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NEWS RELEASE KPBSD Wednesday Inspiration: Megan Mazurek, Class Of 2005



There's something satisfying with meeting daily deadlines and starting fresh the next day," says Ms. Megan Mazurek, Kenai Peninsula Borough School District graduate, Class of 2005, Nikiski Middle-High School, and KTVA 11 News Anchor in Anchorage, Alaska.

Only 150 miles by road, and 20 minutes by plane from where she attended school at <u>Nikiski North Star</u> <u>Elementary</u> and <u>Nikiski Middle-High School</u>, Megan Mazurek is now a familiar face in households when she brings us the evening news at 5:00, 6:00, and 10:00 PM Monday through Friday, on the CBS Affiliate news station in Anchorage. Mazurek is proud to share stories about people making a difference and challenging news coverage. She explains, "Every day is different. It's filled with new stories, new people and new challenging coverage. I get to meet with new people who are helping make a difference in our community. At the end of every day I have proof of all the hard work our team has put together in a broadcast."

As a young girl, she was active in dance, which became a building block into her now very public role as a television news anchor with a camera trained on her to broadcast body language and every word

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Asked what advice she would give to her younger self or a K-12 student from her 2018 perspective, she said, "What you may be interested in now will not necessarily be what you make into a career later; however it will teach you valuable lessons in other ways! I was very involved in dance growing up, and though I didn't go on to teach, I used what I learned about being in front of an audience as a building block to working in front of a camera."

Megan does not only report about people who make a difference in our communities, she is involved and makes a difference too. When asked what issue or organization grabs her heart of care and concern, she replies, "I'm actively involved with the Abused Women's Aid In Crisis shelter (<u>AWAIC</u>) in Anchorage. It provides a safe place for women, children and sometimes men when they are in a dangerous situation or may not have anywhere else to go. This year I did my first Sleep Out with the <u>Covenant House of Alaska</u>, which offers a safe place and resources for homeless and trafficked youth. I helped to raise \$1 million, a record amount for the annual Sleep Out Champion event!"

Connect with KPBSD graduate Megan Mazurek every evening on KTVA, or through social media:

- facebook.com/MeganMazurekKTVA
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Jacob Doth, one of her teachers said, "Dance was her life in high school. Her talent matched her determination and you can see that her hard working, never give up attitude is continuing to aid in her blessed life!"

KPBSD celebrates Ms. Mazurek who is proof positive of the KPBSD mission to empower all learners to positively shape their futures.

Do you have a story tip about a KPBSD graduate to profile in our Wednesday Inspiration? Kindly email Pegge Erkeneff at communications@KPBSD.org.

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