38th Annual Statewide Elders & Youth Conference

ahnuu dAXunhyuu
AXAkihya’ iLka’ GAdAqeeLinuu

“Side by side in the same direction the people go by canoe.”

October 17-20, 2021
In the unceded virtual space of our Alaska Native peoples
2021 Statewide Elders & Youth Council

AULETIAN CHAIN & PRIBILOFS
Youth: Britteny Lestenkof & Charlotte Rotherford
Elders: Patricia Lekanoff Gregory & Moses Dirks

BRISTOL BAY
Youth: Samuel Hiratsuka & Ariana Wassillie
Elders: Atiyuk Kari Brookover & Robyn Chaney

AHTNA
Youth: Kambriya Ewan & Jalene Voyles
Elders: Christopher Gene & Nora David

INTERIOR
Youth: Clair Ketzler and Ariella Edwards
Elder: Dee Olin

KODIAK ISLAND
Youth: Nicholai Berestoff & Ezra Sholl
Elder: June Pardue

NORTH SLOPE
Youth: Kaylie Lane & Krissia Tuzroyluk

NORTHEAST ARCTIC
Youth: Chad Horner & Brennen Johnson
Elders: Elsie Sampson & Virginia Commack

NORTON SOUND
Youth: Alexis Rexford & Sara Bioff
Elders: BettyAnn Hoogendorn & Alice Atuk

PRINCE WILLIAMS SOUND
Youth: Amber Totemoff, Dasia Gall, Kiley Burton & Alice Graves
Elder: Angela Butler

SOUTHEAST
Youth: Raven Sheakley & Monique Clevenger
Elders: Leona Santiago & Theo Bayou

YUKON KUSKOKWIM DELTA
Youth: Glen Schnieder & Ana Joe
Elders: Lillian Johnson & Ickley Charles

See page 12 for Regional Breakout Sessions and for info on serving on our 2022 Statewide Elders & Youth Council!
Now more than ever we want to ensure that our Elders and youth are the center of our attention. After almost two years of a grueling pandemic, we need this precious time to hear what is going on in their lives and communities, exchange knowledge and practices of our peoples, build strong relationships, and celebrate the brilliance and wisdom of our Elders and our youth. The theme of the 38th Annual Statewide Elders & Youth Conference is “ahnuu dAXunhyuu AXAkihya’ iLka’ GAdAqeeLinuu” (Eyak) and translates to “side by side in the same direction, the people go by canoe.” This reminds us we must continue to pull together so we can move forward in a good way as an empowering example of breaking the reins of colonization by Indigenizing all aspects of life and forever practicing the ways of our peoples.

We hope you are ready to jump into our virtual canoe and paddle through the network of space that technology is providing for us! There are over 100 speakers that have volunteered to share their time, knowledge, and energy throughout our gathering. You’ll hear dynamic and inspiring stories throughout the plenary sessions that will discuss our traditional foods, supporting our LGBTQAI2S+ relatives, the history and future of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, knowledge of our Elders, and the goals of our youth. You’ll have the opportunity to choose from 10 Language Circles, 12 Living & Loving Our Cultures Workshops, 24 Community Engagement Workshops, over 10 Community Hall Vendors, and 3 Healing Houses to visit in and learn from.

AwA’ahdah (thank you in Eyak) Ancestors for bringing us all together during this time. As we paddle forward we cannot forget the people that came before us and the places that we have been, but we must look forward to continued advancement in protecting our ways of life, the continuation of knowing, living and loving who we are, and the strengthening of being good relatives.

Iġġiagruk Willie Hensley (Inupiaq)  
Board Chair

La quen náay Elizabeth  
Medicine Crow (Haida/Lingít)  
President/CEO

Gatgyedm Hana’ax Karla Booth  
(Ts’mysen)  
Indigenous Leadership Continuum Director

First Alaskans Institute utilizes a diversity of people and organizations to deliver this unique conference. Inclusion may not mean endorsement of the presenters or organizations they may be engaged with. Rather, they are offered to engage the wisdom, knowledge, world view, and consciousness of our amazing participants. We thank all who work alongside of us to create this content and experience for our participants.
KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Elder • Ruth Booth (Ts’mysen)

Ruth Booth (Ts’mysen) is an 82-year-old mother, grandmother, and great grandmother of the community of Metlakatla. She was born in Lax Kw’alaams, British Columbia and later moved to Metlakatla after her arranged marriage with the late Mel Booth. Their marriage lasted 53 years. Prior to the building of the road system, they took care of the water plant for over 40 years, and had to hike to test the water. Ruth helped raise many children and is affectionately known as everyone’s grandmother. She is renowned for her ability to make traditional medicines and for working on fish. For over fifty years fishermen have brought her their catch to process and split. She is health-conscious, always looking out for family members, and found ways to reduce salt in her recipes. In fact, her ½ smoke recipe does not include any salt. She generously gifts her processed salmon to family and shares at gatherings. When showing her family how to cut fish, she can’t resist taking over because it feels so good. Ruth’s granddaughter Ruth Constantine says, “There’s no stopping her from any harvesting. She quit smoking fish about 10 times, but still finds herself back in the smokehouse.”

Youth • Iqitailnguq Oliver Tyrrell (Yup’ik/Iñupiaq)

Iqitailnguq Oliver Tyrrell is a sophomore at Mt. Edgecumbe High School. His Yup’ik name means the smart and wise one. He is a 15-year-old female to transgender male. Iqitailnguq is a high school wrestler, basketball player, and active in the Mt. Edgecumbe High School Student Council. He was born in Fairbanks with family from Emmonak. After his father Jake Tyrrell died, Iqitailnguq and his mother, Emily Edenshaw, moved from Fairbanks to Anchorage. Emily is Oliver’s biggest supporter and role model. Oliver loves listening to stories of his people. His goals are to help the Alaska Native and LGBTQIA2S+ community by supporting their mental health, and says, “There is so much unresolved trauma in our Native community and getting mental and emotional help can be so hard to reach out for.” Iqitailnguq is an active member of the 2021 Statewide Elders & Youth Council as a Representative for the Southcentral region and has been the successful champion of two resolutions that passed through Elders & Youth and AFN.

TUNE INTO THE STATEWIDE BROADCAST

The public can join us on the statewide broadcast on October 17 from 1-5 pm, October 18 from 8 am-6:30 pm, October 19 from 8 am-5:30 pm and October 20 from 8 am-2 pm through the following mediums:

- TV: 360TV & ARCS
- Website: www.firstalaskans.org
- FAI YouTube: www.youtube.com/channel/UC9xZPCO25QmkkNmH0q_cOpw
- FAI Facebook: www.facebook.com/FirstAlaskansInstitute
- Elders & Youth Conference Whova App (must be registered)
Aciniq Duncan Okitkun (Yup’ik)

Duncan Aciniq Okitkun is from Kotlik and resides in St. Mary’s. His parents are Marvin Okitkun of Kotlik and Stephanie Dukes of Stebbins. His paternal grandparents are Benedict and Louise Okitkun and maternal grandparents are Herbert and Minnie Aluska. Aciniq was raised in traditional ways of living and loves hunting, fishing, Yup’ik dancing, drum making, carving, and spending time with loved ones. In the past, he served on the Statewide Elders & Youth Council as Representative for the Yukon Kuskokwim Delta. He started college at University of Alaska Fairbanks and hopes to become a Yup’ik language teacher in his hometown. He is currently a Yup’ik Boys Skills Instructor at the St. Mary’s school where he teaches craft and tool making and is also an Arctic Youth Ambassador for 2020-2021.

Averie Wells (Ts’msyen/Iñupiaq/Yup’ik)

Averie Wells was born and raised in Anchorage. Her parents are Karla Weise and Clinton Wells, and her maternal grandparents are Eileen and John Weise with roots in Bethel and Metlakatla. Her paternal grandparents are Rhoda and Harold Wells with roots in Kotzebue. Averie is a junior majoring in Political Science at the University of Alaska Anchorage. She enjoys being outside and engaging in political conversations. She loves her family dog, Stevie, who has been a source of strength during this pandemic. Averie strengthened her advocacy voice though the FAI Public Policy Fellowship and Summer Internship Program. In the past she also served as a Statewide Elders & Youth Council Representative for the Southcentral region. Averie hopes to be a lawyer and travel the world.

AwA’ahdah (thank you in Eyak) to Dustin Unignaḵ Newman (Unangaḵ/ Deg Hit’an) for creating this beautiful and inspiring logo that brings our theme to life! Unignaḵ is an artist, a kayak builder, storyteller and dancer with the Anchorage Unangaḵ Dancers. He was also one of last year’s Elders & Youth Conference Guide.

“When we pull together in the canoe and we follow the knowledge set by our Elders and our Ancestors our people will continue to thrive and adapt. A representative of our regions and cultures are paddling together in an Eyak cottonwood canoe. The animals represent our Elders and Ancestors knowledge that we follow.”
- Dustin Unignaḵ Newman (Unangaḵ/Deg Hit’an)
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17 • AGENDA

1:00 Welcome to Warming of the Hands – Gatgyedm Hana’ax (Ts’msyen) & Ayyu (Iñupiaq)
Blessing – Garrett Swenson (Eyak)
Land Acknowledgement
Recognition of ANCSA @ 50 – ‘Wáahlaal Gíidaak (Haida/Lingít/Ahtna) & Khaakhootee (Lingít/Haida)
1:10 Opening Performance – Crystal Dushkin & Family (Unangax̂)
1:30 Coffeetime with Language Healers - Shiggoap Alfie Price (Ts’msyen/Haida/Lingít) & Neelaatughaa Anna Clock (Koyukon/Eyak)
Tarruq Pete & Agnik Polly Schaeffer (Iñupiaq) from Qikiktagruk
Helen Dick with Liq’a yes Joel Isaac (Dena’ina) from Qeghnilen & Kahtnu
Kaanák Ruth Demmert (Lingít) from Kéex’ Kwáan
4:15 Regional Breakouts – ‘Wáahlaal Gíidaak & Khaakhootee
5:00 Whova Overview, Announcements, Reflections, Closing Song - Egeghaghmii (Siberian Yupik)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 18 • AGENDA

7:30 Dawn Prayers - Jackie Tagaban (Lingit), Laurie Cropley (Lingit), Heather Walker (Deg Xit’an), Zeif Parish (Lingit), Evelyn Williams (Iñupiaq), & George Holly (Deg Xit’an)
8:30 Welcome from Conference Guides - Averie Wells (Ts’msyen/Yup’ik/Iñupiaq) & Aciniq Duncan Okitkun (Yup’ik)
Land Acknowledgement and Blessing
Recognition of ANCSA @ 50 – ‘Wáahlaal Gíidaak & Khaakhootee
8:40 Agreements – Lot’oydaatlno (Koyukon), Henayee (Koyukon), Ch’aak’ti (Lingít)
8:55 Honor Song for Our Warriors/Veterans - Naunraq Andrew John (Yup’ik)
9:10 Welcome from the First Alaskans Board of Trustees & Staff
Recognition of Sponsors
9:30 Whova & Conference Overview – Gatgyedm Hana’ax & Misrak (Iñupiaq)
9:40 Theme Introduction & Learning – Gatgyedm Hana’ax, Ayyu, Garrett Swenson (Eyak) & Jake Swenson (Eyak)
9:50 Discussion of Theme with Special Guests the Eyak Language Panel – Jenna May (Eyak), Judy Ramos (Eyak), Garrett and Jake Swenson (Eyak) & Guilleme Liduey
10:20 Elder Keynote by Ruth Booth (Ts’msyen)
10:50 Reflections of Elder Keynote by Youth Council Members – Danielle Mills (Dena’ina), Ezra Sholl (Alutiiq) & Kiley Burton (Koyukon/Eyak/Inuit)
11:30 STEM’d From My Ancestors – Maliaq Kairaiuak (Yup’ik/Athabascan)
11:45 Natives Got Talent
12:00 Lunch & Learns - Stay here for Option 1, see agenda in Whova for others

• **Option 1:** ANCSA @ 50 Lunch & Learn - Blood Quantum: Inclusion or Exclusion? Survival or Extinction? – Kaaháni Rosita Worl (Lingít)
• **Option 2:** Get Out the Native Vote – Tabetha Toloff (Athabascan) & Nikki Graham (Yup’ik)
• **Option 3:** Community Strategies to Help Everyone Age in a Good Way – Jordan Lewis (Unangaś) & Steffi Kim
• **Option 4:** MMIP: One is Too Many – Michael Livingston (Unangaś)
• **Option 5:** Furthering Your Education Throughout Alaska Campuses – Dannielle Carlson (Aleut/Unangan), Johanna Belleque (Yup’ik) & other campus representatives
1:00 **ANCSA @ 50 Keynote by First Alaskans Institute Chairman, Iggiagruk Willie Hensley (Iñupiaq)**
1:45 Dialogue with Iggiagruk & Young Leaders - Samuel Hiratsuka (Unangaś/Winnemem Wintu/Navajo) & Aak’wTa Shaa Miciana Hutcherson (Lingít)
2:15 Living & Loving Our Cultures (LLOC) Language Circles - See agenda in Whova
3:45 Community Engagement (CE) Workshops - See agenda in Whova
5:15 Chin’an Introduction & Closing Comments
5:30 Chin’an & Natives Got Talent Videos from Past Conferences
6:30 Agide dixu (“That’s good” said when done speaking in Dogidinh)
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LUNCH & LEARN • SESSIONS

Monday, October 18 • 12:00 to 1:00 pm

**ANCSA @ 50 Lunch & Learn - Blood Quantum: Inclusion or Exclusion? Survival or Extinction?**
Kaaháni Rosita Worl (Lingít)

**Get Out The Native Vote (GOTNV) • Tabetha Toloff (Athabascan), Nikki Graham (Yup’ik)**
Come learn about the vision and mission for Get Out The Native Vote, as well as their 2025 Strategic Plan. Learn how they identify, encourage, and develop pathways for potential leaders. Attendees will explore and discuss, "Leadership development as a multi-generational approach to support the advancement of Alaska Native people who have the desire to work in government and leadership positions."

**Community Strategies to Help Everyone Age in a Good Way • Jordan P. Lewis (Unangaš), Steffi Kim**
This workshop will offer a sharing platform for communities to learn how different aspects of aging are experienced and how to best support their Elders. The presenters will describe how community members learn to age well and which strategies may be provided by communities to facilitate aging well. This knowledge comes from collaborative work done with successfully aging Alaska Native Elders from various tribal communities.

**Unangaš MMIP MMIW: One is Too Many • Michael Livingston (Unangaš)**
People think that missing and murdered Indigenous Persons in the Aleutian and Pribilof Islands is not a problem. Yet our research indicates in the 62 years since Alaska became a State, there have been 61 Unangaš homicides, almost one a year. In addition, our research indicates that from 1745 to 2020, there have been thousands of Unangaš homicides, possibly more than in other regions. We propose several models to possibly increase awareness including additional research in each of the 12 regions, data analysis, and training as well as publicly honoring homicide victims.

**Furthering Your Education Throughout Alaska Campuses**
Johanna Belleque (Yup’ik), Dannielle Carlson (Aleut/Unangaš)
Learn how the University of Alaska Southeast, University of Alaska Anchorage, and Alaska Pacific University are supporting Alaska Native and rural students today through scholarships, programs (online and on campus), resources, housing, campus life, and more. Also learn tips on how to navigate your first year of university life and ask questions.

LIVING & LOVING OUR CULTURES LANGUAGE • SESSIONS

Monday, October 18 • 2:15 to 3:45 pm

**dAXunhyuuga’ ~ The Words of the People: Eyak Language Circle • Jenna May (Eyak) - Broadcasted**
Explore the history of, “Becoming Visible: Eyak Language Revitalization.” Then engage in an Eyak language lesson to learn how to say: I am..., I am from..., I am the daughter/son of, grand-daughter/son of...., My children are...My people are.... This session will be led by the grand-daughter of Tanakama, Jenna May (Eyak).

**Camai! Alutiiq Language Circle • Natalia Schneider (Alutiiq)**
Practice Alutiiq phrases and songs, also ask questions that will help get everyone more knowledgeable about our language and culture.

**Denaakk’e Language Circle**
Kk’oleyo Dewey Hoffman (Koyukon), Teisha Simmons (Koyukon), Kimberly Nicholas, Deloole’aanhn Erickson (Koyukon)
Learn to make an introduction speech, and helpful comments and phrases. Our goal is to support a fun and safe space to try out and practice our beautiful sounds of our language. We hope to utilize knowledge from our Elders and youth, together with online tools and resources.
LIVING & LOVING OUR CULTURES LANGUAGE • SESSIONS

Monday, October 18 • 2:15 to 3:45 pm

Dena’ina Language Circle • Jennifer Williams (Dena’ina), Andrea Ivanoff (Dena’ina)
Yagheli du? Come explore the Dena’ina language by learning some basic words and phrases.

Haida Language - Personal Introductions • K’únh Xil Háana Emily Edenshaw-Chafin (Haida)
Celebrate our Haida language by creating your own personal Haida introduction. All learning levels are welcome!

Healing Umatiğaa (My Heart): Seward Peninsula Iñupiaq Dialect
Richard Atuk (Iñupiaq), Ayayarak Shannon Hawkins (Iñupiaq), Saniguq Jessica Ulrich (Iñupiaq), Heidi Senungetuk (Iñupiaq), Azugua Angela Bordenelli (Iñupiaq), Debbie Atuk (Iñupiaq), Rose Fosdick (Iñupiaq), Alice Atuk (Iñupiaq), Linda Sloan
As an Iñupiaq language group, we have learned that we must provide space for our Elders to share their experiences of being forbidden to speak Iñupiaq before we can ask them to help us learn. We would like to speak to the importance of acknowledging this intergenerational grief and discuss ways to process these emotions so that language learning continues to occur. We will then provide some basic language learning activities and facilitate discussion that gets people talking about how Iñupiaq language learning and speaking heals our hearts.

Set’sin Tux Dhitdon: Deg Xinag Language Circle • George Holly (Deg Xinag)
Practice your own Deg Xinag introduction, then hear a traditional Raven story and learn about a current song project.

Suvat! North Slope Iñupiaq Language Circle • Maktuayaq Heflin (Iñupiaq)
Aarigaa, it’s time to speak and use our language! Learn the basics and share your knowledge, all levels are welcome.

There is AYN excuse to AKADI learn SM’ALGYAX! • Se’iga Liimii Da Ts’m Ksyen (Ts’msyen)
La gwelga lak! Come warm by the fire! Hear about all the amazing opportunities to learn Sm’algyax in the Zoom world and see the efforts learners are taking to teach Sm’algyax by engaging in Sm’algyax lessons! All learners welcomed! Lgwisguun! It’s fun!

Unangam Tunuu
Darling Anderson (Unangaĸ), Chaqudakuchaxĸ Nikkita Shellikoff (Unangaĸ), Qagidaĸ Moses Dirks (Unangaĸ)
In this presentation, we will go over how we have been teaching Unangam tunuu through the pandemic virtually. Participants will be led through a lesson in introductions, a song, and additional information about the dialects and other resources for learning the language.

Wooch.een yei jigaxhtóonei haa yóo xh’átaangi khá haa kustiyee! Working together in our language and our way of life! • Marsha Hotch (Lingít), Fred White (Lingít), Nae Brown (Lingít), Victoria Johnson (Lingít), Delfine Decker (Lingít), Lyle James (Lingít)
Our language and way of life starts the healing of our generations by working together. Join us as we explore and practice our Lingít language and formline design.

Here are some virtual Zoom backgrounds! Photos are from the FAI team with the logo. Feel free to download, use and share! https://firstalaskans.org/leadership-development/elders-youth-conference/2021-elders-youth-conference/4045-2/
Fish Skin Tanning • June Pardue (Alutiiq/Iñupiaq)
Watch a demonstration of tanning fish skin with tea! Provide your own supplies and follow along if you’d like. You’ll need: salmon or trout skin, 1 tablespoon Non-iodized salt, 1 gallon glass or plastic container, tablespoon, stir stick or wooden spoon, 16 black tea bags (Lipton, Red Rose, or green tea will work), rubber gloves, liquid dish soap, cold water, stapler with staples, vegetable oil or bacon grease, cutting board or board to staple skins onto.

For the love of our Alaska Native peoples and communities: Building on cultural strengths to prevent suicide in Alaska
Jessica Black (Gwich’in), Sanigaq Jessica Ullrich (Iñupiaq), Aqpik Apok (Iñupiaq), Evon Peter (Gwich’in), Carol Murphrey (Iñupiaq)
This interactive workshop will lead participants through the exercise of thinking about their respective communities and the meaning of life from a strengths-based lens, answering the questions, “How does my community protect (or support) me? How does my community express/show love to community members?” Participants will then have a chance to share their answers (if they feel comfortable) with the group and from their responses a word cloud will be generated and shared back with them. Students will be encouraged to share the generated word cloud with their own families and communities to help promote these positive and strength-based factors that keep communities in Alaska well. The Alaska Native Collaborative Hub for Research on Resilience (ANCHRR) is a five-year grant, supported by the National Institute of Health, that promotes community and cultural strengths and wellness as suicide prevention. ANCHRR strives to shift the focus from problems to strengths, and from suicide to living and loving who we are as Alaska Native people.

Learning to Advocate for your Community!
Unaliin Tessa Baldwin (Iñupiaq), Josh Vo (Yup’ik), Samantha Harrison (Iñupiaq), Cynthia Ivan (Yup’ik), Frances Olemaun (Iñupiaq)
Inuit Circumpolar Council’s Emerging Leaders program invites you to come and learn new skills in advocating for your community. It is important that we equipped our next generation with skills to talk about what is important to our people, cultures and traditions. We will be sharing what we have learned through our program as emerging leaders while also teaching and sharing advocacy skills.
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT • WORKSHOPS

Monday, October 18 • 3:45 to 5:15 pm

LGBTQAI2S+ Facts, Stories & Life Changing Actions
Iqitailnguq Oliver Tyrrell (Yup’ik/Iñupiaq), Blake Anthony (Yup’ik), Isabel Jones
You can save the lives of people around you by accepting who they are! Come learn facts about our Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer and/or Questioning, Asexual, Intersex, Two-Spirit relatives. Hear personal stories from youth that identify as LGBTQAI2S+ and their hope for raising mental health awareness and increasing suicide prevention. Time will be made for participants to share, discuss, and ask questions.

Protecting Our Oceans, Protecting Our Health, Protecting Our Way of Life Talking Circle
Pangunnaaq Vi Waghiyi (Sivuqaq Yupik), Iyaanga Delbert Pungowiyi (Sivuqaq Yupik)
As Sivuqaq leader Iyaanga stated: “We are overwhelmed with concern about the health harms associated with climate change, the loss of sea ice and melting permafrost and the mobilization of chemicals and plastics — these are all interconnected. We are running out of time!” The northern oceans are the heartbeat of all oceans and we must protect these waters and the life within our oceans that sustain us. This workshop will be a talking circle of elders, youth, hunters, food gatherers, and leaders to discuss observations, knowledge, and to develop a plan of action and issue a wake-up call to alert decision-makers and global leaders about the urgency of the crisis.

Qanruyutet: Wise Words and Yup’ik Teachings
This session will focus on sharing Qanruyutet values that seek to decode and normalize Yup’ik culture for youth, adults, and Elders around the family unit and other relationships. The theme of our time together is, “I talk to you because I love you,” which not only allows the growth of knowledge of community and culture, but creates space for Elders to talk with youth and young adults about a tradition that is used to protect our families and community.

Sharing stories of our travels: Exploring Lingít & Gwich’in Canoes
Herb Sheakley (Tlingit), Trimble Gilbert (Gwich’in)
Hear stories of how people traveled long ago on the waterways that extend throughout Alaska. Share how the people of your region traveled and what is happening today to preserve and promote the continuation of our traditional travels.

Tell YOUR Story: Turning Climate Change into Climate Justice
Łchav’áya K’isén Ruth Miller (Dena’ina), Shanelle Afcan (Yup’ik), Marlowe Scully
No one knows our home better than our Alaska Native peoples– we know how to live on the land, how to take care of our communities, and how to persevere. It is our power and knowledge that will lead the path forward through the crisis of climate change. Join this workshop to deepen your understanding of how climate change is impacting our peoples, our cultures, and communities while you rise into your power as a leader and a storyteller!

The Way We See – Indigenous Culture in Education
Se’íga Liimii Da Ts’ím Ksyen (Ts’msyen), Ethan Petticrew (Unangax̂)
Learn how this Native Head Start has infused Alaska Native culture into curriculum, food preparation, physical activity, playgrounds, staff training, and even a newly constructed building that reflects traditional Alaska Native cultures. We will provide suggestions and a path forward for communities that want to decolonize their educational programs while meeting Western standards. How do you want to see culture brought to YOUR community?

Traditional Ways of Taking Care of Ourselves • Liz Sunnyboy (Yup’ik)
Visit with Tribal Healer, Liz Sunnyboy, as she shares about lessons learned from her Elders and how we can live a balanced life and overcome challenges. Hear tips for self care in today’s world.
LUNCH & LEARN • SESSIONS

Tuesday, October 19 • 12:00 to 1:00 pm

**Native American Boarding School (NABS) Healing Coalition Update** • La quen náay (Haida/Lingít), Diindisi Christine McCleave (Turtle Mountain Ojibwe), Deb Parker (Tulalip Tribes) & Lora Horgen (Pawnee/Choctaw)

**Meet Alaska’s Only Tribal College** • Janelle Everett, Nestor Martinez
We will introduce Elders and Youth to Alaska’s only tribal college. You will hear info about our programs, opportunities afforded to our students, and the statewide importance of our college. There will also be time for questions.

**Contemporary Alaska Native Restorative Justice Programs and Practices**
Pannickruqug Eva Gregg (Inupiaq), Paluqtáq Courtenay Carty (Yup’ik), Naanguaq Robyn Chaney (Athabascan), Chet Adkins (Yup’ik), Lu-Ann Haukaas (Sicangu Lakota Oyate)
Presenters will share about their restorative justice work in Alaska Native communities, keeping this philosophy of justice alive and thriving. This work includes RurAL CAP’s Circle Keeper Trainings and Healing to Wellness Courts, the Curyung Tribal Court, and Southcentral Foundation’s Family Wellness Warriors (FWW) Nu’iju program. There will be time for sharing and questions about how these practices help heal and create safety for the communities they serve.

**Alaska Native Students as English Learners** • Ilana Umansky, Lorna Porter
We will share research findings from a study conducted in Alaska focused on English learner policies and how they are impacting the educational experiences and outcomes of Alaska Native youth in Alaska. This is important work because federal law differentiates eligibility for English learner identification for Indigenous students as compared to non-Indigenous students, yet very little is known about how English learner policies are adapted for, or experience by, Indigenous students. Key findings highlight how local policies are not adapted specifically, although we find examples of districts that integrate Alaska Native cultural education with English learner services.

**Learning about Tribes & Alaska Native Corporations with Mt. Edgecumbe Students**
Tom Gamble (Lingít)
Come define what Tribes and Alaska Native Corporations are, then research your own Village Corporation, Tribe, and Alaska Native Corporation. We will end with a performance from MEHS students.

**Eyak Movie: On the Tip of the Tongue** • Jenna May (Eyak)
"Awa’ahdah", "iiishuh", "ilah qe’xleh" ... Words from the end of the world, forgotten, that have almost lost any meaning, even to their people. In Alaska, the Eyak language "died" in 2008 when the last speaker, Marie Smith Jones, passed away. But is there life after death? The Eyak people believe so. Marie had a dream before she died. She said someone will come from far away to help them. Two years later, Guillaume Leduey, a 21-year-old Frenchman, set foot in Alaska, on the lands of the people whose language he had learned by himself, alone, in France.

REGIONAL BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Tuesday, October 19 • 1:00 to 2:00 pm

Interested in representing your region on the 2022 Statewide Elders & Youth Council?
Representatives are chosen by your region in these breakout sessions! Be ready to share your story of why you would like to serve your region. If chosen, your responsibilities include participating in monthly meetings, gathering feedback from your region, generating conference ideas, and sharing your leadership skills and abilities. Contact us with any questions by phone at (907) 677-1700 or email at leadership@firstalaskans.org

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Beadwork & Self-Respect • Jessica Denny (Cheesh’na)
Learn how to make a pair of beaded earrings with moose hide while engaging in a discussion about respecting yourself and others. Kits were mailed to 30 conference attendees. If you don’t have a kit you are welcome to watch and listen to the workshop.

Cottonwood Carving • Sven Haakanson, Jr. (Alutiiq/Sugpiaq)
Carve cottonwood bark gathered by Ya Ne Dah Ah students in Chickaloon and have a discussion about the gifts that our Ancestors left for us, such as petroglyphs. Kits were mailed to 30 conference attendees. If you don’t have a kit you are welcome to watch and listen to the workshop.

Creating Chickaloonies: An Alaska Native Comic Art & Story-telling Workshop
Dimi Macheras (Ahtna), Casey Silver, Dawn Biddison
Get a behind-the-scenes look at the making of Chickaloonies: First Frost, a new Alaska comic adventure inspired by Ahtna heritage. Join the comic creators to learn the basics of drawing characters and weaving Alaska Native stories and visuals into a comic strip. Please provide your own paper and pencil to take part in the drawing exercises. You’ll also have opportunity to print your own comic squares to make your own stories come to life!

Dentalium Bracelet Making • Charlie Pardue (Gwich’in)
Dentalium shells are a tusk-like seashell used by many Alaska Native cultures. Create your own dentalium bracelet. Kits were mailed to 25 conference attendees. If you don’t have a kit you are welcome to watch and listen to the workshop.

Fish Skin Pouch Sewing • June Pardue (Alutiiq/Iñupiaq)
Fish is important to many of our Alaska Native cultures throughout the state. Learn how fish skin was used in the past and how it’s being used today. Make your own beaded salmon skin pouch to wear or give as a gift to someone special. Kits were mailed to 50 conference attendees. If you don’t have a kit you are welcome to watch and listen to the workshop.
LIVING & LOVING OUR CULTURES • WORKSHOPS

Tuesday, October 19 • 2:00 to 4:00 pm

Listening Session with the Alaska Native Languages Preservation & Advisory Council: What Should We Do to Strengthen Our Native Languages?
Yaayuk Bernadette Alvanna-Stimpfle (Iñupiaq), X’unei Lance Twitchell (Lingít/Haida/Yup’ik/Sami), Walkie Charles (Yup’ik), Isilq April Councillor (Alutiiq), Annette Evans Smith (Athabascan/Yup’ik/Alutiiq), Roy Mitchell
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Painting Our Ways of Life • Danielle Larsen (Aleut/Koyukon/Iñupiaq)
Celebrate our ways of life by painting a picture of something that you love with acrylic paints. Kits were mailed to 40 conference attendees. If you don’t have a kit you are welcome to watch and listen to the workshop. Participants will also need to provide their own cup of water to clean their brushes, a plate and paper towel.

Skin Mask-Making • Qaggun Katie Roseberry (Iñupiaq), Niayuq Jerica Leavitt (Iñupiaq)
We will prepare mask-making kits with pre-made masks and supplies needed to decorate them. A presentation will be given on the mask-making process to show how they are made. Adult supervision is needed for the fur cutting with a razor. Then we will give participants time to share their finished masks. Kits were mailed to 30 conference attendees. If you don’t have a kit, you are welcome to watch and listen to the workshop.

Skin Sewing an Iñupiaq Aqlitiiq (mitten) Keychain • Ahnaughuq Amy Topkok (Iñupiaq)
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Storytelling: The Return of Raven • Shaagunastaa Bob Sam (Lingít)
Storytelling is a tradition from all of our cultures and that brings us together. Hear a story of Raven and explore the responsibility of being a storyteller.

The Gift of Salmon Demonstration • Taikupa Melanie Brown (Unangax̂/Yup’ik/Iñupiaq) Gayla Hoseth (Yup’ik)
Salmon return each summer and bring us life. We would like to speak of this gift and what it means to us and take the time to demonstrate how we share this gift out beyond ourselves by sharing. A cooking demonstration in real time will be part of this presentation. If you want to cook with us please provide your own ingredients that include: thawed salmon fillet or pieces, onion powder, salt, olive oil or other fatty meat such as bacon or salami, wildberry jam (optional). You’ll also need a cookie sheet lined with foil or parchment paper and an oven set to 450 degrees.

Weaving Our World: Cedar Basket Weaving • Sdaahlk’awaas Kaatssaawaa Della Cheney (Haida/Lingít)
Cedar has an important role and history in southeast Alaska. Learn how to how to twine and complete a small 3x4 inch basket using the Lingít style of weaving. Kits were mailed to 40 conference attendees. If you don’t have a kit, you are welcome to watch and listen to the workshop.
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT • WORKSHOPS

Tuesday, October 19 • 4:00 to 5:30 pm

+Dip Into Culture // FoodSTEM = #SelfFSTEAM • Qalutaq Charity Blanchett (Yup’ik)
+Dip Into Culture #SelfFSTEAM program is shifting culture by creating access to inclusive and dynamic FoodSTEM programs rooted in Cultural Identity, Food Sovereignty, Food Science and Food Math. Enjoy a Chef Demonstration, breakout rooms, and the chance to build community! Also learn more about G46#SelfFSTEAM which is an inclusive after school club that G47celebrates culture, nature, identity and the earth through Food and STEAM: Food, Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math. Food is a mechanism to learn, teach, understand, share and not just eat.

Breaking Waves: Addressing and supporting one another through lifes challenges
Unignaḵ Dustin Newman (Unangax̂), Tumtux̂ Asxinuu (Unangax̂)
It’s important that we be there for those that are feeling hopeless and having thoughts of suicide. Let’s explore how we can support someone in their time of need and what we need to do to take care of ourselves.

Decolonizing Gender: An Indigenous Worldview on Gender
Aqπik Apok (Iñupiaq), Kuusiq Will Bean (Iñupiaq), Maritza Nuglene-Gomez (Iñupiaq), Tawita David Clark (Sugpiaq)
We put forward ways to honor all genders for their full selves. This training includes group agreements, foundations of terminology, unpacking the patriarchy, Indigenous feminisms, and Indigenous gender constructs.

Environmental Justice for Our Alaska Native Communities Talking Circle Session: Share Your Thoughts with a member of the White House Environmental Justice Advisory Council
Pangunnaaq Vi Waghiyi (Sivuqaq Yupik)
As the only Alaska Native member of the White House Environmental Justice Advisory Council (WHEJAC) appointed by President Biden, Vi Pangunnaaq Waghiyi will create a talking circle opportunity for people to come together and share their environmental justice concerns and perspectives (such as air and water quality, safety and availability of traditional foods, effects of climate change, and the protection of the health and well-being of Arctic Indigenous Peoples and future generations). She will speak about the the WHEJAC and the work that has been done to date. She states, “We are generally never at the table when decisions are made for us miles and miles away.” This is an opportunity for participants to share concerns that Pangunnaaq will bring to the Biden White House.

Everyday Qaspeq • Ayuryaar Cyndi Reeves (Yup’ik)
I love everyday qaspeqs! I don’t always have pockets to carry my essentials so I add Yup’ik pockets to my everyday shirts and sweaters. Come explore the history of these amazing garments, share how your community sews and uses them, and let’s put on a fashion show of our favorite qaspeqs.

Healing and Advocacy to Protect Traditional Foods
Eva Dawn Burk (Koyukon/Lower Tanana Dene’), Brooke Woods (Koyukon), Margaret Anamaq Rudolf (Iñupiaq)
Join us as we share stories of healing through our traditional foods and culture. As a group we will explore how to engage in hunting, fishing and gathering activities and draw a seasonal calendar of our foods. We will also learn about fish and game regulations at state and federal levels and how to become more involved in advocacy.
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Navigators Adulting Course 2021: Money 101 Budgeting • Michelle Phelps
Let’s be smart with our money! Come explore the importance of budgeting and learn helpful ways to save money for the things that you need most.

Pathways to Community Birthwork in Alaska and Calling Back Traditional Roles • Nuŋasuk Abra Patkotak (Iñupiaq), Benozaadleyo Helena Jacobs (Koyukon), Gee’eedooydaalno Margaret Olin Hoffman David (Koyukon), Kanginpeq Stacey Lucason (Yup’ik)
The Alaska Native Birthworkers Community seeks to grow a network of Alaska Native birthworkers who feel confident, competent and grounded in cultural values to support Native birthing families for better health and wellness outcomes for parents and babies, while also advocating for systemic change to better support Alaska Native birthing families. In this session we will explore with participants how to be good relatives to those that are pregnant or just gave birth, demonstrate and practice how to carry a new baby, and discuss other topics related to bodily awareness, birth, parenting, policy and more. There will also be the opportunity to submit anonymous questions so they can be answered throughout the workshop. The Alaska Native Birthworkers Community offers free direct services to Native birthing families, free access to capacity building and training for current and aspiring Indigenous birthworkers, and building partnerships for collective impact on a statewide, national, and international scale.

Positive Connections - UAF RSS Indigenous Wellness Outreach Talking Circle
Taniesha Moses (Upper Tanana)
We will make time to host a talking circle with an opening prayer and introductions. The group discussion will focus on sharing ways that our culture helps us to maintain wellness. Several guests will share how being more connected to their culture helped them through struggles and challenges in their lives. We will close with a song and dance led by the UAF Inu-yupiaq Dance Group.

Resilience – The Calricaraq Perspective • Rose Domnick (Yup’ik)
The session will be focusing on learning and understanding resilience building from an Indigenous perspective. The important elements in building resilience and how our Ancestors did this effectively and impactfully. It is done in the Calricaraq way which incorporates traditional knowledge, wisdom, values and practices so that participants are able to understand and to be empowered for participants to connect to our Indigenous way of health promotion.

Learning Robert’s Rules of Order to Effectively Advocate for Our People
Kaaxúxgu Joe Nelson (Lingít)
Join the Chairman of Sealaska as he brings you through the Robert’s Rules of Order which is for parliamentary procedure. It's a helpful tool for making sure meetings are fair, efficient and orderly. Used well, it can also be an effective tool for advocating for our peoples.
MEN’S, WOMEN’S, & LGBTQAI2S+ HOUSE

Wednesday, October 20 • 10:00 to 11:30 am

We utilize Men’s House, Women’s House and LGBTQAI2S+ House to honor our peoples’ rites of passage - for connecting, healing, and learning. AwA’ahdah to the hosts of each house. Please join the house you feel most comfortable in.

LGBTQAI2S + House
Daaljini Mary Folletti Cruise (Lingit) and Tawita David Clark (Sugpiaq)

Men’s House
Xeetli. Éesh Lyle James (Lingit) and Evon Peter (Gwich’in/Koyukon)

Women’s House
Daxkilatch Kolene James (Lingit/Haida/Ts’msyen), Ayyu (Iñupiaq), Gatgyedm Hana’ax (Ts’msyen), Kaa Saayí Tláa (Lingit), Misrak (Iñupiaq), Henaayee (Koyukon), Lót’oydaatlno (Koyukon), Egeghaghmii (Siberian Yupik), Qunmiğu (Iñupiaq), Silugngataanit’sqaq (Sugpiaq), and La quen náay (Haida/Lingit)

LIVING & LOVING OUR CULTURES • WORKSHOPS

Wednesday, October 20 • 2:00 to 4:00 pm

Cottonwood Carving (Continued) • Sven Haakanson, Jr. (Alutiiq/Sugpiaq)

Weaving Our World: Cedar Basket Weaving (Continued)
Sdaahlk’awaas Kaatssaaawaa Della Cheney (Haida/Lingit)

Amy Modig (Deg Hit’an) and Doug Modig (Ts’msyen) shared tips on how to be open to receiving traditional knowledge, while our two Elders who are both in their 90s (bottom left and middle), Harold Esmailka (Koyukon) and Delores Churchill (Haida), shared life lessons during 2020 Warming of the Hands gathering.

Christianna Edwards (Lingít/Haida) shared the National Anthem in American Sign Language at the virtual 37th Annual Elders & Youth Conference.
10th Annual Chin’an: A Night of Cultural Celebration
Highlights from 2013 to 2019

Monday, October 18 from 5:30 - 6:30 pm

Featuring

• Mount Saint Elias Dance Group - 2013
• Minto Dance Group - 2013
• Nanieezh Peter (Gwich’in/Diné) - 2017 Natives Got Talent
• Qikiktagruk Northern Lights Dancers - 2017
• Dene Intertribal Dance Group - 2016
• Destiny Cleveland - 2019 Natives Got Talent
• Lepquinm Gumilgit Gagoadim - 2017
• Anchorage Unangax Dance Group - 2017
• Duncan Aciniq Okitkun (Yup’ik) - 2017 Natives Got Talent
• Trapper School Iñupiat Dance Team - 2013
• Hillary Hagburg (Ahtna/Iñupiaq) - 2015 Natives Got Talent
• Yupik Rainbow Group - 2018
• Owen Nayalaq Parduhn (Yup’ik) - 2018 Natives Got Talent
• FNA JOM Potlatch Dancers - 2019
• Kyle Worl (Tlingit Athabascan), Crystalyn-Gunsi Lemieux (Tlingit) and Haliehana Alagum Ayagaa Stepetin (Unangañ) - 2016 Natives Got Talent
• Samuel Johns and Polly Andrew - 2015 Natives Got Talent
• Kodiak Alutiiq Dancers - 2016
• Tamara Swenson - 2017 Natives Got Talent
• Tlingit, Haida & Tsimshian Dancers - 2019 Natives Got Talent

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