



## **Ilisaġvik College recognized by Achieving the Dream as a 2024 Leader College**

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Ilisaġvik College is pleased to announce that it has been designated a Leader College by Achieving the Dream (ATD), a national nonprofit dedicated to advancing community colleges as hubs of equity and economic mobility in their communities.

Ilisaġvik College President, Justina Wilhelm said, “Ilisaġvik College appreciates our longstanding partnership with Achieving the Dream. Through this partnership, we have increased our support for students and our overall student retention. This increase in student success helps us build and support a trained workforce through mentoring, training, and education.”

Leader Colleges play an important role in accelerating the adoption of effective practices within the ATD Network and across higher education. They are recognized for the quality of their work in whole-college reform, resulting in increased completion rates for all students. Leader Colleges develop innovative ways to work with other colleges to share knowledge and facilitate an exchange of ideas about evidence-based reform strategies.

Ilisaġvik College is part of the ATD Network, made up of 300+ colleges committed to advancing equity and supporting student success at their institutions and throughout their communities. Ilisaġvik College has been a member of the ATD Network since 2017.

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### **About Achieving the DREAM**

Achieving the Dream (ATD) is a partner and champion of more than 300 community colleges across the country. Drawing on expert coaches, groundbreaking programs, and national peer network, the organization provides institutions with integrated, tailored support for every aspect of their work — from foundational capacities such as leadership, data, and equity to intentional strategies for supporting students holistically, building K–12 partnerships, and more. ATD calls this Whole College Transformation. Its vision is for every college to be a catalyst for equitable, antiracist, and economically vibrant communities. ATD knows that with the right partner and the right approach, colleges can drive access, completion rates, and employment outcomes — so that all students can access life-changing learning that propels them into community-changing careers. Follow ATD on [X \(Twitter\)](#), [Facebook](#), and [LinkedIn](#). To learn more, visit the Achieving the Dream (ATD) website: [www.achievingthedream.org](http://www.achievingthedream.org).

### **About Ilisaġvik College**

Located in the northernmost point of Alaska, Ilisaġvik College is an accredited Tribal College that provides quality post-secondary academic, career and technical education in a learning environment that perpetuates and strengthens Iñupiat culture, language, values and traditions. Ilisaġvik College is a public, non-profit organization. If you wish to donate to Ilisaġvik, your donation is tax deductible. To donate, visit <https://www.ilisagvik.edu/give/>.