

THRIVE Grant and Counseling

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Counseling

We had a great week with **Leslie Scranton** on POW visiting schools and connecting with students and staff. She has compiled a slide deck outlining the year of her services. If anyone is interested in seeing it, please let me know.

Graduation is coming soon and seniors everywhere are working hard to keep things going and finish strong. It is exciting to see our kids grow up and launch into their next steps.

THRIVE Grant

We were able to offer choice to our students on **Post-Secondary Exploration** opportunities this year. SISD, Klawock, and Juneau students participated in these explorations that were funded by the THRIVE and REWARD grants.

The first exploration visited the University of Alaska Fairbanks, the University of Alaska Anchorage, and Alaska Pacific University. A big thank you to Laura Anania for chaperoning the two SISD students who went on that trip.

The second exploration visited the University of Washington, Western Washington University, Northwest Indian College, Bellingham Technical Institute, and South Seattle College. Seven SISD, one Klawock, and three Juneau students participated in this exploration that was chaperoned by Patrick Trischman, Michelle Phelps from Juneau, and myself.

We are gearing up for our first REAL **PHlight Club** since the beginning of COVID! Thorne Bay School will host the event in the gym on May 6 & 7. Currently we have 25 SISD students (more applications will come in today), 24 Klawock students, 4 Juneau students, and about 10 adults. The event will be facilitated by Dante' Huffine and myself.

The THRIVE grant (and other POW grants) will be offering two **resilient educator professional development opportunities** in June. The first is Resilient Educators: Back to the Future - K-12 Educators! Re-fuel your Resilience!, hosted in Anchorage on June 10 & 11. The second is The Educator's Confluence 2022: Are you a K-12 educator feeling a little Inside-Out? hosted in Missoula, Montana on June 14 & 15. I'm excited to say we have people from SISD, Klawock City School District, Hydaburg City School District and Craig City School District attending these trainings. We'd love to see school board members at these events. If you are interested in attending, please let me know.

In partnership with Klawock City School District and Brightways Learning, we successfully submitted three new grant applications. The first two were submitted by Klawock City School District:

- **SOAR** - the SOAR is a career and technical education grant that would provide opportunities for POW students to pursue certifications while still in high school
- **SELECT II** - the SELECT II grant would continue PHlight Camp events for youth and adults, educator and community member professional development, and culturally responsive training and activities.

The third grant was submitted by SISD:

- **Succeed** - the Succeed grant would continue PHlight Club events for youth and adults, educator and community member professional development, post-secondary explorations, dual credit/credit recovery courses, and a partnership with the University of Alaska Southeast. Keep your fingers crossed that we are awarded some, or all, of these grants.

