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Alaska Military Youth Academy at Muldoon Job Center April 2

JUNEAU, Alaska—The Alaska Military Youth Academy will be processing accepted applicants at the Muldoon Job Center in Anchorage on Tuesday, April 2 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. AMYA staff will also be available to talk with prospective students and their parents.

The National Guard AMYA offers students the opportunity to complete high school or GED. Spring classes begin in April and fall classes begin in October.

"Our mission is to help at-risk youth graduate with the values, skills, education and selfdiscipline they need to succeed as adults," said Deborah Morton, AMYA recruiting, placement and mentoring supervisor. "More than 80 percent of our graduates join the workforce, the military or continue their education."

Students who attend the academy average an increase of one-and-one-half grade during each five-and-a-half month residential school programs.

The academy has graduated almost 4,000 students who focus on eight core components: academic excellence, physical fitness, job skills, community service, health and hygiene, responsible citizenship, leadership and followership and life coping skills.

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