future Plans:** Be a better basketball player and learn how to cook good food.

Other Sports/Activities: I play basketball, volleyball, and run cross country.

**High School Accomplishments:** All-Region team 4 years in a row in basketball, volleyball and cross country Multi time Regional champ in basketball, volleyball and cross country Team all academic in cross country and basketball two years in a row

**People to Thank:** I would like to thank my parents for always being there and helping me when I didn't understand things in life. I would also like to thank my coach Jessica Becker for pushing me to my best potential in my high school career she has seen what others haven't. Lastly I am very thankful for my fiance she is the best person I met in my whole life she

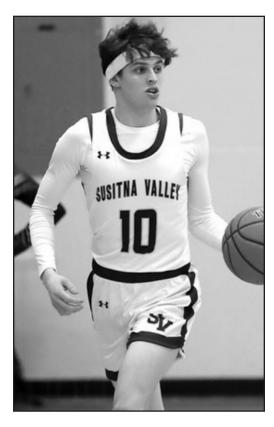


#### **Jethron Nanalook**

Multiple time all-tournament team

always believed in me for everything I did!

High School: Manokotak Nunaniq School
Parent(s)/Guardian(s): Audrey Gloko-Nanalook
Future Plans: Playing college basketball
Other Sports/Activities: NYO and cross-country
High School Accomplishments: Honor Roll
People to Thank: I would like to thank my coaches



#### **Miles Osmond**

High School: Susitna Valley High School

Parent(s)/Guardian(s): Douglas Osmond and Tiffany Osmond

**Future Plans:** After Graduation, I plan on leaving for 2 years to serve a mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. after I return home, I plan on pursuing a career in music or I may try to find a junior college to play more basketball at and further

**Other Sports/Activities:** I've participated in Track and Field, and also spent years trying to pursue a future career in Golf. I also sing/play guitar and write my onw songs.

**High School Accomplishments:** My Junior year, I made the all tournament team at every tournament that year, including the all conference team. Senior year I made the all tournament team 2x, and was made 1 out of the 2 team captains. Academically I was elected as 2024-2025 Student body

**People to Thank:** I would love to thank My coaches, Josh Sandifer and John Eastwood. They have been with me and trusted me since day one and have made a huge impact on my love and skill of the game. I would love to thank both of my parents for all the sacrifices they've made for me to be able to play basketball since 4th grade. I wouldn't be the person or player I am today without their support. But most importantly I would love to thank my Lord and Savior up above for every win and every bucket I ever had.



#### **Noah Pearson**

High School: Cordova Jr/Sr High School

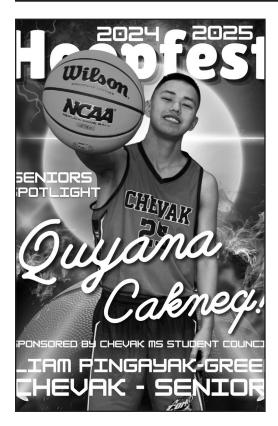
Parent(s)/Guardian(s): Joshua Pearson and Arissa Pearson

**Future Plans:** I plan on going to college at UAA and getting a bachelor's in business and data analytics with a minor in accounting.

**Other Sports/Activities:** I have participated in one year of Cross Country

**High School Accomplishments:** Honor Roll all 4 years, Winning our basketball conference championship my Junior year, Multiple basketball state appearances, State Cross Country my Senior year, All Tournament Team at Home tournament Sophomore year.

People to Thank: God, My Parents, and My Coaches



### Lian Pingayak-Green

High School: Chevak

Parent(s)/Guardian(s): Liana and Lester

Future Plans: to become a Machenic

Other Sports/Activities: basketball, wrestling, running, volleyball.

**High School Accomplishments:** to complete high school and become a Machenic

**People to Thank:** I would like to thank my mom and dad for always looking out for me, and being there for when I need them the most.



### Michael Renshaw

High School: Tri-Valley

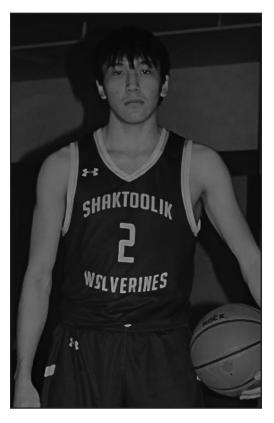
Parent(s)/Guardian(s): Amber Renshaw & Alan Renshaw

**Future Plans:** I plan on attending the University of Alaska Anchorage and achieve a degree in the field of engineering.

**Other Sports/Activities:** I play four sports at Tri-Valley, starting with soccer, then hockey, basketball and finally track and field. I also enjoy other outdoor activities such as snowboarding and camping.

**High School Accomplishments:** I've had the honor to be team captain for multiple of my sports teams. I've held multiple class student government positions and maintained a respectable gpa while dual enrolling in numerous UA classes.

**People to Thank:** I would like to thank my coach Kevin Mayo and his wife Danielle Mayo for everything they have done for me. Mr.Frisbie for opening the gym before school. And my parents and family for their constant support.



## **Ray Sagoonick**

High School: Paul F. Asicksik Sr. HS (Shaktoolik)

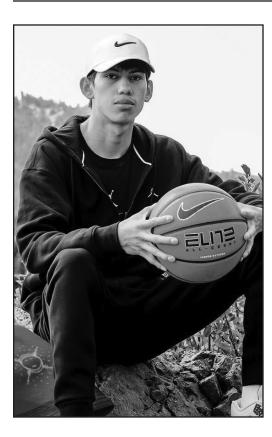
Parent(s)/Guardian(s): Kristal and Thomas Sagoonick

**Future Plans:** I plan to work my butt off, participate in or watch any basketball games I can, and continue to be apart of the community.

**Other Sports/Activities:** Hiking, biking, and kayaking are activities I like to do.

**High School Accomplishments:** My high school accomplishments include being named the MVP of a high school tournament, Highest Honor each year, All-tournament team x4, and contributed to winning a State Basketball chip.

**People to Thank:** A big thanks to my parents as they were the ones to give me my motivation and endless support. Also my Coach whose been coaching me since 8th grade, Silas Paniptchuk.



## Kyan Stead

High School: Wrangell Highschool

Parent(s)/Guardian(s): Olivia Main

**Future Plans:** Going to trade school for Welding/ Metal Fabrication in Billings Montana.

Other Sports/Activities: I've done cross country and wrestling.

**High School Accomplishments:** Some high school accomplishments I have had were student of the quarter, most improved award for basketball. I've done cross country sophomore year and wrestling multiple years.

**People to Thank:** I would like to thank my coaches, teachers, my mom. They've helped me a lot and I couldn't be where I am in life without them.



#### **Asher Titus**

High School: Minto School

Parent(s)/Guardian(s): Gabriel & Bertina Titus

Future Plans: Attend UAF and earn a degree in business

Other Sports/Activities: Cross Country

High School Accomplishments: On track to graduate

People to Thank: Coach Pete Anderson and my older brother



## **Rowdy Tripp**

High School: Sand Point High School

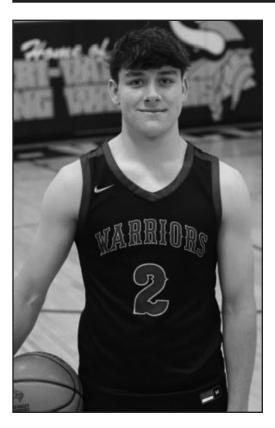
Parent(s)/Guardian(s): Rob Tripp(father) Julia Tripp(mother)

Future Plans: I plan on attending a college this upcoming year.

**Other Sports/Activities:** The other sports that I do are NYO and Wrestling.

**High School Accomplishments:** A couple things I was proud to accomplish in high school was my honor roll and GPA and the All-Tournament medals I achieved.

**People to Thank:** I would like to thank all of my friends, family, and my coaches



#### **Reid Williams**

High School: Tri-Valley

Parent(s)/Guardian(s): Lance and Dana Williams

**Future Plans:** I will be a Fly fishing guide at Bear Trail Lodge in King Salmon, Alaska and then obtain my pilots license in Palmer, Alaska.

Other Sports/Activities: Hockey

High School Accomplishments: Graduating with a 3.7 GPA

**People to Thank:** I would like to thank Coach Mayo, Coach Frisbee and Danielle Mayo for their support and time given to me throughout my years of basketball.

## **Game Notes**

#### 1A Boys AABC Tommy's Express Car Wash Alaska All State Team



**1A 2025 Player of the Year:** Seth Paniptchuk, Shaktoolik **1A 2025 Coach of the Year:** Silas Paniptchuk, Shaktoolik

#### 1A First Team:

Keontay Jackson, Kake Ian McGarry, Cook Inlet Academy Jethron Nanalook, Manokotak Seth Paniptchuk, Shaktoolik Ian Weyanna, Teller

#### 1A Second Team:

Tyler Hugo, Nunamiut Alek McGarry, Cook Inlet Academy Michael Renshaw, Tri Valley Ray Sagoonick, Shaktoolik Terrence Titus, Northway

#### 1A Third Team:

Ivan Davis-Nayokpuk, Shishmaref Jonathan David, Minto Connor Hootch, Emmonak William Morgan, Aniak Nolan Ticket, Buckland

#### Sophomore leads Shaktoolik to first state title in program history

By Jeremiah Bartz | Frontiersman.com

Seth Paniptchuk was born into a basketball family. Paniptchuk has played competitively since the third grade, and often can be found on the basketball court or shooting hoops at home.

"He's pretty much playing year-round, rain or shine," said Silas Paniptchuk, Seth's dad and the head coach of the Shaktoolik boys basketball team.

Seth Paniptchuk's drive and love of the game has allowed him to earn some major achievements at a younger age. Paniptchuk is only a sophomore, but he just led the Wolverines to their first state championship in school history. Now, he has received a top honor. Paniptchuk has been named the Alaska Association of Basketball Coaches 1A Boys Player of the Year.

Paniptchuk, Shaktoolik's point guard, is a versatile athlete on the floor, who can score, distribute and defend. But the intangibles are also special, Silas said.

"He has great leadership skills," Silas said. "He has a connection with all of those boys, not just on the basketball court but off the court as well. When it comes to the game itself, the leadership and energy he brings to the game really rubs off on his team, and they feed off that."

Silas said Seth has great floor vision running the point, but his defense is also a strength.

"He just likes to be chaotic out there on defense," Silas said. During Shaktoolik's road to the state title, Paniptchuk





averaged 23.8 points, 5.5 assists, 3.5 rebounds and 3.8 steals in four games. He scored 35 in his team tournament opener against Akiachak, and finished with 20

points, 6 assists, 6 steals and 4 rebounds against Cook Inlet Academy in the championship game. He also drilled 18 three-pointers in the tournament.

Silas said the bond his younger athletes have formed was key to his team's success.

"The core of our team is freshmen and sophomores," the head coach said. "That group grew up together. They do everything together."

Paniptchuk has also found success in other sports at Shaktoolik. He was a region champion in crosscountry running in the fall, and finished sixth in his class in the state meet, Paniptchuk also helped Shaktoolik finish third in the ASAA Mix Six Volleyball State Championships in December.

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\*\* 1992-2008, 1A and 2A were combined on same ballot \*\* Please visit the AABC website for Players and/or Coaches of the year prior to 2000.

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#### 2A Boys AABC Tommy's Express Car Wash Alaska All State Team



2A 2025 Player of the Year: Paxson Commack, Unalakleet 2A 2025 Coach of the Year: Thurman Jack, Unalakleet

#### 2A First Team:

Austin Barnard, Susitna Valley Brody Booth, Metlakatla Paxson Commack, Unalakleet John Itliong, Cordova Kade McCorison, Ninilchik 2A Second Team:

Daniel Harrison, Wrangell Felipe Jacob, Cordova Talon Lemme, Seward Carter Marsden, Metlakatla Isaiah Smith, Unalakleet

#### 2A Third Team:

Jonas Carroll, Effie Kokrine Emerson Cross, Seward Miles Osmond, Susitna Valley Liam Pingayuk-Green, Chevak Van Shank, Seward

## Unalakleet senior named player of the year after leading his team to a state title for the first time in nearly 30 years

By Jeremiah Bartz | Frontiersman.com

As the Unalakleet Wolfpack entered the 2024-25 season, head coach Thurman Jack was hopeful that his senior standout, Paxson Commack, would play his way onto the first-team all-state list.

Commack definitely did that, and even more. Commack has been named the Alaska Association of Basketball Coaches 2A Boys Player of the Year. "As the season went along, more coaches that I talked to referenced him as player of the year," Jack said. The individual honor for Commack comes after the senior helped his program erase a nearly three-decade drought. Commack and the Wolfpack used a 40-36 victory over Cordova in the 2A title game to win the program's first state championship since 1996, Jack said Commack was instrumental to Unalakleet's success during its postseason run. Commack secured the game-winning layup during a one-point victory over Seward in the semifinals. In the finals, the Wolfpack trailed Cordova by five in the fourth. Jack said Commack grabbed two steals and a couple of rebounds, and had a key layup as Unalakleet pulled back the momentum.

It was an example of Commack's play on both ends of the floor, Jack said.

Jack said, "versatility" is the true key to Commack's game.

"He could probably score 25, 30 points per game, but he likes to get players involved," Jack said. "He's a great passer."

That versatility may even be more prevalent on the defensive end.

"At times he covered the other team's center," Jack said of Commack, a 5-foot-11 guard. "Down the stretch we put him on the other team's best player, and he did a really good job of shutting him down."

Commack capped his Unalakleet career with 1,128 points, 533 assists, 615 rebounds, 266 steals and 116 blocks. The 533 assists are a school record. Jack said the majority of this work came during his final three seasons as a starter. Jack said Unalkleet had a large senior class during Commack's freshman season, in which he appeared in 12 games and scored only about 14 points. After graduation, Jack said, Commack will attend UAA with the goal of becoming a pilot.



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## 2025 HALL OF FRANCE PLAYER





Leah Magner grew up in Palmer, Alaska and attended Colony High School, where she was a four-year varsity letter winner in both basketball and track and field. She found her greatest successes on the hardwood,

however, leading the Knights to a 104-10 record, three State Championships and four Region III Championships during her career. In her junior and senior years she made the All-Region and All-State teams, taking home MVP honors as a senior. An all-around performer, she left Colony with career averages of 16 points, 6 assists, and 5 rebounds, hitting an efficient 58% of her shots from the field,

including 34% from beyond the 3-point line.

After graduating from Colony in 1998, Leah attended the University of Iowa on a full basketball scholarship. At Iowa Leah was a four-year starter and three-year team captain. In 2001, she helped lead the Hawkeyes to a Big Ten Conference Tournament title and NCAA tournament berth, as well as a championship showing in the Great Alaska



Shootout. Her 2002 Hawkeye team again made the NCAA tournament, losing to eventual national champions UCONN.

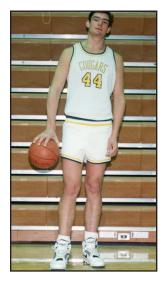


Leah ranks #11 in Hawkeye career 3PTs made and #22 in assists. In addition to her on-court success, Leah was also a standout performer in the classroom, making the Big Ten All-Academic team in both 2001 and 2002.

Leah currently lives in London with her family.

## **2024** HALL OF FRANCE Jeff Lentfer Service High School PLAYER





Jeff Lentfer, a standout basketball star from Service High School graduated in 1991 where he earned the Gatorade Player of the Year for Alaska and helped lead the Cougars to the school's first-ever state championship, capping a remarkable senior season. Coached by Phil Jordan and alongside fellow seniors Tadd Owens, Jason Kaiser, Lance Lockard, and Reggie Cobbteammates he grew up playing with-the Cougars dominated Alaska competition, finishing with only one loss to an in-state team all year. Though exact stats from those high school glory days are lost to time, it's remembered that Jeff consistently delivered, averaging over 20 points and 10 rebounds per game (reports of 1/2 of his rebounds coming from his own shots are absolutely inaccurate).

After high school, Jeff's talent caught the eye of then-UAA head coach Ron Abegglen, who recruited him to play for Weber State University in Ogden, Utah where he played from 1991-1995, graduating with a degree in business with honors. His first two



years at Weber State were a challenging adjustment to the speed and physicality of college

basketball, limiting him to a smaller role. However, his perseverance paid off as he earned more playing time in his junior year. By his senior year, Jeff was named team captain and while his stats showed a modest 5 points and 6 rebounds per game in 32 minutes of action, his impact went beyond numbers. Embracing his role as a physical presence, Jeff hunted



screens, created opportunities for shooters, and relentlessly pursued rebounds, helping elevate his teammates' performances and, unofficially, he led the Big Sky in broken noses given. That senior season, the Weber

State Wildcats posted an impressive 21-9 record and Big Sky Conference Championship and a berth in the NCAA Tournament as the 14th seed in the East Region in Tallahassee, Florida. There, they stunned the basketball world by defeating the #3 seed Michigan State-ranked 9th in the country-in a thrilling upset. In the next round, the Wildcats faced a formidable Georgetown team, coached by John Thompson and featuring future NBA stars



Allen Iverson, Othella Harrington, and Don Reid. Weber State battled fiercely but fell just short, losing by 2 points on a last-second tip-in off an Iverson airball.

While Jeff's basketball achievements are remarkable, he considers his family his greatest accomplishment. Married to his beautiful and loving wife, Stephanie, for 23 years, Jeff is a devoted father to their three children: Hannah, Luke, and Sophie. Hannah, who graduates from Montana State University this year, is set to attend physical therapy school in Denver. Jeff has also poured his passion for basketball into coaching, guiding both Luke and Sophie in youth leagues and serving as an assistant coach at Grace Christian and was blessed to be part of both of their high school state championship seasons. Luke now attends the United States Military Academy at West Point, where he plays on the men's rugby team. Sophie, finishing her senior year at Grace, earned Gatorade Player of the Year honors as a junior and played a pivotal role in securing the school's first and second state championships in her Sophomore and Junior year and will attend and play for UC Davis in the fall. For Jeff Lentfer, a legacy of leadership, grit, and family stands as the cornerstone of his Hall of Fame career.





Virginia Floyd Anderson, affectionately known as Coach A, dedicated 32 years to teaching and coaching, with 27 of those years coaching varsity level at Cordova Jr. Sr. High School in Alaska. Between 1981 to 2013, she led 12 teams to the State Tournament, six of which advanced to the Championship game, capturing a state championship in 1987. Her teams also secured third place at State on three occasions. In her first year of coaching in Cordova in 1982, her team

finished a close second in their region to the eventual state champion Wasilla, a remarkable achievement in the pre-State Championship era. She was honored as Coach of

the Year multiple times, notably in 1987.

Coaching at a small school, often smaller than the competition, presented unique challenges. Coach A excelled at player development, skill enhancement, and fostering teamwork for overall success. She was actively involved in

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nurturing young talent from little dribblers through Junior high and summer camps, organizing these camps in Cordova or driving players to camp with the support of dedicated parents.

Coach Anderson also showcased her coaching abilities at the Arctic Winter Games in 1992, 1994 and



1996, she successfully recruited both women's and men's teams, relishing the opportunity to seek out talented players from across the state. One of those talented players being Carlos Boozer.

Born and raised in Kodiak, Virginia was a pioneer in women's high school basketball, being part of the first girls' team representing Kodiak High School and was one of the

first 4 year athletes to benefit from title 9. As a Kodiak Bear, she played as a point guard on the first high school team to travel to Barrow, Alaska to face the Whalers. During her

coaching tenure in Cordova, her teams frequently traveled to Utqiagvik/ Barrow High School to compete against the Whalers, and on one such trip, an elder fondly shared that memory of the Kodiak team visiting with her. A connection such as this underscores the often overlooked benefit of shared experiences that athletic travel brings to us in Alaska, giving our athletes and communities an opportunity to share and learn and grow.







During his time at Kake High School, Dwayne Davies could be relied upon to coach every student-athlete to his or her best ability. He coached both the girls and boys basketball teams to the state championships in 1987. In fact, he coached during both title games on the same day, a feat no one achieved before, nor will likely achieve again.

COACH

Davies began his coaching career with a yearlong stint at Wrangell Institute. In 1975, he moved to Mt. Edgecumbe, where he coached cross-country running, girls basketball and track and field. After moving to Kake in 1984, he gained most of his coaching renown with the community's high school.

During 1987, when his girls and boys won state basketball titles, he was named Coach of the Year and was nominated for the Alaska Sportsman of the Year.

Davies won four region championships and two 2A state championships in boys basketball and four region championships and one 2A state championship in girls basketball, ending his career at Kake in 1990 with a 308-88 record. Proving that he can coach anyone, he was named the girls basketball coach for the Arctic Winter Games in 1990. He was also awarded the ASAA Gold Lifetime Pass. The Kake City School District, in 2014, named the gym the Dwayne Davies gym.

Basketball wins were not all that marked Davies as a great coach. His crosscountry teams at Mt. Edgecumbe and Kake excelled, often winning the conference titles. Davies regarded himself as a teacher, setting high standards for himself and his students. He applied the same level of dedication in teaching math and science as he did in coaching. By exemplifying what he expected from his students and players, he prepareed them for games, but more importantly, for life.





If there's a high school sporting event in the Mat-Su Valley, more often than not Bruce Eggleston is there snapping hundreds of photos.

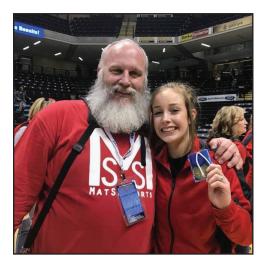
Eggleston is the creator of matsusports.net, a website that gives sports fans access to thousands of action shots for no cost.

"I would rather give every photo away rather than have one kid not get one because he or she could not afford it," he said. At any time, fans can hit Eggleston's website, surf through thousands of photos from local sporting events. Each of the

Valley's schools are represented. Eggleston said the athletes are the reason he continues to do it.

Eggleston, a lifelong Alaskan and 1982 graduate of Wasilla High School, has been taking photos for his MatSuSports website since 2009.

Eggleston sort of fell into a life as the Valley's sports photographer when former Houston hockey coach Jamie Smith asked him to take pictures of the Hawks games in 2003. He had just purchased a new Canon camera and was trying it out. His son was also a freshman at Houston and a member of the boys' basketball team. Eggleston continued to shoot Houston sports





for the next four years, before deciding to expand his coverage.

He is now approaching five million photos on his website.

In addition to his photography work in the Mat-Su, which is all volunteer, Eggleston has been the official photographer of the AABC All-Star Games since 2011. Eggleston would like to thank his wife, Kelly, for supporting MatSuSports.

## 2025 HALL or FAME OFFICIAL



I came to Alaska right after the big earthquake in 1964 as an Air Force "brat", so Alaska has been my home for the majority of my life. I enjoyed growing up in Alaska during my formative years. I graduated from Dimond HS in Anchorage in 1972, and immediately joined the work force as a automotive mechanic.

I joined the Anchorage Sports Officials Association (at that time known as the Anchorage Basketball Officials Association) in the mid 1980's and worked with them until my retirement in June of 2021. From 2004-2008, I served as the vice-president, in charge of training and mentorship of officials. I was able to work with many great officials over the years, helping some and being helped by many. From 2008 until my retirement, I served as the Treasurer/Assignor. I was privileged to work with many great school administrators in that position.

In my tenure with ASOA, I was blessed to work 8 state tournaments (3 finals at the 3A level), over 20 region tournaments and countless basketball games/tournaments. I was privileged to work with many great partners, athletes and coaches. I played rec basketball for 15 years before starting my officiating career, and that is one of the great regrets of my life. If I had known I would enjoy officiating as much as I did, I would have started straight out of high school.

I still maintain relationships with many of my old partners and occasionally get to visit with some of the players and coaches I worked with over the years.

When I first started with ABOA, I was blessed to find a home there in the officiating community. Ron Henderson, Johnny Jones, Whip Whaley, Jim Paxton, and Jim Gordon were all very instrumental in my growth, both as an official and as a communicator. I found out quickly that what I saw from the stands as a "fan" wasn't really what was going on out on the court. I was NOT a polite fan. My wife has said repeatedly that the best thing I ever did as a fan was become an official. Wise woman. I recognized the trust and responsibility as an official, and immediately "calmed down". I learned that if you know what you're looking for, you can really see a lot from the stands. I became an informed observer and evaluator.

My heartfelt thanks to AABC for their nomination and induction into their Hall of Fame as an official. It is a great honor to be considered and selected by the great coaches in Alaska. I'd also like to add my congratulations to my fellow inductees, many of whom I was privileged to work with over the years.

I retired from Anchorage Water & Wastewater Utility in June of 2019. I continued with ASOA for another couple seasons until my wife and I decided it was time to focus on "full" retirement. My wife of 50 years (April 12, 1975) has been my greatest supporter, sometimes defender and fan. You think officiating is difficult? Try sitting in the stands while someone is screaming at your husband. The spouses/partners are the true heroes.

I really miss my time on the court but I left at the top of my game as opposed to being dragged off the floor by those who knew better. I say this tongue in cheek. What really solidified my decision to leave the floor was hip replacement and eventually 3 back surgeries. God knew best, and opened my eyes to reality. I have no regrets.

My highest praise goes to my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who offered me many great opportunities and opened many doors in the officiating community. Without His guidance and many years of good health, I wouldn't have had the opportunity to travel all over Alaska and officiate the great sport of basketball in the greatest state in the union. Thanks to all that made this career possible.

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#### 3A Girls AABC Tommy's Express Car Wash Alaska All State Team



3A 2025 Player of the Year: Sophie Lentfer, Grace Christian 3A 2025 Coach of the Year: Krystyna Park, Grace Christian

#### **3A First Team:** Kylen Burnell, Barrow Shannel Kovalsky, Monroe Catholic Sophie Lentfer, Grace Christian

Aiga Unutoa, Barrow MJ Van Der Horst, Grace Christian

#### 3A Second Team:

Ella Boerger, Grace Christian Lauren Cedars, Mt. Edgecumbe Leila Church, Monroe Catholic Briella Herron, Bethel Poppy Wiggers-Pidduck, Grace Christian

#### 3A Third Team:

Destiny Day, Valdez Blakeley Jorgensen, Nikiski Ally Mayville, Sitka Trinity Turiel, Monroe Catholic Zadah Unutoa, Barrow

#### Grace senior caps career with third straight state title, player of year honor

By Jeremiah Bartz | Frontiersman.com

Krystyna Park first got to know Sophie Lentfer when Lentfer was in the seventh grade in Anchorage.

"I remember asking her dad, how good does she want to be," Park recalled. "Because she could be really good. But it's going to take a lot of hard work."

Lentfer put in the work, and the Grace Christian senior continues to enjoy the success.

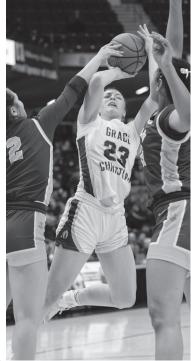
After leading Grace to its third straight 3A girls state title, Lentfer has been named the Alaska Association of Basketball Coaches 3A Girls Player of the Year for the third straight season.

"She's one-of-a-kind basketball-wise, and as a person," Park said. "She's a Division I athlete. It's undeniable." Lentfer will play for the University of California-Davis next season.

Park, who coached Lentfer in middle school, had the chance once again when Park took over the Grace girls basketball program prior to the 2024-25 season. Park knew of all the success Lentfer and the Grizzlies had during recent seasons, but also saw a way to make things potentially better for everyone.

"Sophie was really used to doing everything," Park said. "If we rely on her to do just everything, that is going to come back to bite us."

There was also the loss of standout senior guard Ella Boerger to a season-ending injury midway through the year. That also led the Grizzlies to pivot. By asking multiple players to tweak their roles, they all made the team better. Lentfer continued to thrive, and players such as Poppy Wiggers-Pidduck and Hope Jackson stepped up at the point and on defense, respectively.





Jackson stepped up at the point and on defense, respectively. Park said the Grizzlies brought their talents together and hit another level. "The last two, three weeks of the season, we really saw it," Park said.

While her teammates stepped into larger roles, Lentfer continued to play at her high level. Lentfer enjoyed a tremendous final weekend of her prep career. She erupted for 35 points and 13 rebounds during a double-digit win over Barrow in the championship game. Lentfer hit four threes and shot 13 of 19 from the field. She also scored 28 in the first round against Sitka and 17 in the semis in a win over Kenai.

And now Lentfer is headed to UC-Davis.

"Her ceiling is very high," Park said. "I think you'll see her flourish."

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\*\* Before 2003, there was no separate award for 3A player or coach of the year.
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2A Girls Coaches of the Year

**4A 2025 Player of the Year:** Hallie Clark, Colony **4A 2024 Coach of the Year:** Tom Berg, Colony

#### 4A First Team:

Mylee Anderson, Wasilla Hallie Clark, Colony Kennedi Gaines, Bartlett Layla Hays, Wasilla Morgan Maldonado, Mountain City Christian **4A Second Team:** Kerra Baxter, Juneau-Douglas Evan Hamey, Dimond Tonya Karpow, Colony Keelie Kronberger, Mountain City Christian Aryanna Watson, Service

#### 4A Third Team:

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## After leading the Knights to their first title since 2008, CHS senior named the 4A girls top player for the second straight year

By Jeremiah Bartz | Frontiersman.com

Heading into her final season of high school basketball, Hallie Clark was already a state player of the year and a two-time first-team all-state selection. But the Colony High senior star continued to find ways to get better. And in March, Clark enjoyed the best month of her hoops career. Clark helped lead the Knights to a Northern Lights

Conference title and the program's first ASAA 4A state girls championship since 2008. She was named the Gatorade Alaska Girls State Player of the Year. Now, Clark has garnered another honor.

Clark has been named the Alaska Association of Basketball Coaches 4A Girls Player of the Year for the second straight season.

"She was a scorer more than anything else her first three years," Colony head coach Tom Berg said. "This year, the biggest evolution, she's the best player on the floor, not just the best scorer on the floor."

It's not that Clark was selfish with the basketball during her first three years, Berg said, that was her job.

"She put the ball in the basket at an unbelievable clip," he said. But this year Clark made her teammates better, Berg said.

"Obviously she's still very involved (on offense). She scored a lot of points," Berg said. "She made everyone on the floor better, and that helped us at the end of it being a really good team with really good players."

Berg said other areas of Clark's game evolved.

"This year I think she guarded better than she did in her first three years. I think she got better at being a leader, opening her mouth and communicating. Her teammates would say we're better with her on the floor, and it's not just about her putting the ball in the basket," Berg said.

Entering the state tournament, Clark, a 5-foot-7 guard, averaged 25 points, 4.6 rebounds, 3.2 assists and 2.8 steals. She also shot 40.3 from three. Clark is one of two players in school history to be named the girls player of the year twice. Legend Jessica Moore, who went on to play in the WNBA, earned the award in 1999 and 2000.

Clark will play college basketball for Division II Colorado Mesa University next year.







#### **Ella Boerger**

High School: Grace Christian School

Parent(s)/Guardian(s): Jason and Julie Boerger

**Future Plans:** I will be attending Dordt University to play basketball and study Nursing.

**Other Sports/Activities:** I am involved in Student Council, NHS, and Cross Country Running.

**High School Accomplishments:** I have been on the Honor Roll all 4 years. I am an ASAA Scholar Athlete. I was VP and Treasurer of the Student Council. I have Varsity Lettered and been Captain in basketball all 4 years, also winning our school's first State Championships, varsity lettered in Cross Country for 3 years, captain for 1 year, and won a choir and ensemble state championship.

People to Thank: My parents, family, and all my coaches.



#### Lauren Cedars

High School: Mt. Edgecumbe High School

Parent(s)/Guardian(s): Catherine Cedars

Future Plans: I plan on attending college and getting my Bachelor of Science.

Other Sports/Activities: Volleyball & NYO

High School Accomplishments: Certificate of Honor Roll: Sophomore and Junior year of HS for maintaining a high GPA. Volleyball: All-Region V Team 2023 and 2024 Region V Champion 2023 Player of the Game ASAA State Tournament 2023 Team Captain 2024 All-Tourney Team at the West Valley tournament 2024 All-Tourney Team at the Grace Christian Tournament 2024 All-Academic Team Region V 2024 Basketball: Region V Champion 2024 Team Captain 2024-2025 season All-Tournament Team at the Grace Christian Tournament 2024

**People to Thank:** I'd like to thank my mom and sister for their endless amount of support and for always showing up for me whether it is in the crowd or cheering me on through the screen. My teammates for being my biggest cheerleaders and for making this sport even more special. Finally, I would like to thank Coach Mahoney for making my last year of high school basketball one to remember and making me a better player mentally and physically.



#### Hallie Clark

High School: Colony High School

Parent(s)/Guardian(s): Travis and Jess Clark

**Future Plans:** I plan to attend Colorado Mesa University in Grand Junction, Colorado to continue my academic and basketball career. I will be majoring in Psychology.

**Other Sports/Activities:** I have participated in basketball, flag football, track, volleyball, and love to be active outdoors, hiking, fishing, paddle boarding, and snow machining.

**High School Accomplishments:** 4.1 GPA || 2024 AK 4A POTY || 2024 and 2025 NLC POTY || 3x First Team All State || 4x First Team All NLC || 2,000+ pts || 2024 recognized by City of Palmer with a Proclamation

**People to Thank:** I would like to thank my mom and dad for all their support, love and guidance. They have taught me the value of hard work, perseverance, humility, and servant leadership. I would also like to thank all my coaches and teammates who have taught me so many valuable things on and off the court. My GBD family for showing up for so many early morning workouts throughout the years and for teaching me to trust the process. Most importantly, I would like to thank God for blessing me with a passion for basketball in order to shine His light and leading me every step of the way.



## Arianne Derrickson

High School: West valley high school

Parent(s)/Guardian(s): Ariella Derrickson

**Future Plans:** My planes after high school are to further my caretaking career and go to college to become a firefighter.

**Other Sports/Activities:** I am involved in seasonal cheerleading and concert choir.

**High School Accomplishments:** I was captain of my basketball team and I successfully continued high school while playing a sport, working, and going to school.

**People to Thank:** I would like to thank god, my mom, and my grandma for constantly pushing me to be the better version of myself.



#### **Evan Hamey**

High School: Dimond High School

Parent(s)/Guardian(s): Chris and Regan Hamey

**Future Plans:** To attend college to further my education and play basketball

Other Sports/Activities: Just basketball

**High School Accomplishments:** 3.8 GPA, 1st team CIC All Conference, 2nd team All State

**People to Thank:** My parents for their unwavering support, dedication, and love throughout my entire basketball career. And for all the coaches I've had throughout my life that have gotten me to this point.



#### Kyana Harpak

High School: Bethel Regional High School

Parent(s)/Guardian(s): Francis and Petra Harpak

Future Plans: Attend college to become a radiologist.

Other Sports/Activities: Cross Country

**High School Accomplishments:** Honor roll, sportsmanship awards, free throw competition, player of the game.

**People to Thank:** I would like to thank my parents, my teammates, and my coaches.



#### Aniah Harris

High School: West High School

Parent(s)/Guardian(s): Al Harris and Christina Harris

Future Plans: I plan to attend college to become a nurse.

**Other Sports/Activities:** I actively participate in student government. I have participated in track and flag football.

**High School Accomplishments:** I have been on honor roll for all four years of high school. I have been team captain of my basketball team.

**People to Thank:** I would like to thank my family for supporting me in everything I do. I would like to thank my West high basketball coaches especially Coach Josh for opening the gym and believing in me.



#### Niveah Heartwell

High School: South Anchorage High

Parent(s)/Guardian(s): Kito and Krissa Luckett

**Future Plans:** My plan is to graduate in May and pursue playing college basketball. I have several teams recruiting me for basketball, as well as for flag football. My true passion lies in basketball.

**Other Sports/Activities:** I am involved in Varsity softball and Varsity flag football, as well as activities at my church.

**High School Accomplishments:** My high school accomplishments include being named to the All-Tournament Team at Lumen Christi, receiving First Team All-Defense and All-Offense honors in flag football for all four years, earning ASAA Player of the Game at the State Softball Tournament in 2024, and participating in varsity basketball for four years.

**People to Thank:** I would like to thank my parents, Krissa and Kito Luckett, and my grandparents, Bill and Patricia Ray, for supporting me in everything I do, attending all my games, and being my loudest and proudest fans.



#### **Briella Herron**

High School: Bethel Regional High School

Parent(s)/Guardian(s): Buddy Herron and Susan Herron

**Future Plans:** I plan on attending the University of Alaska Anchorage for a bachelors degree in Global Logistics and Supply Chain Management. With that, I can move forward to becoming a Cargo Pilot.

**Other Sports/Activities:** I was a Varsity Wrestler my Freshman and Sophomore year and then was the Wrestling Manager for my Junior and Senior year.

**High School Accomplishments:** State Contender (2022, 2023, 2024), Regions Runnerup (2022, 2023, 2024), Player of the Game at State (2023, 2024), Multiple All-Tourney Awards amongst all of my high school years, MVP at Dean Cummings Memorial Tournament 2025, and MVP Homer Winter Carnival 2025.

**People to Thank:** I would like to thank my parents, coaches, teammates, family, and community for all of their support along the years.



#### Nevaeh James

High School: Robert Service High School

Parent(s)/Guardian(s): Gwynnedolynne James

**Future Plans:** My plan is to attend an HBCU, preferably Howard University, and study Human Performance & Nutrition with a minor in Psychology.

**Other Sports/Activities:** I am actively involved in pageantry, currently holding the title of Miss Alaska Teen USA 2025. I have participated in cheerleading for three years and have also been a dedicated Army JROTC cadet for four years. Lastly, I volunteer with The Arc of Anchorag

**High School Accomplishments:** I am a dedicated student-athlete and leader. I have played basketball for four years, serving as team captain for two years. Additionally, I have always been committed to academic excellence. I am dually enrolled in high school and the University of Alaska Anchorage, maintaining a 3.5 GPA while on track to complete my Associate Degree by May 2025. I will have earned 72 college credits, demonstrating my ability to excel in rigorous coursework.

**People to Thank:** I want to start by giving thanks to God for His blessings, strength, and direction. He has given me faith, resiliency, and purpose through all the difficulties and victories, which has enabled me to keep going.

Also, in order for me to be where I am now, I would like to express my gratitude to my mother for her unconditional love, support, and sacrifices. She has been my biggest inspiration, setting an example of women empowerment, strength, and perseverance. Through every challenge, she has encouraged me to push forward, believe in myself, and never settle for less than my full potential. Her unseen and visible sacrifices have made it possible for me to succeed and have the courage to follow my dreams. From late-night study sessions to early-morning practices, she has been my constant source of motivation, always reminding me that I am capable of achieving anything I set my mind to. I am forever grateful for her love, guidance, and the countless opportunities she has given me. Thank you for believing in me Ma.



#### Tonya Karpow

High School: Colony

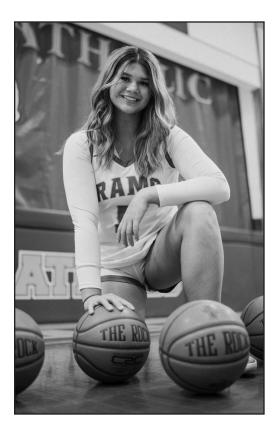
Parent(s)/Guardian(s): Tom and Tabitha Karpow

**Future Plans:** My future plan is to attend college to play basketball and earn a degree in Business.

**Other Sports/Activities:** Other sports I played throughout highschool was flag football and I threw the shot putt in Track and Field.

**High School Accomplishments:** I was accepted into the National Honor Society, earned my Seal of Biliteracy in Russian, participated in the leadership program, and was a team captain on my basketball team.

**People to Thank:** I would like to first, thank my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, my parents, my grandparents, my friends, and my coaches



## Shannel Kovalsky

High School: Monroe Catholic High School

Parent(s)/Guardian(s): Michelle Cortez

**Future Plans:** I'm planning on committing to Bellevue College to continue to play at the college level while going to school to become a physical therapist.

Other Sports/Activities: Basketball is my passion sport!

**High School Accomplishments:** My high school accomplishments are: I surpassed 1,000 career points, I have volunteered to coach the youth in my community for the last 4 years as well as the Alaskan Native Youth Community for the JOM tournament the last 2 years, I have excelled in all of my classes, I've made All Tournament all four years of high school, I have been a starter since freshman year, and I've made the 1st team for All State for the last 3 years.

**People to Thank:** I would like to thank my mom and my coaches throughout my years of playing, and everyone who has supported me throughout my basketball experience.



#### Sophie Lentfer

High School: Grace Christian

Parent(s)/Guardian(s): Jeff and Stephanie

**Future Plans:** I plan to continue my basketball career at UC Davis and hope to become whatever God desires me to be :)

**Other Sports/Activities:** I have had the privilege to be a part of AK missions for the past two years. I am also core council chaplain and get to lead the school mentorship program.

High School Accomplishments:

**People to Thank:** My mom for always supporting and making the best food to fuel me. Also my dad for being my biggest supporter and teaching me everything I know. And all my other friends and family who made the high school years a blast and a half.



## **Channing Lowney**

High School: Homer High School

Parent(s)/Guardian(s): Debra Lowney

**Future Plans:** My future plans are to attend Oregon State University to become a court side athletic trainer and hopefully plan some club basketball.

**Other Sports/Activities:** I am also involved in volleyball and soccer.

**High School Accomplishments:** My high school accomplishments are 8x all tournament teams for basketball, 3x for volleyball, maintaining an average of a 3.8 gpa and all the memories I've made.

**People to Thank:** I would like to thank for family for their constant support and all of my coaches I've had that had made me into the player and person I am today.



#### Morgan Maldonado

High School: Mountain city Christian academy

Parent(s)/Guardian(s): Amy and will

**Future Plans:** To play college basketball at Boise State University the next four years.

Other Sports/Activities: None

**High School Accomplishments:** Won 4a state championship 2 years.

**People to Thank:** Jesus my savior, my teammates, my family, and all my coaches.



#### Nevaeh Moreland

High School: Lathrop High School

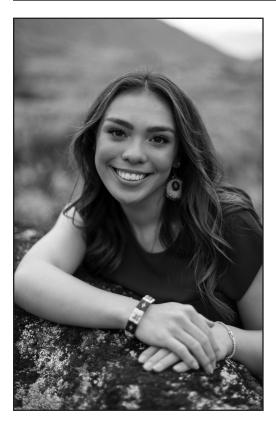
Parent(s)/Guardian(s): Travis and Kristen Moreland

**Future Plans:** My future plans are to go to college to receive my bachelor's degree in business.

**Other Sports/Activities:** I am involved in community events, such as: Traditional Dancing, helping with potlaches, and assisting where needed.

**High School Accomplishments:** I have earned all my high school credits in order to graduate early.

**People to Thank:** I want to thank my mom for being my biggest supporter and always being there for me. My dad, for all the time and effort he's put into pushing me to be better. Parrish West and Destiny Reimers, for training me over the years. Tay, for always being there. My sisters, for constantly challenging me. To all my other family members for their unwavering support and for attending every game. And to all the coaches who have guided me throughout my basketball journey, since Kindergarten.



#### Sienna Pederson

High School: Dimond High School

Parent(s)/Guardian(s): Larry & Esther Pederson

**Future Plans:** My plans are to attend and play basketball at Columbia Basin College in Pasco, Washington in the fall of 2025. My field of study will be Dental Hygiene.

**Other Sports/Activities:** I played volleyball as a freshman, and plan to join track and field this spring. I was selected to be on the Dimond Athletic Council this year, representing Varsity Girls basketball.

**High School Accomplishments:** 3.5 GPA, Basketball Co-Captain Junior and Senior years, All-Region team selected 2024, 4-year Varsity level player

**People to Thank:** First and foremost, I want to thank my parents for always pushing me to be my best and supporting me in both sports and life. I would also like to thank Alysa Horn (Make Yourself) for the countless hours of training and for helping me grow throughout my basketball journey. Thank you, Coach Jasmyn, for stepping into your role as Head Coach this year and leading our team with your fierce energy and positivity. Lastly, I want to thank God for giving me the ability and strength to pursue this sport.



## Ally Shelley

High School: Colony

Parent(s)/Guardian(s): Aaron and Rista Shelley

**Future Plans:** I will be attending Hannibal LaGrange University to continue my basketball career while getting a business administration and management degree.

Other Sports/Activities: none

**High School Accomplishments:** All league defensive player, 2nd team all conference, player of the game, and 3rd team all state.

**People to Thank:** I would like to thank my parents, family, friends, and coaches for always supporting me.



#### Ashlyn Waggoner

High School: Colony High School

Parent(s)/Guardian(s): Tyneshia Affinito

Future Plans: Play basketball at a higher level

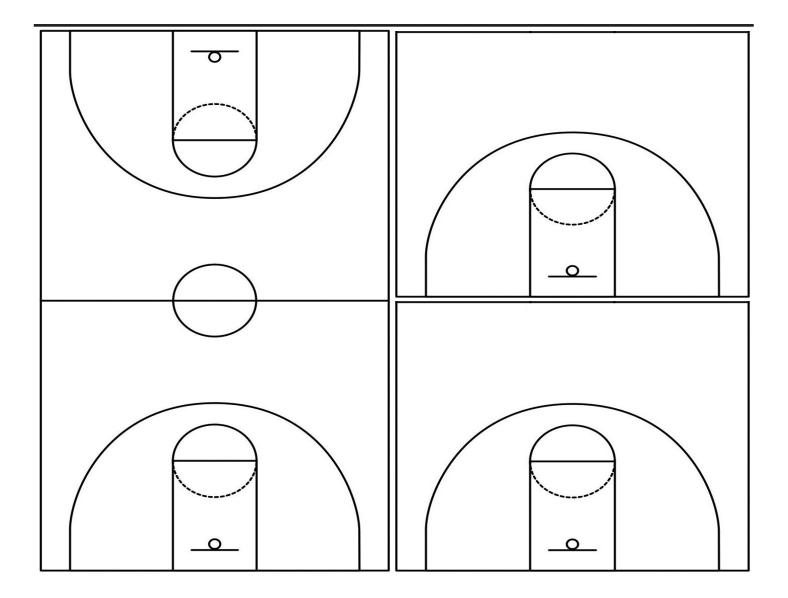
Other Sports/Activities: N/A

High School Accomplishments: State champion

**People to Thank:** Jess Clark for pushing me in basketball and giving me opportunities.

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The Roger Steinbrecher Coaching Integrity Award is given to Reid Matthews for demonstrating outstanding sportsmanship, leadership, camaraderie, and respect.



Reid Kornstad 2025 Roger Steinbrecher Coaching Integrity Award Recipient I began my basketball journey in the Redoubt Elementary school gym on Sunday afternoons after church when my Dad taught me how to shoot. He would coach me up, rebound for a while and then leave me alone while he went to his classroom to prepare for his teaching week. The way that I saw my Dad and Mom go about life, treating others really well, working hard, togetherness, loving Jesus and having fun is what ultimately laid the foundation for my opportunities to serve as a coach.

My playing days began at Nikiski Elementary in an intramural program from which the school team was selected to play a game schedule vs. other elementary schools. This was my first experience with competitive basketball. I began connecting the idea that I could practice my skills alone in the gym or play together with a few friends and then go out and score on guys who were trying to stop me. I was hooked! The more I played the more I liked it. I liked playing defense, I loved playing with my friends, I loved shooting, I loved being coached, and I loved competing and learning about the game.

My high school playing days were shaped by my coach and mentors Lee Moore and Ward Romans. These two men built right onto the foundation my parents and family laid. Lee taught and trained me every day that a great player is a master of the fundamentals first and that there is no substitute for hard work and repetition. Even more than that he taught me how to compete with class. Having a bad attitude or mistreating anyone in or around the game was simply not tolerated. Being classy and respectful was the way you were going to be, period. I have never seen anyone except my Dad consistently model this at a higher level. Coach Moore was and still is a man of integrity and he had a profound impact in sowing that into my heart.

Coach Romans reinforced and modeled the same values that Lee and my Dad were about, but he also taught me about the relentless pursuit of excellence. His Nikiski girls basketball era speaks for itself when it comes to that. He is an Alaska Coaching legend that I respect, but his value to me goes much deeper into his years being a best friend to my Dad, his investment in me as a player in high school, mentoring me as a coach and becoming a dear friend as we led the boys and girls programs together at Nikiski through some very special years.

It was during that time that I got to witness Ward's relationship with Roger Steinbrecher as they cultivated a friendship and rivalry. The Nikiski-Seward girls basketball rivalry was one of the best and most healthy I have seen in our state's history, and it is directly due to Ward and Roger's integrity, the quality of their relationship and the excellence they demanded. They coached some very good players over the years, which made for some exciting basketball, but it was the way they treated one another, the respect they afforded one another and the genuine friendship they built that made it truly special.

At this point, I would be remised if I didn't mention two other influential coaches in my life. The first is Coach Chuck Martin, the then Houston boys coach. He provided my first opportunity to compete against the very best guys in Alaska and some of the best in the country as well. Nikiski and Houston had some good battles back then including what Coach Martin dubbed, "The Nightmare

at Nikiski", which in my mind was really basketball poetry by Lee Moore and his players on a special night in Nikiski, but you can ask Chuck about that! :-) Coach Martin, I am very grateful for you and our relationship. The second is my coach at Northwest Nazarene University, Ed Weidenbach. I learned even more about basketball and a level of hard work that took me to the next level as a player and more importantly as a man. I got to experience a lot of winning at a high level and what it takes to win. He heavily influenced me as a player, a man and especially as a coach and I am grateful for him.

It has been a privilege to coach Nikiski Boys Basketball since 1997. After my college playing days ended, I was blessed to coach with Lee Moore for my first two seasons before he handed me the reins. I am so grateful for all of the players I have coached over the years, the coaches whom I have worked with and the gracious families in Nikiski who have entrusted me with their sons.

Basketball will come and go, but the relationships we build along the way and the changes that we make to become better people is where the real value lies in what we do. That's what Roger Steinbrecher was about and that is why I am proud and humbled to be a recipient of his award.

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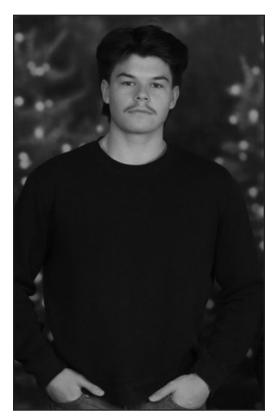
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#### **Tyler Cage**

High School: Chugiak High School

Parent(s)/Guardian(s): Brad Cage, Aprille Cage

Future Plans: I plan to attend college at Boise State University.

**Other Sports/Activities:** I play baseball for Chugiak Highschool and will be throwing in track and field this year.

**High School Accomplishments:** I am a four year starter for both basketball and baseball.

**People to Thank:** I would like to thank my dad for getting me into basketball at such a young age and always encouraging me to work hard.



#### Madden Cockroft

High School: Bethel Regional Highschool

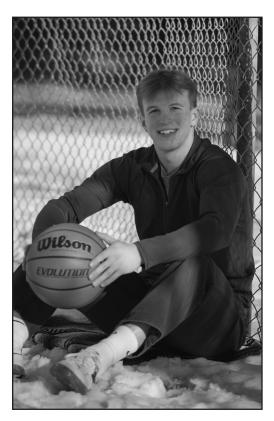
Parent(s)/Guardian(s): Calvin Cockroft and Jamie Evans

Future Plans: Attend UAF and study electrical engineering

Other Sports/Activities: Cross country and wrestling

**High School Accomplishments:** UA scholar, 160 regional wrestling champ, 3x cross country team region champ, 4 year starter, numerous all tourneys and MVPs

**People to Thank:** I would like to thank my teammates for always pushing me in practice, my coaches for teaching me the game of basketball, and my parents for being my biggest fan.



#### **Trey Demmert**

High School: Sitka High School

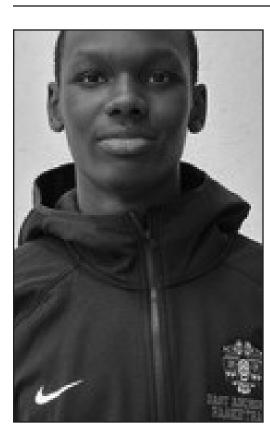
Parent(s)/Guardian(s): Emily & Casey Demmert

**Future Plans:** I will get a degree in business and would like to continue playing basketball in college. I haven't committed to any colleges yet, but I have been accepted into colleges here in Alaska and Washington.

Other Sports/Activities: I run Cross Country and Track & Field.

**High School Accomplishments:** I've been on varsity for all three of my sports all four years and maintained a 3.5+ GPA. I've gone to state every year for cross country and track, and last year in track my 4 x 800 meter team won state. I've been leading scorer the past two years on our basketball team. I won MVP in our home tournament and in the Valdez tournament this year and I've won all conference the past three years.

**People to Thank:** I would like to thank my parents and grandparents for always supporting me all my sports and my current basketball coach, Steve Compagno, for always pushing me on and off the court.



#### **Deng Deng**

High School: Bettye Davis East Anchorage High School

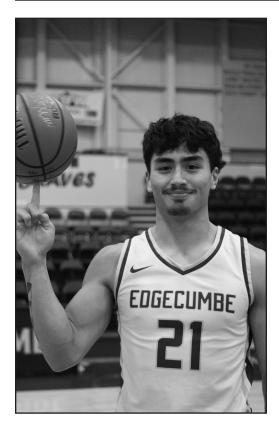
**Parent(s)/Guardian(s):** Mother- Nyanpal Deng Father- Marol Deng

Future Plans: Continue playing basketball at college

Other Sports/Activities: None

**High School Accomplishments:** Winning a state championship at east

**People to Thank:** I would like to thank both my parents and coach for



#### **RJ Didrickson**

High School: Mount Edgecumbe High School

Parent(s)/Guardian(s): Heather Mills, Levi Mills, Rich Didrickson

**Future Plans:** Obtain an Exercise Science degree and wrestle on the college level

**Other Sports/Activities:** 2x State Champion Wrestler, National Honor Society Member, Varsity Wrestling Captain, Varsity Basketball Captain

**High School Accomplishments:** Varsity Captain, All Tourney at State Tournament, All Conference, Eastern Conference MVP

**People to Thank:** I'd like to first thank God for allowing me to be in this position. Next, a huge thank you to my parents for never ending support and always believing in me. My Coaches this year, and Coach Archie Young in previous years, for giving me the opportunity to be apart of the team, making me a better player, person, and teammate, and always pushing me to become the best version of myself in everything I do.



#### **Caleb Doerr**

High School: South anchorage

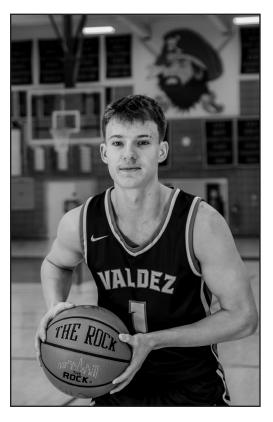
Parent(s)/Guardian(s): Linnzi Reilly

**Future Plans:** My future plan is to go to college on the west coast and to study business.

**Other Sports/Activities:** This year was my first year playing football for south and I really enjoyed it. The coaches and players made it enjoyable and worth playing.

**High School Accomplishments:** Some accomplishments of my Highschool career have been, 3 year varsity basketball player, maintained 3.5gpa, and many different tourney teams and player of the game.

**People to Thank:** I'd like to thank all the people and coaches that helped me get to this point in my life. Special thanks to my mother for always being there and buying me things I need and getting me to practice and games when I was younger. Also for always supporting me through my whole basketball career. I'd also like to thank Jamal Siah and Rylan Whilden for being my coaches throughout my Highschool career, thank you for believing in me and letting me be able to play the game I love at a high level.



#### **Jarrett Gage**

High School: Valdez High School

Parent(s)/Guardian(s): Dalon Gage, Wayne McKinzey

**Future Plans:** Attend a 4 year engineering or medical program at a west coast school.

Other Sports/Activities: N/A

**High School Accomplishments:** High Honor Role all 4 years, 2 year basketball captain, 2 year wrestling state qualifier.

**People to Thank:** Coach Cronk for providing me discipline and Mrs. Eisen for passing me in chemistry.



## Ethan Goodwin

High School: Barrow High School

Parent(s)/Guardian(s): Jeremy Goodwin

**Future Plans:** What I want to do after High School is, I want to go college for basketball or go trade school

Other Sports/Activities: Football

**High School Accomplishments:** I've been an honor roll student every year,

**People to Thank:** I would like to thank my dad for always being there for me, always supporting me, always pushing me to be my best, I would also like to thank all my coach's making me the player I am today,



## Finn Gregg

High School: Nome Beltz

Parent(s)/Guardian(s): Tracy and Jon Gregg

**Future Plans:** I will attend UAF starting this fall and will be playing basketball for Coach Ostanik. I plan on pursuing a degree in Civil Engineering.

**Other Sports/Activities:** I was also involved in Student Council, cross country, and national honor society during my four years at Nome Beltz.

**High School Accomplishments:** As of February 2025, I have won 3 regional championships, 2 3A state championships, and been named first team all state player twice.

**People to Thank:** I would like to thank my amazing parents Jon and Tracy for all their love and support in all different kinds of forms over the years. Thank you to my sister Sage for everything she does, and to all my family who takes the time every basketball season to watch my games, my uncle Kevin for always believing in me, and especially my grandparents Jerry and Cheryl. Another big thanks to Jake Stoops for all the belief, support, and dedication to my development. Finally I'd like to thank my great coaches, Patrick Callahan, Ryan Wharry, and Jon Gregg. Special thanks to all the teammates I've had over the years for all you guys have done for me.



#### Marek Hajdukovich

High School: A.J Dimond Highschool

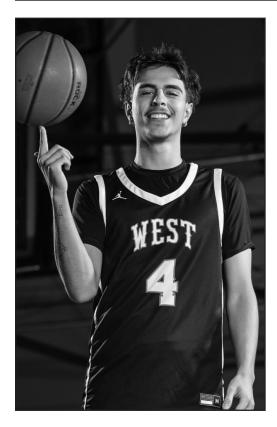
Parent(s)/Guardian(s): Jim,Michelle

**Future Plans:** Attend University of Alaska Anchorage to play for the Men's basketball team.

Other Sports/Activities: Soccer

**High School Accomplishments:** 3x All conference 1x Conferece Player of the year, 3x Dimond prep shootout all tourney, Ice Jam tourney MVP, 2x Region Champ, and 1000pt club

**People to Thank:** I would like to thank God for blessing me with the ability to play the beautiful game of basketball, my parents for their constant support, and my siblings for always pushing me to be better.



#### R. Bishop Hardman

High School: west anchorage

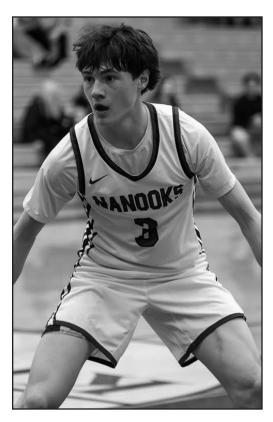
Parent(s)/Guardian(s): stan and erika hardman

**Future Plans:** i hope to go play college basketball and continue my education after highschool

Other Sports/Activities: none

High School Accomplishments: dont have any

**People to Thank:** my coaches my family and my friends for all pushing me to be my best self



#### **Orson Hoogendorn**

High School: Nome-Beltz

Parent(s)/Guardian(s): Bridie Trainor and Willie Hoogendorn

Future Plans: Attend UAA

**Other Sports/Activities:** Track and Field Cross Country NYO

High School Accomplishments: 2X State Champion

People to Thank: My Family and Community



### **Buob Marial**

High School: west anchorage

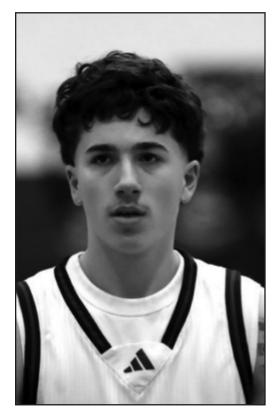
Parent(s)/Guardian(s): nyabuony khor

**Future Plans:** Future plans are to continue basketball and become an accountant.

Other Sports/Activities: Basketball

**High School Accomplishments:** To grow as young adult and take these High school life lessons into the the Adult Life.

**People to Thank:** Always have to thank god first n formost, My family, my coaches, and the people that actally made it far in hoop journey.



### Logan McCann

High School: Palmer High School

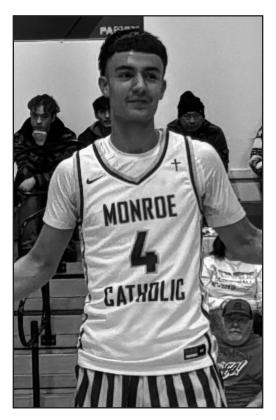
Parent(s)/Guardian(s): Dorothy Adler

Future Plans: Complete college in the lower 48

Other Sports/Activities: Golf

**High School Accomplishments:** 4.0 GPA and top 10 in my school's class

People to Thank: My mom and Coach Fullmer



# Jett McCullough

High School: Monroe Catholic

Parent(s)/Guardian(s): Jason McCullough. Brandi Arendell

**Future Plans:** I'm plan on attending college and pursuing a 4 year degree, playing college basketball, and graduating college before entering the workforce!

**Other Sports/Activities:** I also enjoy to play other sports but primarily I simply like to compete! Playing cards, darts, and video games are some of the things I like to compete at plus basketball obviously! Fishing, camping and water activities are also fun!

High School Accomplishments: I've been

**People to Thank:** I would like to thank my entire family that has supported me throughout my journey! All of my Coaches and Monroe Catholic for all their support. My Mom for always loving and supporting me and being at all my games. My Dad for coaching me and teaching me how to be a Man!



## **KJ Rogers**

High School: Hutchison High School

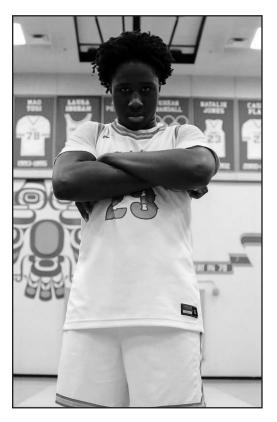
Parent(s)/Guardian(s): Kellie Rogers-Dixon Thomas Dixon

**Future Plans:** I hope to continue my basketball career playing at a college, or become and electrician start my apprenticeship and IBEW when I turn 18.

**Other Sports/Activities:** I also play football for west valley I was the starting varsity quarterback

**High School Accomplishments:** Being the best leader on my basketball and football team, and going to state 2/3 years playing basketball and being an all conference player my senior year.

**People to Thank:** I would like to that god first, my mom for being my number one supporter, and my coaches they've helped me grow as a basketball player and a man, and lastly I would like to thank Logan for always wanting to be in the gym with me late at nights and working hard im glad to have a brother like him



# **Muhammed Sabally**

High School: East Anchorage

Parent(s)/Guardian(s): Sarjo Sabally and Jonsaba Joof

**Future Plans:** My plans are to study kinesiology/sport management and to continue playing basketball in college

Other Sports/Activities: Football and special Olympics

**High School Accomplishments:** 2x State Champ, 2x Region Champ, 3x First team all state, Alaska Maxpreps Player of the Year, Cic Player of the Year and 4A State player of the year

**People to Thank:** I would like to thank my mom, dad, siblings and all my family who have been with me. I would like to thank Coach Mark, Coach Westlake, Coach Martin and all my other coaches who have been through this journey.



# Pedrin Saceda-Hurt

High School: Juneau-Douglas High School

Parent(s)/Guardian(s): Nickie Saceda-Hurt and Frank Hurt

**Future Plans:** My current future plan is to attend and graduate college, however, my plan is to major in Exercise Science to become an athletic trainer and help future athletes.

Other Sports/Activities: Basketball is my current sport.

**High School Accomplishments:** My high school accomplish were being inducted in the National Honor Society and a Region 5 champion with Thunder Mountain High School.

**People to Thank:** I would like to thank my parents, my grandma, and my coaches, Robert Casperson and John Blasco, for their help and guidance throughout my high school years.



## **Ridge Spencer**

High School: Colony high school

Parent(s)/Guardian(s): Maisie and Luke Spencer

Future Plans: I plan to go play football in college

**Other Sports/Activities:** I love hunting, fishing, dirt biking and playing football

**High School Accomplishments:** Being part of a great program for 4 years

**People to Thank:** My coach's for putting up with me and my parents for always supporting me



# **Donovan Standifer**

High School: Mt.Edgecumbe

Parent(s)/Guardian(s): Janelle Baker, Brad Stephan

**Future Plans:** My plan/goal is to play basketball at the collegiate level.

Other Sports/Activities: Wrestling, NYO

**High School Accomplishments:** Wrestling state champ 285Lbs, NYO Eskimo stick pull 1st

**People to Thank:** My coaches, Archie young, Andrew friske, Tony Haskins, zach Anderson, and my parents



## Marcus Stockhausen

High School: Ketchikan High School

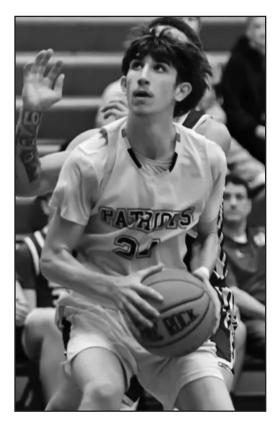
Parent(s)/Guardian(s): Eric and Sally Stockhausen

**Future Plans:** I plan on attending UAF. I will study to become a high school history teacher and a basketball coach.

**Other Sports/Activities:** I am Class President, Pep Club President, a member of Rotary Interact, National Honor Society, Service Committee, and a Class Act Mentor.

**High School Accomplishments:** I have scored 1000 points, 2024 2nd team All-State, 2024 All-conference, and numerous All-Tournament selections.

**People to Thank:** I would like to thank both my parents for always being there for me. They have both been with me every step of my life. I am blessed to have both of them as parents.



## Landon Swinning

High School: North Pole

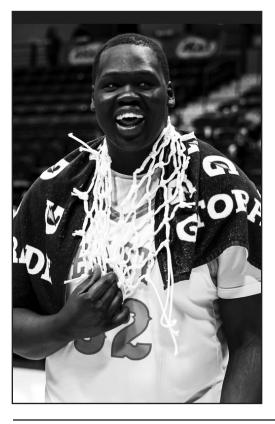
Parent(s)/Guardian(s): Mom- Shannon Swinning Dad- Bradley Swinning

**Future Plans:** After graduation I will take a year off to make money and get in the gym with a trainer to prepare to possibly play college basketball and if i decide i don't want to play college ball i will start working towards being a car mechanic.

**Other Sports/Activities:** summer league basketball with a team called northern lights

**High School Accomplishments:** Last season when our team got our first win against a 4a school in boys varsity basketball since 2011

**People to Thank:** My mom my dad amd my teammates for always being there for me no matter what i had going on inside and out side of basketball



# Jal Tharjiath

High School: East Anchorage high school

Parent(s)/Guardian(s): Bajek Deng and Nyaloang Nyuot

**Future Plans:** To hopefully play basketball at the next level and to become a athletic trainer

Other Sports/Activities: None

**High School Accomplishments:** Two region championships and two state championships

**People to Thank:** Family, friends, and coaches I've had over the years.



## **Tino Tucker**

High School: Valdez High School

Parent(s)/Guardian(s): Venessa Dawson

**Future Plans:** After I graduate high school I'm looking into an intermship with Hilcorp for the summer, and then I plan to join the Laborer's Union.

Other Sports/Activities: N/A

**High School Accomplishments:** Being a team captain this year, and winning all four years of our Regional Tournaments.

**People to Thank:** I would like to thank my mother Venessa, and my older brother Bryce.



## Logan Zadra

High School: Service High School

Parent(s)/Guardian(s): Steve and Tracy Zadra

**Future Plans:** My plan for the future is to continue playing basketball at the collegiate level, while working toward earning a degree in business management.

**Other Sports/Activities:** I am not currently involved in any sports/activities other then basketball.

**High School Accomplishments:** In high school, getting good grades and never failing classes was my top priority. It wasn't always easy, but I always tried my hardest. Another accomplishment was that I played all 4 years of basketball at the same school under 3 different coaches. This tought me how to be consistent and build relationships.

**People to Thank:** First off I would like to thank god for blessing me with the opportunity to play the sport that I love and keeping me healthy throughout my career. I also am incredibly grateful for my supportive parents, who have always believed in me and wanted the best for me. Finally, I'd like to thank the coaches and teammates I've had the privilage to play with, and they make me both a better person and player.

# **Game Notes**

#### 3A Boys AABC Tommy's Express Car Wash Alaska All State Team



3A 2025 Player of the Year: Finn Gregg, Nome 3A 2025 Coach of the Year: Steve Compagno, Sitka

**3A First Team:** Trey Demmert, Sitka RJ Didrickson, Mount Edgecumbe Alex Fruean, Barrow Finn Gregg, Nome Orson Hoogendorn, Nome **3A Second Team:** Cohen Booth, Nome Madden Cockroft, Bethel Jarrett Gage, Valdez Trey Johnson, Sitka Tino Tucker, Valdez

#### 3A Third Team:

Brady Bevard, Delta Bryce Calhoun, Sitka Donovan Standifer, Mount Edgecumbe Ayden Wesley, Kotzebue Noah Whitted, Houston

# After three state titles in four years, Nome senior caps career with player of the year honors

By Jeremiah Bartz | Frontiersman.com

The Nome Nanooks won the 3A boys state title during Finn Gregg's freshman year. Gregg carried the championship back home. The next season, the Nanooks finished second in the tourney. Gregg, then a sophomore, carried the second-place award with him on the trip back to Nome. Why?

Gregg didn't want to settle for second place at state again. And he didn't.

Gregg and the Nanooks won back-to-back state titles during his junior and senior seasons.

"He's super driven," Nome head coach Patrick Callahan said. "He has unwavering confidence that we can win every game we play"

After helping Nome earn consecutive titles, and three 3A championships in four years, Gregg has been named the Alaska Association of Basketball Coaches 3A Boys Player of the Year.

During a historic career at Nome, Gregg was a state champ three times, played in four title games, led his team to four region titles, earned first-team all-state honors three times and is now a player of the year.

Callahan called Gregg the most "hard-nosed player" he's coached during his 21 years with the program.

"He always wanted to go right after everyone," Callahan said. It didn't matter who the Nanooks were playing, Callahan said. And Nome enjoyed a ton of success with Gregg on the court.





The Nanooks were 88-15 during Gregg's four-year varsity career, and only lost one home game during that span, a defeat to 4A West Anchorage this year.

He also finishes his career third in program history in scoring (1,748 points), third in assists (420) and third in rebounding (607). The 6-foot-1 point guard averaged 17.3 points, 4.2 rebounds, 3.4 assists and 1.7 steals per game as a senior.

Callahan lauded Gregg's work ethic both on and off the court. Gregg is also a 4.0 student and will be Nome's Class of 2025 valedictorian in the spring. Callahan said Gregg works summer jobs in construction and at a local hardware store.

Next season, Gregg will continue his basketball career with Division II UAF, where he will also study civil engineering.

Callahan said he sees UAF as a great fit for Gregg. "I think it's going to be really good," Callahan said.

3A Boys Players of the Year:		
2024	Kellen Jedicka, Grace Christian	
2023	Sloan Lentfer, Grace Christian	
2022	Luke Lentfer, Grace Christian	
2021	Quinn McHenry, Monroe Catholic	
2021 2020	Jalen Freeman, Valdez	
2020		
2019 2018	Orlando Lozano, Anchorage Christian	
2018	Tobin Karlberg, Grace Christian	
2017	Tobin Karlberg, Grace Christian	
2016	Kamaka Hepa, Barrow	
2015	Levi Auble, Anchorage Christian	
2014	Scooter Bynum, Monroe Catholic	
2013	Gus Simmers, Anchorage Christian	
2012	Gus Simmers, Anchorage Christian	
2011	Christian Leckband, Nome	
2010	Jeremy Head, Nome	
2010 2009		
2009	Leif Karlberg, Grace Christian	
2008	Kyle Fossman , Haines	
2007	Cameron Severson, Petersburg	
2006	Lonnie Ridgeway, Heritage Christian	
2005	Jared Reando, Heritage Christian	
2004	Carl Arts, Valdez	
2003	Raymond Douville, Craig	
3A Boys Coaches of the Year:		
2024	Archie Young, Mount Edgecumbe	
2023	Jason Boerger, Grace Christian	
2022	Ted Vab Dusse, Houston	
2022		
2020	Frank Ostanik, Monroe Catholic	
	Al Plan, Seward	
2019	Todd Wegner, Valdez	
2018	Todd Wegner, Valdez	
2017	Frank Ostanik, Monroe Catholic	
2016	Reid Kornstad, Nikiski	
2015	Jason Boerger, Grace Christian	
2014 2013	Chuck Boerger, Grace Christian	
2013	Dave Cronk, Bethel	
2012	Chuck Boerger, Grace Christian	
2012	Frank Ostanik, Monroe Catholic	
2010		
	Jeremy Arnhart, Barrow	
2009	Patrick Callahan, Nome	
2008	Steve Fossman, Haines	
2007	Rick Brock, Petersburg	
2006	Brad Lauwers, Heritage Christian	
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2004	Todd Wegner, Valdez	
2003	James Carle, Craig	
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\*\* Before 2003, there was no separate award for 3A player or coach of the year.
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#### 4A First Team:

Deng Deng, East Anchorage Marek Hajdukovich, Dimond Jett McCullough, Monroe Catholic Muhammed Sabally, East Anchorage Marcus Stockhausen, Ketchikan

#### 4A Second Team:

Noah Kroon, Wasilla Buob Marial, West Jayden Miranda, West Valley Mylz Mongeau, Colony Bristol Tobin. Grace Christian

#### 4A Third Team:

Amelio Ambrosio, Dimond Robbie Arnett, Grace Christian Logan Rolston, Palmer Armani Smith, Monroe Catholic Logan Zandra, Service

#### East senior places himself among Thunderbirds greats

By Jeremiah Bartz | Frontiersman.com

4A Boys Players of the Year:		
2024	Muhammed Sabally, East	
2023	Stewart Erhart, West Valley	
2022	Stewart Erhart, West Valley	
2021	Patrick McMahon, Colony	
2020	Patrick McMahon, Colony	
2019	Sullivan Menard, Colony	
2018	Erik Kelly, Juneau	
2017	Moses Miller, East	
2016	Da'Zhon Wyche, West	
2010	Da'Zhon Wyche, West	
2013		
2014	Reece Robinson, Service	
	Adam Klie, Service	
2012	Connor Devine, Wasilla	
2011	Devon Bookert, West	
2010	Travis Thompson, Dimond	
2009	Colton Lauwers, Dimond	
2008	Kevin Winford, Bartlett	
2007	Jesse Bean, Wasilla	
2006	Ramon Harris, West	
2005	Mario Chalmers, Bartlett	
2004	Mario Chalmers, Bartlett	
2003	Mario Chalmers, Bartlett	
2002	Andrew Smith, Bartlett	
2001	Nick Billings, Kodiak	
2000	Brandon Edwards, East	
4A Boys Coaches of the Year:		
2024	John Blasco, Thunder Mountain	
2023	Chuck Martin, East Anchorage	
2023	Chuck Martin, East	
2022		
	Chuck Martin, East	
2020	Colton Growden, West Valley	
2019	Chuck Martin, East	
2018	Brad Lauwers, Dimond	
2017	Ryan Engebretsen, Wasilla	
2016	Robert Casperson, Juneau-Douglas	
2015	Eric Stockhausen, Ketchikan	
2014	Dave Andersen, Kodiak	
2013	Josh Muehlenkamp, East	
2012	Rob Golosich, Dimond	
2011	Tyler Moor, Service	
2010	Rob Galosich, Dimond	
2009	Matthew Johnson, Soldotna	
2008	Don Brooks, South	
2007	Jeff Bowker, Colony	
2006	Kevin Fullmer, Chugiak	
2005	Jeff Bowker, Colony	
2004	Chuck White, West	
2003	Ronnie Chalmers, Bartlett	
2002	Dan Eide, Valdez	
2001	Amy Rakers, Kodiak	
2000	Geno Morgan, East	
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It takes a lot to be included in the same conversation as an Alaska basketball legend such as Trajen Langdon. But that's exactly where East Anchorage senior Muhammed Sabally has placed himself. Like Langdon — a former East star who went on to play for Division I Duke and the NBA's Cleveland Cavaliers — Sabally helped lead the Thunderbirds to three straight 4A state titles. And now, again like Langdon, Sabally has multiple player of the year honors.

Sabally, a 6-foot-4 senior, has been named the Alaska Association of Basketball Coaches 4A Boys Player of the Year for the second straight season. "It compares with Trajan," East head coach Chuck

Martin said. In his four seasons at East, Sabally has been a part of four teams that reached the state championship game. He was the sixth man on the squad that finished as the runner-up in 2022, and as a starter, led the T-Birds to gold in the last three. Sabally was named second-team all-state as a sophomore, and the state player of the year as a junior and senior. Sabally was also recently named the Gatorade Alaska Boys Basketball Player of the Year.

"It's probably as good as anybody," Martin said of Sabally's East boys basketball career and place in Thunderbirds history. "It's storybook." Martin said Sabally has been the complete package.





"He's accomplished everything a high school player in Alaska could accomplish. Not only that, he's such a great kid, great leader for us. He's not only accomplished those things, but he has been such a joy to coach."

Martin and the T-Birds have asked a lot of Sabally during his four year career. Martin said he coached Sabally hard, but Sabally wanted to get better. Sabally was the first player off the bench as a freshman. During Sabally's final three years, he was probably the most dominant post player in the state, Martin said. But Sabally also played the point in two of those three years because of his skill set and the need of the team.

"We played him at practically every position," Martin said.

Martin said Sabally certainly has the potential for a bright future in college basketball, but needs to find a home that's a great fit.

"Obviously he's a really good player, but he's got a unique game," Martin said. "I think it's fit for him. I think it's fit for all kids, but particularly him."





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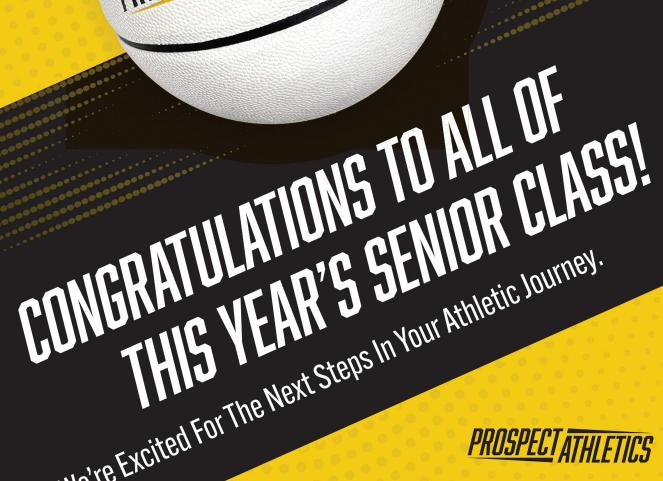
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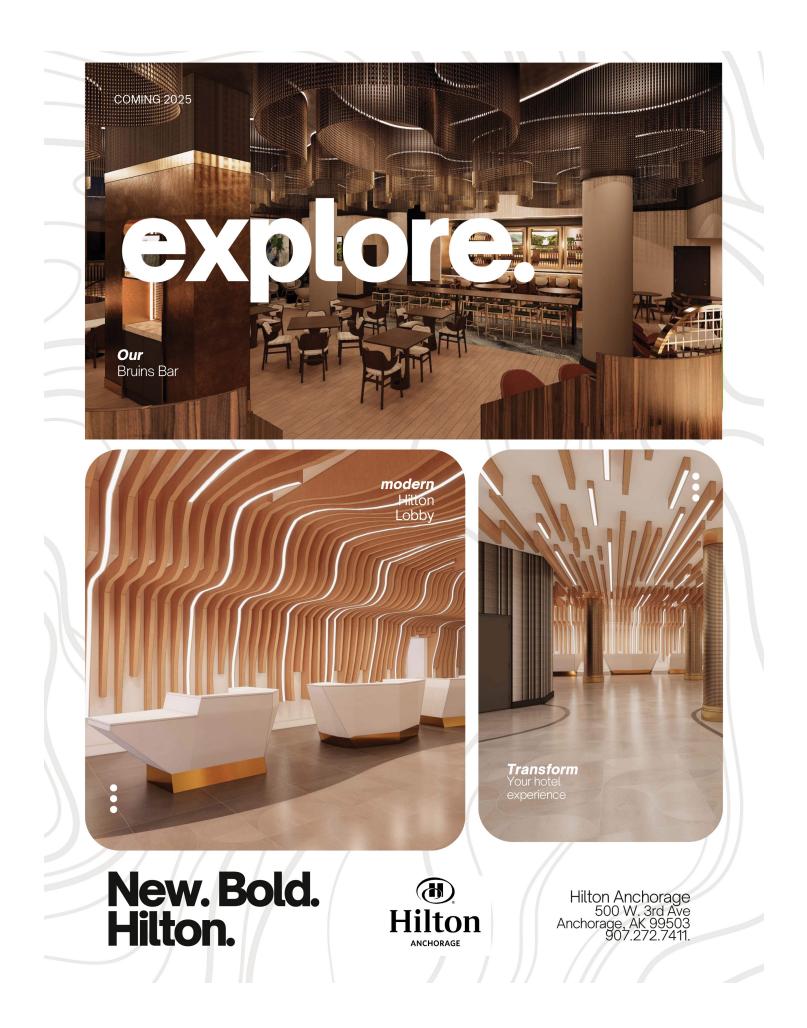


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