

**Student Summit: Inclusion
Kodiak High School
April 3-5, 2003**

This event is the result of a collaborative effort between Special Olympics Alaska, the Alaska Department of Education and Early Development, Alaska Association of Student Governments, and Kodiak High School.

The objective of the student summit is to bring students with and without mental disabilities together to discuss inclusion in Alaskan schools. More than 15 high schools will be represented, 8 of which will bring teams of 3 (teacher, student with, and student without disability) to Kodiak High School (KHS) one day prior to the Alaska Association of Student Governments (AASG) conference. On Thursday April 3, we will gather to discuss and identify strategies for high school students to play an active role in including students of all abilities in their schools (and communities). Our goal by the end of the day is to have a *Call to Action* to present to AASG General Assembly stating our commitment and plan to be leaders in the inclusion movement.

The teams of three will then join their high school student government delegations and participate in the exceptional leadership conference that KHS has put together. On Saturday, April 5, a Forum will be held at which time the *Call to Action* will be presented to student government members and advisors. The *Call to Action* will also be sent to many other education and disability related organizations and agencies.

Below are the subgroup topics we will be discussing. Students on the committee will facilitate these groups. We will also have adults participating in areas related to the “adult perspective”, school administration, and experience. While we know the students’ ideas will be good ones, we want to make sure they are realistic, achievable, and designed for evaluation and success.

1. **Inclusion in rural areas of Alaska**
2. **Inclusion in elementary and middle schools**
3. **Making a difference through education and communication**
4. **Providing opportunities for students with mental disabilities in sports**

Summit Committee Student Members:

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Amy Canavan (Kodiak High School)
Alison Horn (Kodiak High School)
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Laura Newman (Chugiak High School)
Jessica Walsh (Bartlett High School)

Adults:

Kim Saunders (Northstar Elementary, AASG, Kodiak)
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Schools Participating:

Barrow	Service (Anchorage)
Bristol Bay	Wasilla
East (Anchorage)	West (Anchorage)
Kodiak	West Valley (Fairbanks)