



DEANNA BLACKBURN

CO-PROGRAM DIRECTOR & CURATOR

Deanna Blackburn was born and raised in the beautiful state of Alaska. Most of her childhood was spent in Anchorage until her parents decided to move to Fairbanks, AK. She moved to Fairbanks with her family during her freshman year of high school where she attended Lathrop High School. Throughout high school she would often work as an after-school tutor. After high school graduation she attended the University of Alaska Fairbanks where she earned her Bachelor of Business Administration: Management and her Bachelor of Arts in Foreign Languages (BA). Upon graduation she accepted a position in Anchorage, AK as a College and Career Guide (CCG) with the Alaska Commission of Postsecondary Education. As a CCG her role was to increase student access to postsecondary education and support students in solidifying their postsecondary plans. This meant meeting with students and/or parents, developing/hosting workshops, communicating with coaches/recruiters, and ensuring that students had necessary information. Ms. Blackburn also served as a program specialist and a program manager for the Educational Opportunity Center (EOC) at the University of Alaska Anchorage (UAA). She was responsible for assisting individuals with the admission and financial aid process wherever he or she desired to attend. In 2014 Ms. Blackburn relocated to Fairbanks, AK where she works as a federal employee. During her time in Fairbanks, she was blessed to open a state licensed child development center at her church for children aged 3-5 years old. She enjoys helping others, is a firm advocate for youth and education, and a devout Christian. She is currently serving a two-year term on the Fairbanks North Star Borough School Board as a diversity board member.

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