# Alaska Christian College

New Hope Counseling Center

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#### Our Vision

o The Vision of Alaska
Christian College is to be the
premier college of choice for
Alaska Native students so
that our graduates follow
and serve Christ within the
Church and larger society.

# Opened doors with first class of 22 on Sept. 16, 2001, five days after 9/11



## A short history- THEN

- o Purchased Ballard property on 10.5 acres with 8,400 sq. ft. admin bldg. from CPCS and an indoor pool!
- o Opened with 22 students from four states, 7 ethnic groups, 80% Alaska Native background with 16 self supporting faculty and staff
- o A one year, non-accredited, Bible college for Native young people

# A short history- NOW

- o 27.5 acres owned with 16 buildings built in part by volunteer labor each summer
- o Added two 36 bed dorms, three cabins, 3 apt. buildings, New Hope Counseling Center, Peninsula Conference Center, small chapel classroom building, shop, and car garage

# State of the art classroom building with science lab, computer lab, large classroom



#### A short history- NOW cont.

- o 55 full, part time, volunteer and self supported staff and faculty
- o 670 students have attended here and at KPC in 17 classes from 75 villages in Alaska
- o General budget has grown from \$500,000 to \$2,900,000

#### Continued-NOW

- o Earned Accredited status by the Association for Biblical Higher Education and approved by the US DOE
- o Began New Hope Counseling Center in 2003 to address the needs of Alaska's native students attending ACC
- o Opened NHCC to community clients in 2006; over 3200 client hours last year

#### ACC OFFERS:



- o Residential community living with 74 on campus and 7 commuters
  - O Our mission is to empower Alaska Natives through biblically-based higher education and Christian formation to pursue excellence in character, learning, and service as followers of Christ.

#### WHAT WE OFFER- Cont.

- o Transitional training and education to prepare them for a four year college and possibly return to Bush Alaska
- o Life skills and training to be successful in life/society
- o A personalized approach to education with academic support systems in place

#### What we are NOT:

- o A four year college, but a two year
- o An online college
- A place where anyone can teach: our classes are taught by master's and doctoral degreed professors
- A college only for Alaska's natives;
   we invite all who wish to join us in this unique college experience
- o A cult at the end of Royal Place

## The new home of New Hope Counseling Center 2009 built by volunteers



# New Hope Counseling Center

- o Offers free services to the students of ACC, reduced rates for alumni living in the area, and for other Alaska Native students
- o Offers fee-for-service to any community members who wish to receive professional licensed counseling in a faith based environment- EAP and insurance approved

# The Peninsula Conference Center at Alaska Christian College



#### Peninsula Conference Center OFFERS

- o Housing accommodations May to September
- o Full service cabins, dormitory, and apartment style housing
- o 200 seat conference room and 150 seat dining options
- o Room rentals, catering, and full conference services

### Part of your community:

Good neighbor commitment:

Alaska Christian College wishes to serve the greater Soldotna/Kenai community by offering its <u>facilities</u>, <u>staff</u>, and <u>students</u> to assist in bringing a better life to all who live here.

# Our latest project: Taikuu Residence Hall-34 additional beds



## VISION 2020-100 students



# Questions?

# Class of 2005

