We are so honored to host the 34th annual statewide First Alaskans Institute Elders & Youth Conference. Our 2017 theme is “Part Land, Part Water – Always Native.” and speaks to how our identity as indigenous peoples is informed by our deep connection to our lands and waters, no matter where we live, and recognizes how Alaska has always been – and always will be – a Native place. The theme was crafted using the thoughtful ideas of our 2017 Statewide Elders & Youth Council, FAI staff and other members of the community.

Looking back 34 years, we started with 54 youth and Elders who attended the first Conference. Today, we anticipate more than 1,200 attendees who will gather to increase cultural knowledge-sharing through celebration of our Native peoples, communities, and ways of being. Together we will strengthen our abilities to be good relatives to one another and to our homelands by connecting youth and Elder participants, other experienced leaders, and special guests to strengthen our voices as advocates for our peoples.

The Conference is filled with interactive, hands-on cultural workshop sessions to not only help in the transference of this critical knowledge and skills, but also for connecting us to our Ancestors’ ways of knowing as we move into interactive workshops that touch on the issues that shape our communities. We utilize the Qasgig and Ena Houses (Men’s and Women’s Houses) to honor our peoples’ rites of passage - for connecting, healing, and learning. From weaving and working on hides to health, wellness and safety, from making drums and beading to leadership and education, from singing and dancing to land, law, and policy, and from languages to cultural strength, resiliency, and advocacy, we will be inspired to utilize our peoples ways of knowing to find solutions to the challenges of our time.

Quyanaqpak, Gunalchéesh, Haw.aa to all who make the Conference a success! It takes a tremendous team of partners, sponsors, volunteers, presenters and culture bearers to make it successful, as well as the unending support of our Trustees and our tireless Staff. Thank you so much for all you do and for being with us.

Willie Iġġiagruk Hensley (Iñupiaq)
Board Chair

Elizabeth Medicine Crow (Haida/Tlingit)
President/CEO
Clare Swan (Dena’ina Athabascan)
Elder Clare Swan of the Kenaitze Indian Tribe was born and raised on the Kenai Peninsula. She has long worked to preserve and protect the Native fishing rights of the Kenaitze. Clare spent two decades immersed in research and litigation, culminating in the Kenaitze Indian Tribe receiving state regulations and rights on the eve of open fishing in June 1989. Clare also worked to establish the Cook Inlet Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse. She was the former Chair of the Kenaitze Indian Tribe, and was instrumental in establishing the Dena’ina Health Clinic and youth and community agricultural programs. She served on the Board of Directors for CIRI and Cook Inlet Tribal Council (CITC). In 2009, Clare was honored with the Alaska Federation of Natives (AFN) President’s Award for Elder of the Year, and she was inducted into the Alaska Women’s Hall of Fame in 2011. CIRI presented her with the 2013 Shareholder of the Year Award for over 40 years of community work. This year, she was honored by CITC with the naming of the Clare Swan Early Head Start Child Care Center.

Chris Agragiiq Apassingok (Siberian Yupik)
Youth Chris Agragiiq Apassingok is from Gambell, a village located on St. Lawrence Island. At 16 years old, he loves hunting, whaling and practices Siberian Yupik language every day. Chris is a student at Gambell School and loves playing basketball. Chris’ parents are Susan and Daniel Apassingok. His paternal grandparents are Anders and late Luceen Apassingok, and maternal grandparents are Mike and Debbie Apatiki. Chris’ grandfathers were successful whaling captains in their time. His father, Daniel, landed three whales with Chris serving as a striker and co-captain. Chris started hunting seals with his father as a toddler, and by the age of five he was on his dad’s crew for walrus hunting and whaling. Chris struck and killed a whale at the age of 11 and struck another at the age of 16. In addition to whale and walrus, Chris hunts seals, birds, polar bear and reindeer. He brings food to his Elders and has great respect for them. In 2016, he received the “Young Providers Award” by BSNC for contributing to the health and well-being of his community.
# AGENDA - SUNDAY & MONDAY

## Sunday, October 15, 2017

1:30-5:00 PM  Conference Pre-Registration

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<td>Welcome, Orientation and Agreements</td>
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<td>Men’s House &amp; Women’s House</td>
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<td>4:00-5:00</td>
<td>Regional Break Outs – Meet people from your region and discuss issues of importance</td>
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<td>5:15-7:00</td>
<td>(Optional) Welcome Dinner – A casual buffet meal to celebrate the conference, hosted at First Alaskans Institute, located at 606 E Street, Suite 200, a block from the Dena’ina Center. <em>Space is limited; first come, first served.</em></td>
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## Monday, October 16, 2017

7:30 AM  Onsite Registration opens at Dena’ina Center

8:00  Arts & Opps Showcase opens in the Idlughet Exhibit Hall (1st floor) - A unique showcase of education, training, career and business opportunities, combined with artist booths

### Statewide Broadcast begins at 8:30 AM on GCI Channel 1, HD 907, and online at www.firstalaskans.org

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<td>Welcome Message by Native Village of Eklutna Chief, Lee Stephan (Dena’ina Athabascan)</td>
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<td>Posting of the Colors – Alaska Native Veterans Society</td>
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<td>Welcome from First Alaskans Institute and Conference Overview</td>
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<td>Special Guest Speakers: Governor Bill Walker &amp; Lieutenant Governor Byron Mallott</td>
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<td>Leadership Dialogue Hosted by Invited Youth with the Governor &amp; Lt. Governor</td>
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<td>Native Civic Engagement and Advocacy - Grace Singh, Native Peoples Action</td>
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<td>Lunch - On your own</td>
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<td>Special Lunchtime Broadcast – Anna’s Alaska: Off the Eaten Path - Tikahtnu, 3rd floor</td>
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<td>Optional: Ilisagvik College Lunch &amp; Learn - Idlughet front</td>
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<td>Door Prize Drawing - Tikahtnu, 3rd floor</td>
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<td>Recess for the day</td>
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<td>Tryouts for ‘Alaska Natives Got Talent’ (*see next page) - Tikahtnu, 3rd floor</td>
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AGENDA - TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY

Monday, October 16, 2017, continued
7:00-9:30 PM  **Chin’an: A Night of Cultural Celebration** featuring the beautiful talents of our Native peoples from across the state! This evening features Native dance groups, as well as Native performers in our own version of ‘Alaska Natives Got Talent!’ Tickets are $5 at Registration or at the door. See page 14 for more information.

*Interested in trying out as a performer? Meet at the plenary stage in Tikahtnu, 3rd floor, at 5:30 pm Monday. All registered participants, volunteers, presenters, and special guests may try out; priority for performance goes to youth and Elders. Only age appropriate content allowed.*

Tuesday, October 17, 2017
8:00 AM  Onsite Registration Begins
4:00  Arts & Opps Showcase opens in the Idlughet Exhibit Hall (1st floor)
     A unique showcase of education, training, career and business opportunities, combined with artist booths
8:30  Welcome Back / Door Prize Drawing - Tikahtnu, 3rd floor; Live TV Broadcast/Webcast Begins
     Ahtna Heritage Dancers
9:10  Yuuyaraq: Perspectives of being a Good Human Being (Mark John and Lorraine Masterman - Calista Education & Culture, Inc.)
9:25  Elder Keynote Address – Clare Swan (Dena’ina Athabascan)
10:00  Plenary Dialogue
10:30  Regional Breakouts: Gather with others from your region, discussion issues, and elect your representatives to the 2018 Statewide Elders & Youth Council (see page 10 for rooms)
12:00 PM  Lunch - On your own
     Special Lunchtime Broadcast – A Focus On: Culture Camp Power! - Tikahtnu, 3rd floor
     Optional: University of Alaska Southeast Lunch & Learn - Idlughet front
1:00  Door Prize Drawing
     Acilquq Dance Group
1:35  Cultural Inspiration (Lauren Johnson - Chugach Heritage Foundation & Amy Modig - RurAL CAP)
1:45  Release for Workshops
2:00-3:30  Living & Loving Our Cultures Workshop Session 2 (see page 8)
3:45-5:15  Conference Workshop Session 2 (see page 9)
5:15  Recess for the day
6:30-9:30  Teen Dance - A Special Concert, featuring **A TRIBE CALLED RED** - Idlughet (1st floor)
     Chaperones must accompany youth who attend this event. This event is only open to registered participants, special volunteers, workshop presenters and other invited guests.

Wednesday, October 18, 2017
8:30 AM  Ciuliam’ta Traditional Drummers and Dancers
9:00  Men’s and Women’s Houses - *Go to the House you are most comfortable in*
11:00  Closing Ceremony/Voting on Resolutions
     Introduction of the 2018 Statewide Elders & Youth Council Announcements
     **Grand Door Prize Drawing**
12:00 PM  Adjourn for the year
     **SEE YOU AT THE 2018 FIRST ALASKANS INSTITUTE ELDERS & YOUTH CONFERENCE IN ANCHORAGE!**
## WORKSHOP DESCRIPTIONS

**Living & Loving Our Cultures Workshops, Session 1**  
**Monday, October 16 from 2:00 to 3:30 PM**

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<td>Let’s Dance! (UAF Rural Student Services - Minnie Naylor, Gabrielle Russell)</td>
<td>Participants will engage in an interactive dance activity while grounding self in culture.</td>
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<td>Moose Hide Tanning (Melissa Shaginoff)</td>
<td>Learn how to prepare a moose-hide.</td>
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<td>Iñupiaq Language Circle (Mellisa Heflin and Cordelia Kellie)</td>
<td>Participants will be immersed in the Iñupiaq language.</td>
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<td>Salmon Filleting and Preparation (Melanie Brown and Gayla Hoseth)</td>
<td>Learn how to fillet a salmon while learning ways of life and efforts to conserve fish habitat. Limited to 50 participants.</td>
<td>Idlughet 2</td>
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<td>Weaving Red and Yellow Cedar Bracelets (Della Cheney)</td>
<td>Learn how to weave a red or yellow cedar bracelet.</td>
<td>Idlughet Front</td>
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<td>Gwich’in Fiddling and Jigging (Evon Peter)</td>
<td>Learn how to fiddle and jig while learning the history of the old time fiddle style.</td>
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<td>Kuspuk/Atikłuk Making (Maija Lukin)</td>
<td>Participants will sew and make a kuspuk/atikłuk. First come, first served. Limited to 20 participants, must participate both days.</td>
<td>Tubughnenq’ 3</td>
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<td>Seal Skin Bracelet &amp; Athabascan Beading (Darlene Trigg and Angela Gonzalez)</td>
<td>Participants will engage in making seal skin bracelets and Athabascan beaded bracelets.</td>
<td>Tubughnenq’ 4</td>
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<td>Tlingit &amp; Haida Language Circle (Tlingit - Gloria Wolfe and Haida - Linda Schrack)</td>
<td>Participants will be immersed in the Tlingit &amp; Haida language.</td>
<td>Tubughnenq’ 5</td>
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<td>Drum Making (Beckie Etukeok)</td>
<td>Participants will learn how to make a contemporary Yup’ik drum. First come, first served. Limited to 40 participants.</td>
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<td>Village Café: Tobacco in my Community - A conversation between Elders and youth and Tobacco is not our Culture - Youth Voice in Tobacco Prevention (Alaska Native Epidemiology Center - Kristen Mitchell &amp; RurAL CAP - Anna McGovern)</td>
<td>Participants will engage in World Café dialogue for an opportunity to share perspectives and stories on ways to be tobacco free.</td>
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<td>Leadership for Results: Mobilizing Beyond Trauma (Arctic Winds Healing Winds - Elsie Boudreau)</td>
<td>Participants will engage in healthy, interactive conversation to move beyond historical trauma.</td>
<td>Idlughet back</td>
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<td>We Breathe Again Film Showing &amp; Discussion (Evon Peter)</td>
<td>Watch We Breathe Again film, a story about four Alaska Native who hope to free themselves from cycles of trauma.</td>
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<td>Elders &amp; Youth Resolution and Advocacy (First Alaskans Institute Staff/Invited Guests)</td>
<td>Draft 2017 Elders &amp; Youth resolutions and learn how to advocate for your community.</td>
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<td>Managing Lands for Generations to Come (U.S. Department of the Interior - Crystal Leonetti, Maija Lukin, Adrienne Fleek and John Lincoln)</td>
<td>Engage in dialogue to share how DOI can be inclusive while hearing how Land Managers are incorporating Indigenous values and views into their workplace.</td>
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<td>Alaska Native Youth Advocating for Our Lands, Waters (Alaska Youth for Environmental Action - Waylon Ulroan, Tyroan Rediske and Allison Barnwell)</td>
<td>Hear from youth advocating at the legislative level and how others might be inspired to do the same.</td>
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<td>Perpetuating Our Connection to the Land and Sea (Kenaitze Indian Tribe - Joel Isaak)</td>
<td>Share educational insights and experience to provide direct feedback to State legislators through a Native perspective.</td>
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<td>Young Media Makers (Koahnic Broadcast Corporation - Jaclyn Sallee, Antonia Gonzales and James Dommek, Jr.)</td>
<td>Hands-on media training while gaining the opportunity to learn new techniques and mentorship through an Indigenous lens.</td>
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<td>How to Start a Youth Council (Qikiqtarvik Iñupiaq Youth Council - Elizabeth Ferguson)</td>
<td>Learn how to create a youth council while hearing an inspiring story of how youth developed their own council.</td>
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<td>Taking Care of our Animals by Stewarding our Lands and Water (Alaska Wilderness League - Karla Brollier, Gwich’in Steering Committee - Bernadette Demientieff)</td>
<td>Learn how to protect our Arctic animals, specifically caribou.</td>
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<td>Listen to Alaska Native Tlingit stories.</td>
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<td>Healing through Storytelling (Alaska Native Media Group - Vera Starbard)</td>
<td>Participants will engage in sharing their stories through art and various ways of communication.</td>
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<td>Identifying Students Leadership Strengths - Plaster Mask making Project (Project GRAD Kenai Peninsula - Jennifer Freeman and Bonnie Pierce)</td>
<td>Create individual personal plaster masks while engaging in conversation of leadership qualities and strengths.</td>
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<td>North Slope Cultural Documentaries (Arctic Slope Regional Corporation - Patuk Glenn)</td>
<td>Participants will be exposed to cultural documentaries while interactively discussing specific issues.</td>
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<td>Yup’ik Language Circle (Alice Hess)</td>
<td>Participants will be immersed in the Yup’ik language.</td>
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<td>Dena’ina Athabascan/Gwich’in Language Circle (Dena’ina Athabascan - Marilyn Balluta &amp; Gwich’in Athabascan Language - Allan Hayton)</td>
<td>Participants will be immersed in the Dena’ina language and Gwich’in language.</td>
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<td>Kuspuk/Atikłuk Making (Maija Lukin)</td>
<td>Participants will sew and make a kuspuk/aklik. Participants from previous day only.</td>
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<td>Unangax &amp; Sugpiaq Language Circle (Unangax - Crystal Dushkin &amp; Sugpiaq - Alyssa Madrid)</td>
<td>Participants will be immersed in the Unangax &amp; Sugpiaq language.</td>
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<td>Participants will engage in an interactive board game that takes one through generational experiences to help one work toward wellness.</td>
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<td><strong>College Prep Session (Holly Guise, BBNC Education Foundation - Aleshea Towns-Bain, The CIRI Foundation - Susan Anderson and Kyla Morris and Office of Special Trustee for American Indians-Alaska - Tammy Buffone)</strong></td>
<td>Participants will get insight on how to be college ready while learning how to manage a basic budget.</td>
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<td><strong>Wellness through Policy: How can we ensure our organizations align with our way of life? (Norton Sound Health Corporation - Darlene Trigg)</strong></td>
<td>Participants will learn how to create policies within their workplace to contribute to their wellness.</td>
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<td><strong>Making a Difference in the Lives of At-Risk Alaska Native Youth (Covenant House Alaska - Julie Fate-Sullivan)</strong></td>
<td>Participants will contribute to raising awareness for Covenant House stakeholders while sharing ways to volunteer.</td>
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<td><strong>Lived Experience with Suicide Prevention (American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, Alaska Chapter – James Biela)</strong></td>
<td>Engage in an open conversation with Elders and youth and how to use cultural values as ways to identify warning signs.</td>
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<td><strong>Native GIFS: Social Media Tools &amp; Language Revitalization (Doyon Foundation - Allan Hayton, Nathaniel Feemster, and Diloola Erickson)</strong></td>
<td>Participants will learn and create GIF’s while inspiring others to use social media as a way for language revitalization.</td>
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<td><strong>The Power of Story (Haa Jooni Productions - Meda DeWitt)</strong></td>
<td>Participants will learn how to create digital stories while having healthy discussion on traditional healing.</td>
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<td><strong>Gwinzii Gwarandaii: Living Good, Practicing and Protecting Our Way of Life (UAF, CRCD, Tribal Management Program - Rhonda Pitka, Jessica Black, and Carrie Stevens)</strong></td>
<td>Participants will engage in dialogue to determine challenges while focusing on solutions to take action.</td>
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<td><strong>We’re Still Here (Association of Alaska School Boards - Konrad Frank)</strong></td>
<td>Share ideas by engaging in an interactive dialogue focused on Culturally Embedded Social and Emotional Learning.</td>
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<td><strong>Our Arctic Waters: Past, Present, and Future (Caleb Pungowiyi Scholars Program - Chandre Szafran)</strong></td>
<td>Participants will explore their relationship to the land while sharing conversation through dialogue to affirm stewardship of the land and waters.</td>
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Regional Breakouts

Breakout Sessions: Tuesday, October 17, 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Copper River Basin
The Aleutian Chain & Pribilofs
North Slope
Norton Sound
Bristol Bay
YK Delta
Prince William Sound
Southcentral
Interior
Kodiak Island
Northwest Arctic
Southeast

Tikahtnu A (left corner, nearest stage)
Tubughnenq’ 4
Idlughe’t back
Kahtnu 1
Idlughe’t front
Idlughe’t 2
Tikahtnu B (right corner, nearest stage)
Tikahtnu D (left corner, nearest exit)
Kahtnu 2
Tubughnenq’ 5
Tubughnenq’ 3
Tikahtnu C (right corner, nearest exit)

2017 Emcees: Benjamin Anderson-Agimuk and Miciana Hutcherson

Benjamin Anderson-Agimuk
(Yup’ik)

Miciana Hutcherson
(Lingit)

2017 Emcees: Benjamin Anderson-Agimuk and Miciana Hutcherson

Nemqerralriaruunga. Tununermiunguunga, Cev’armuinguungallu. Aanaka Marr’aq, Tununermiinguuq. Aataka Kass’auguq. Ben is a 24-year-old Yuk living in Bethel, learning and growing. He grew up in Chevak, Bethel and Anchorage, and also lived in Tununak and Napakiak. He studied Political Science at UAF, where he made many friends on campus including with the Inu-Yupiaq Dance Group, Native Student Union and student senate. He loves our natural world, where he can gather, hunt, fish, hike, run and share his experiences with friends. He also loves to read and write poetry, carve and craft art and tools, cook, and take part in the practices of his Yup’ik heritage, as well as his Yup’ik Orthodox faith. His favorite foods are whitefish akutaq, his mom’s fry bread experiments, bowhead maktak from his Iñupiaq friends, Koyukon potlatch moose stew, and his homemade tacos. Ben currently works as a legislative aide in the office of Representative Zach Fansler.

Miciana Hutcherson is Lingit from Juneau, Alaska. She is from the Raven Dogsalmon clan from Angoon. She recently served as the Emerging Leader for Tlingit & Haida Central Council’s Executive Board for the year 2016-2017. She earned her bachelor’s degree from Haskell Indian Nations University where she studied Indigenous and American Indian Studies. She was a reporter for the Haskell News and Indian Leader. She is currently working on a second degree through Arizona State University in the Film Studies program. She produces YouTube videos called “The Mission”, which aims to educate Indigenous youth on their rights and history in North America. She started a photo series called “Native Wonder Women” where she focuses on the strength of Native women within our community and combines that with the comic book interpretation of Wonder Woman. She is an artist, author, motivational speaker, and entrepreneur with her major focus being on youth empowerment in Native communities, by any means necessary.
2017 ELDERS & YOUTH COUNCIL

Aleutian Chain & Pribilofs
Trevor Schliebe, Youth Rep.
Marie Schliebe, Elder Rep.

Bristol Bay
Letishia Walcott, Youth Rep.
Sophie Walcott, Elder Rep.
L. Ruby Murphy, Elder Alt. Rep.

Copper River Basin
John Frank, Youth Rep.
Christopher Gene, Elder Rep.
Nate Blake, Youth Alt. Rep.

Interior
Shondiin Mayo, Youth Rep.
Harold David, Sr., Elder Rep.

Kodiak Island
Alyssa Madrid, Youth Rep.
Samantha Heglin, Youth Alt. Rep.

North Slope
Isaiah McKenzie, Youth Rep.
In’uli Toupelook, Youth Alt. Rep.

Norton Sound
Sierra Tucker, Youth Rep.

Northwest Arctic
Justin Booth, Youth Rep.
Virginia Commak, Elder Rep.
Mary Schaeffer, Elder Alt. Rep.

Prince Williams Sound
Kyler Johnson, Youth Rep.
Pat Norman, Elder Rep.
Patrick Selanoff, Sr., Elder Alt. Rep.

Southcentral
Tatiana Ticknor, Youth Rep.
Phyllis Bookey, Elder Rep.
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Regional Breakout Sessions  
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**Second Floor**

Workshops  
Regional Breakout Sessions

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**Third Floor**

Registration  
Elder Registration  
Main Convening of Presentations  
Regional Breakout Sessions  
Workshops
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**CHIN’AN: A NIGHT OF CULTURAL CELEBRATION**

Monday, October 16, 2017
7-9:30 p.m., doors open at 6:30 p.m.

**Tentative Schedule**

7 p.m.  
Alaska Native Cultural Charter School Yup’ik Choir  
Special Guest/Performance  
Ahtna Heritage Dancers  
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Special Guest/Performance  
Ciuliam’ta Traditional Drummers and Dancers

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