



CTSO ALASKA

Performance Based Assessment Conference

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Hello Local Advisors!

Seemingly only yesterday we were celebrating the New Year and looking ahead at our busy schedules and here we are already past the middle of February. Much has occurred and much more is on the agenda as time marches forward to conference.

By this time, all conference reservation systems have closed except for Skills which closes February 28. It is expected that all conference fees will be paid prior to arriving for conference, or you will arrive at conference with a check in hand. This allows us to pay our bills on time and for me to quickly finalize all my reports to the state for the grant. Thank you for this.

As I look at the registration numbers, we are excited once again to see an increase in our attendance as we anticipate more than 760 advisors and students! CTSO continues to grow as you help, and students recognize, the importance of career training in their educational journey.

There are several scholarships again this year that need to be addressed prior to conference. Please be sure to check out the Documents tab on our website, www.ctsoalaska.org/documents.html. Mat-Su college, Mat-Su Health Foundation, and Denali FCU all have scholarships that many of your students can apply for. But, some of the deadlines are fast approaching so help your students act soon on these opportunities.

I've attached several documents with instructions on helping to make your hotel and tour reservations and a general schedule for the three days of conference.

We again have a full slate of workshops this year, many repeats by popular demand, and several new offerings. In addition, after much work by our workshop committee members, we are very close to having several opportunities for tours at skill-related entities around the Anchorage area. We are starting small this year to see how things go, and if things go well we will hopefully expand our offerings next year. Here is the line-up at the moment:

Thursday Afternoon -
William Jack Hernandez Sport Fish Hatchery
KTUU
Alaska State Crime Lab

Friday later morning -
Alaska Railroad
Public Health Lab

We will have a busing expense for this which will be \$5 per person, with each tour limited to 20-25 participants. Registration is open at the following link until March 15.

Register for tours at the following link:

<https://www.registermychapter.com/ctso/ak>

Until then, have a great spring break and see you at conference!

Future Important Dates:

Scheduling our conference is always a challenge. We have to juggle spring breaks, sports, Easter, hotel venue availability, and National CTSO registration dates. We try our best but there will always be conflicts. As such, here are the tentative dates for the next two years:

Registration Dates:

Hotel Reservations January 10 - March 10

Skills registration February 1 - 28

State Conference March 23 - 25

2017-2018 Conference Mar 22 - 24

These dates may be adjusted and additional dates may be announced for special events.