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The Alaska Commission Postsecondary Education partners for Iditarod 52

Wasilla, Alaska – The Iditarod announced today that the Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education (ACPE) will be a partner for the 2024 world-famous Iditarod, with support from the University of Alaska, the Alaska Department of Education & Early Development, and the Alaska Department of Labor & Workforce Development. ACPE provides education and career funding solutions. These solutions bring awareness and access to education and career training programs for Alaskans to pursue after high school. A better-educated workforce provides a stronger Alaska economy, benefitting all Alaskans.

“We are thrilled to see this partnership come together between these organizations and the Iditarod. Just as the Iditarod spans many miles across Alaska, so too does the reach and impact of FAFSA completion. With the inspirational spirit of the Iditarod, we believe this partnership will inspire Alaska’s students to move forward with their education and career goals by taking that first step to complete the FAFSA which opens the door for funding opportunities,” says Sana Efird, Executive Director, Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education.

“As the Iditarod is synonymous with community, ingenuity, and self-improvement ACPE’s mission is not only inspiring but also extremely consistent with our ethos. Just as the Iditarod is life changing, ACPE’s support can be highly transformative and we are thrilled to be able to help generate awareness for educational funding opportunities in general and specifically for the FAFSA program,” says Rob Urbach, CEO of the Iditarod.

The Ceremonial Start of the Iditarod will take place at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 2, in downtown Anchorage and ACPE will be there to share more information with Iditarod Fans. Race-goers are encouraged to come and support the sponsors, the history, culture and the teams on their journey to Nome.

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About Alaska Commission Postsecondary Education

The Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education (ACPE) - funded by the Alaska Student Loan Corporation (ASLC) - provides education and career funding solutions. The Commission provides education planning tools and resources, advocacy and support for postsecondary



participation in Alaska, financial aid for college and career training, education consumer protection through institutional authorization and complaint investigation. To learn more about Alaska FAFSA Completion and ACPE visit: acpe.alaska.gov/AlaskaFAFSACompletion and acpe.alaska.gov

About the Iditarod

The Iditarod Trail Committee is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization whose mission is to preserve the rich tradition of the Alaska sled dog and the Iditarod Trail. The organization is charged with coordinating the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race, an annual long-distance sled dog race stretching from Anchorage to Nome for an approximate 1,000-mile journey through Alaska over the roughest, most breathtaking terrain in the world. For more information, visit www.iditarod.com.

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