

## **Alaska Association of Student Government Spring Conference April 18<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>**

From April 18th through the 21st, we hosted the biannual Alaska Association of Student Government (AASG) Spring Conference. Over 200+ students from across the state joined us for four days filled with resolutions, tours, cultural workshops, sledding, and more. We heard nothing but positive comments from our visitors, as well as our guests who came to our opening ceremony. As a student who has been going to AASG since my start of high school, but also as a student who has been representing our region as the Region 1 Representative, I could not be prouder of Region 1's turnout at this conference. We've typically had the smallest numbers, but this conference we had the largest turnout. Not only were we a large group, but every delegate in Region 1 was actively participating in the conference, with our delegates constantly going up to the mics for debate on resolutions. We had two resolutions from Region 1 at this conference, with one being written by Barrow High School freshman Qiḷaavsuk Vadiveloo. Qiḷaavsuk's resolution won the resolution of the conference award! Qiḷaavsuk also won Delegate of the Region. Jayden Lampe, a junior from Utqiagvik was chosen as the AASG Executive Board Parliamentarian. We had representation from every village in the North Slope at this conference, with all our North Slope delegates being active participants, both in the fun activities and the debate. An honorary mention goes to Nuiqsut senior Austin Bennett, he didn't bring a placard to AASG, so he created one last minute with his drum. His placard was recognized as the best placard at this conference.

Ultimately, we had an amazing conference, and I could not be more grateful for our school district's support, we could not have done this without all your help. I would also like to give a huge thank you to everyone who supported that conference: the North Slope Borough, CAS, ASRC, BUECI, Iḷisaḡvik College, City of Utqiagvik, City of Wainwright, UIC, Rotary and ConocoPhillips and BP. I am forever grateful to have had a part in hosting AASG in Utqiagvik.