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# Annual Meeting

Sitnasuak's 2014 Annual Meeting of shareholders was filled with smiles, hugs, laughter and delicious food. And yes, business was conducted, too. The meeting was held in the Nome Elementary School cafeteria on May 31. Trudy Sobocienski was elected to the Board of Directors and current directors Barb (QasuGlana) Amarok, Helen C. Bell and Jason Evans were re-elected.



### Results of board election

The primary purpose of the Annual Meeting of shareholders is to elect the Board of Directors. As of May 31, there were 197,231.4962 total voting shares outstanding. A quorum was attained with 103,689.8670 shares (52.6%) represented in person or by proxy.

The vote for four director seats was as follows:

Jason Evans	56,167.5381
Barb (QasuGlana) Amarok	55,281.9438
Helen C. Bell	50,412.7013
Trudy Sobocienski	50,211.6827
Gloria Ann Karmun	44,213.4386
LieuDell Goldsberry	36,198.3370
Janice (Salesky) Doherty	26,379.3341
Wendell (Mike) Wassmann	19,690.6344
Karen Davis Neagle	15,967.8386
Cliff Johnson	12,262.9516
Caleb Dotomain	11,841.9003
Nelson (Jake) Kenick	6,181.8891



## **Annual Meeting**PRIZE WINNERS

#### **EARLY BIRD PROXY PRIZES:**

\$100 - Agatha Pikonganna

\$100 - Madelyn Alvanna-Stimpfle

\$100 - Karen P. Kunnuk

\$100 - Joe Kunnuk Jr.

\$100 - Margaret L. Chya

\$250 - Darrell P. Katongan

\$250 - Theresa Richards

\$250 - Fred Davis

\$250 - Lena Kiminock

\$250 - Melanie Bunjevac

#### **PROXY PRIZES:**

\$100 - Janet M. Trigg

\$100 - Clement Richards Sr.

\$100 - Debra M. Peacock

\$100 - Kathleen A. Krug

\$100 - June L. Briggs

\$200 - Joseph R. Kakik

\$300 - Martha Noyakuk

\$750 - Ethan J. Angasan

\$2,000 - Sharon A. S. Niver

#### WILL DRIVE:

\$100 - Gladys Leight

\$100 - Gary Longley Sr.

\$100 - Stephanie Campbell

\$100 - Ruth Moses

\$100 – Alton Walluk

\$100 - Susie D. Delgado

\$300 – Jeannette L. Immingan

(3 month Will drive winner)

#### **DOOR PRIZES:**

\$100 - Nancy Analuk

\$100 - Wallace Johnson

\$100 - Pauline Scott

\$100 - Vincent Pikonganna

\$100 - Robert Joe

\$50 - Judy Karmun

\$50 - Paula Davis

\$50 - Myrna Outwater

\$50 - Susie Delgado

\$50 - Jadyn Otton

\$50 - Martha Outwater-Parker

\$50 - Terry Komanesuk

\$50 - Rita Hukill

Ivory bracelet - Vernon Kugzruk

Ivory bracelet - Esther Bourdon

Doll - Daniel G. Olanna

Doll - Grace Olanna

Ulu - Delia Iyapanna

Kuspuk - Nancy Green

Kuspuk - Cameron Piscoya

Kuspuk - Brenda Louise Pushruk

Harpoon - Kooper Piscoya

## Annual Meeting RECAP

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In his invocation, Dan Karmun, Sr. spoke of honesty, love, and respect. His inspirational words echoed throughout the room.

"It was the Elders that kept us going," said Mr. Karmun. Portraits of many influential Nome Elders, who have guided and encouraged many of us, graced the walls reinforcing our Inupiaq values. Mr. Karmun also highlighted the importance of our new and younger shareholders – who are the future of Sitnasuak.

Guest speaker, Tuesona Tungwenuk moved the crowd and earned a standing ovation with her speech about the power of perseverance and positive energy. Tuesona described her personal life journey, focusing on the importance of education, pursuing your dreams, and hard work (saġiknatuak sauaq). As a Sitnasuak Foundation scholarship recipient, Tuesona exemplifies the next generation of shareholders and shareholder descendants who will carry on the knowledge of our Elders.

Esther Bourdon and her daughter, Josie Bourdon illustrated key Sitnasuak values: commitment to family (munnakLui kiŋunnaisi), love of children (nagguagiktut ilagit), pride in culture (puyaunau iupiaqtun iLLusiq) and the importance of acquiring Native food. They guided us through a photo slide show connecting Esther's past to her present, from her family in Wales to her grandchildren picking blueberries on the tundra. Esther and Josie portrayed the importance of transferring and sharing knowledge from one generation to the next.

Chairman Bobby Evans led the meeting. Presentations were given by President Chuck Fagerstrom, CEO David Hoffman, Anchorage Shareholder Liaison Larry Keller, Land Manager Austin Ahmasuk, Director Barb QasuGlana Amarok, and audit manager Chris Morgan from Grant Thorton.

Co-Elders of the year, Vince Pikoganna and Bill Hoogendorn, Sr. were presented with plaques for their contributions and dedication to Sitnasuak. Jadyn Otton and Andrea Irrigoo from Teens Against Tobacco Use (TATU) presented a thank you letter to Sitnasuak for supporting TATU's goals to make Nome smoke free by educating the community on the harmful effects of tobacco use.

Shareholders and descendants of shareholders raised questions and concerns. Several shareholders expressed concerns over the decline in local salmon runs, while others voiced concerns about offshore mining. (See article on page 5.)

Sitnasuak thanks all who attended and made the 41st Annual Meeting a success. We look forward to a prosperous future.

Quyaanna.

# From the Chairman: ROBERT (BOBBY) EVANS

I hope all is well and that you all are having a great summer. Thank you to the shareholders who participated in our annual meeting, whether in person, through the webcast or by proxy. It was so good to see you all and share the success story of the past year. It is very important that shareholders take part in the process and know that your voices are being heard. Each year we see the fruits of our labor and we are proud of all the hard work by our employees and the Board of Directors. We all put in so much time and effort and I want each shareholder to know that everything we do is in the best interest of all shareholders.

This year we had 12 candidates for the Board of Directors; shareholders who wanted to get involved in the corporation. This is great news and I am excited to see it happening. This is a big improvement over years past. This year's election saw newcomers, incumbent directors, past directors and past candidates run for election. Each stood up for what he or she believed in.

Sitnasuak election rules were adopted in 2011 and were modeled after the Bering Straits Native Corporation election rules. They follow all state requirements required by law. They have been in place for the last 3 years. Sitnasuak election rules are open and fair to all shareholders. They were provided to all candidates and every candidate had the opportunity to gather proxies and collect votes. I thank all the candidates for putting their names out there. It is never easy to give your time and stand up and be open to the judgment of others. Thank you again.

I want to take this opportunity to welcome Director Trudy Sobocienski back to the Sitnasuak Board of Directors. She was a valuable asset when she was here from 2008 - 2010. I want to also thank

Gloria Ann Karmun for her years of service on the Board of Directors.

Thanks, too, to all board members for taking time away from your families, your jobs and doing what is best for the corporation for all shareholders. It takes dedication and much time to be a responsible member of the board. The full board meets 8 to 12 times a year and another 7 to 10 days for training, AFN, strategic planning and shareholder meetings and receptions. Directors active on subsidiary boards and committees commit even more time. While some committees meet quarterly, others – such as the Land and Finance Committees – can meet up to 8 to 10 times or more each year.

We on the Board of Directors wish every shareholder the best. Please stay in touch with the corporation via email, social media, and the Sitnasuak website at www.snc.org. Stop by our offices in Nome or in Anchorage. Remember to let us know if you move, so we can update your addresses for future dividends and other items we mail to shareholders. Thank you all for your support and have a great fall season. Hope to hear from you soon.



### SITNASUAK Board of Directors

Robert K. (Bobby) Evans CHAIRMAN Term expires 2016

Louis H. Green, Jr. FIRST VICE CHAIR Term expires 2016

Lincoln Trigg, Sr. SECOND VICE CHAIR *Term expires 2015* 

Jason Evans Treasurer *Term expires 2017* 

Helen C. Bell SECRETARY *Term expires 2017* 

Neal W. Foster ASSISTANT SECRETARY Term expires 2015

Barbara (QasuGlana) Amarok DIRECTOR Term expires 2017

Andrew Miller, Jr. DIRECTOR

Term expires 2015

Crystal M. Andersen-Booth DIRECTOR

Term expires 2016

Mark Allred
DIRECTOR
Term expires 2015

Trudy Sobocienski DIRECTOR Term expires 2017

## Trudy Sobocienski

### RETURNS TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Trudy Sobocienski has returned to the Sitnasuak Board of Directors. She was elected to a three-year term at the Annual Meeting, May 31. She previously served on the board from 2008 to 2009 and was president and CEO from 2009 to 2010.

Trudy said she is "looking forward to adding value to the larger political landscape to assert our input and/or to protect our interests such as land and subsistence rights."

Trudy grew up in Nome and McGrath, where she maintained a close connection to her family, community members, and the lands around her. She was also raised eating traditional foods, such as ducks and geese, and moose meat.

Her parents are Irene and Ralph "Babe" Anderson. Her maternal grandparents are the late Grace and Arthur Johnson and her paternal grandparents are the late Katherine and Amos Turner and Charles "Curly" Anderson.

Trudy runs her own business, which she started in 2012 – Alaska Native Enterprise Developers, LLC connects companies to opportunities while honoring culture.

"I've had contracts with a few Hispanic, veteran, woman-owned and minority 8(a) companies in and out of state that wanted help positioning themselves to perform on higher revenue federal contracts. Most recently, I've been focusing on writing proposals for federal contracts on behalf of clients. I've done trainings for a variety of village corporations, tribes and other entities," she said.

Trudy also enjoys spending time with her family, husband Columbus "Colo" Sobocienski and children Rachel, Halie Mae, Ema and Valerie. Trudy and her family live in Anchorage and enjoy activities from biking to eating at their local favorite restaurants.

"I spend all my time with family. There isn't much that I do that doesn't



include my family." Serving on the Sitnasuak board, she added, is a way to "ensure that there will be a fruitful company with ample benefits for my children's children."

Trudy has a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Organizational Management. She graduated from Nome Beltz High School in 1988 and attended Rural Alaska Honors Institute in Fairbanks in 1987.

## Heartfelt thanks to Gloria Ann Karmun



A special and sincere thanks to Gloria Ann Karmun, for her 14 years of service on the Sitnasuak Board of Directors. Gloria served on the Sitnasuak board from 1998 to 2007 and 2009 to 2014. Gloria has always put the shareholders first and, through her years of service, has earned a reputation as being fair, honest and open-minded. She took her board position seriously, attending 100% of all board and committee meetings in 2013.

In the past year, Gloria was first vice-chair, chair of the Bylaws/Personnel Committee and chair of the Land Committee. She also served on the boards of Banner Wind LLC, Sitnasuak Health Solutions, SNC Technical Services LLC, and Sitnasuak Financial Services LLC.

On behalf of Sitnasuak, thank you, Gloria, for your excellent service.

# New land use policies explained

Sitnasuak Land Manager Austin Ahmasuk provides this summary of recent changes to the company's land policies:

**CAMPSITES (SECTION 1):** Fees will be increased for non-shareholders, campsite permits with structures are eligible for lifetime terms, and timeframes for notices to permit holders have been revised. No new non-shareholders may apply for campsites.

**HOMESITES (SECTION 2):** The homesite policy remains much the same, with only minor grammatical changes.

LAND USE (SECTION 3): The land use policy is a compilation of routine communication tower permits, construction base camp permits, equipment supply permits, and recreational permits. Wording was added to strengthen management and oversight. Fees were increased.

**FISHERIES (SECTION 4):** The fisheries policy has been changed to incorporate potential fish hatcheries and strengthen oversight of routine permits for the Alaska Department of Fish and Game fish counting tower.

**GRAZING (SECTION 5):** The grazing policy remains much the same, with only minor grammatical change.

#### **MINING SURFACE ACCESS (SECTION 6):**

The mining policy was changed to incorporate stronger protections and increased fees. Under this section shareholder mining and exploration, and large mines and exploration were separated with specific wording and separate fees for each use type.

#### **MATERIAL SURFACE ACCESS (SECTION 7):**

The material surface access policy was reworded and given its own section to address routine sand and gravel contracts and permits with increased protections and increased fees.

**LAND ACCESS (SECTION 8):** The land access policy is a compilation of our routine access permits. Much of the original wording is the same with minor grammatical changes. Fees were increased.

#### **HISTORICAL PRESERVATION (SECTION 9):**

The historical preservation policy is a newly worded compilation of policies for antiquity sites and cemetery permits.

#### **LAND DEVELOPMENT (SECTION 10):**

The land development policy is a newly worded compilation for commercial, industrial, and agricultural development activities. Fees were increased.

ANCSA (SECTION 11): This is primarily an informational section that references Sitnasuak's conveyances, ANCSA 14(c) re-conveyances, and Vietnam veterans. It includes the "Area Specific Policy" section of the existing policy. The area specific policy is a catch-all policy. The Land Department staff expect to use area specific permits much less, since the revised policies address anticipated land uses.

**TRESPASS (SECTION 12):** The trespass policy is a new section to address trespass.

## Welcome new shareholders

Matthew T. Appolloni Nathaniel M. Appolloni Hunter C.J. Bellamy Vivian M.I. Bloodgood Brittany R. Iyapana April M. James Bernadette Joule Shannon M. Miller Jenny I. Miller Allyson M. Wukovich

# Shareholders RAISE CONCERNS

Shareholders raised questions and concerns at the annual meeting. The following are responses to some; others will follow in future issues of the Venture.

#### **OFF-SHORE MINING**

Several shareholders expressed concern about offshore mining, especially trespass and unauthorized use of private lands. In response, Sitnasuak prepared a letter to the Alaska Department of Natural Resources, Division of Mining, recommending that the Division of Mining:

- revoke offshore permits of miners who violate the terms of their permits;
- meet with local organizations one-on-one before the mining season begins in order to better understand the social and economic impacts of offshore mining;
- ensure that miners comply with the conditions of their permits;
- dedicate more local resources to monitor offshore mining; and
- concur that subsistence use comes first among all uses.

The letter was signed by Kawerak, Inc., Nome Eskimo Community, Sitnasuak Native Corp., King Island Native Corp., Solomon Native Corp., Native Village of Solomon and King Island Native Community.

#### LAND POLICIES

Letters have been mailed to permit holders describing the new policies.

#### TRESPASS COMPLAINT

The Land Department followed up and is handling it.

#### **CAMPSITE APPLICATIONS**

The Land Department has acted on all applications received at the Annual Meeting.

## Scenes from the 2014 Annual Meeting

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## Shareholder success story:

**HUGH SHORT** 







Hugh Short is barely past 40 but his resume would be impressive for someone 20 years older: past president and CEO of Alaska Growth Capital BIDCO (a subsidiary of Arctic Slope Regional Corporation); former chair of the Alaska Industrial Development Authority (the state's investment bank) and Alaska Energy Authority; former mayor of Bethel; and now co-founder, chairman and CEO of Pt Capital. Pt Capital, LLC, is a private equity firm concentrating on investment opportunities in the Arctic.

Short and his wife Trina live in Girdwood with their three daughters: Madilyn, 15; Karis, 12; and Elizabeth, 5.

Hugh was born in Bethel and spent part of his childhood in Nome. An SNC shareholder, he received his SNC shares as a gift from his mother, Mildred (Kotongen) Short. She inherited the shares from her late mother Alma Pauwok. Mildred Short was born in White Mountain/ Elim and Alma Pauwok lived in Nome for many years. He is also the son of Hugh Short, Sr.

Short said his family learned the hard way about the importance of having a will. His grandmother died without one and the process of settling her estate was complicated and time-consuming, which all shareholders should avoid for their families sake.

Sitnasuak has hired Short to facilitate the Board of Directors' strategic planning session in October. While he has done this type of consulting for other companies, it is Short's first time working with Sitnasuak.

"I'm honored and pleased to be asked to do this," Short said. "My job is to facilitate the session and guide the Board to develop goals for the next five years and a road map for the board and executive staff to get there. Ulti-



mately, the goal is to increase shareholder dividends and corporation value for the shareholders."

Asked about his success so far, Short pondered the question. "I was blessed with good parents who have good values. They instilled in us the value and importance of working hard. Education was stressed in our house, too. My dad didn't get past the 8th grade and my folks really wanted me to get a good education." (Short earned a bachelor's degree in political science at University of Alaska Anchorage.)

Short was also blessed with a great mentor – his father-in-law Senator Lyman Hoffman. "I've always looked up to him. I've been very lucky to be surrounded by good people," he said.

Asked what advice he has for younger people, Short said self-awareness counts for a lot. "I tell my daughters that knowing who you are and how you present yourself is a gift that you can develop. It's important to understand the impact you have and to be a positive person in this world whatever they do."

"Figure out what drives you, what pushes you, what gets you out of bed. It's important to have passion and drive about your work," he said.

## CEO outlook

### BY DAVID HOFFMAN, CEO

Summer is the time of year our subsidiary CEOs work on new three-year business plans. We're now in the midst of one of our most serious and aggressive business planning efforts in many years. Each of the subsidiary operations is thoroughly assessing the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead.

#### **SNC Technical Services (SNCT)**

Our largest subsidiary, SNCT competes in a volatile and fluid business environment. The market for military apparel is changing dramatically in response to defense cuts and changes in procurement policies and methods. Funding for the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA), our single largest customer, is expected to shrink by 30 percent by 2019. SNCT is responding with plans that focus on increasing efficiencies and reducing overhead costs. The company is also looking seriously at certain non-military markets where we could have competitive advantages.

#### **Bonanza Fuel**

Our fuel company is facing exciting new opportunities as its marine fuel market expands and it prepares to fully utilize its expanded tank farm. Bonanza has 60 percent more storage capacity than it did last year because of the expansion. Bonanza's challenge is to take maximum benefit of these opportunities.

#### **Sitnasuak Properties**

The real estate group is preparing for rapid growth and expansion. Sitnasuak Construction Services has completed its first major project, the \$7.5 million Bonanza tank farm project. It is poised to begin some smaller 8(a) construction projects this summer for the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). It is also developing plans for teaming that will allow it to participate in much larger projects. We are also looking at a number of potential new real estate investments, both within



DAVID HOFFMAN, CEO

Alaska and Outside. Growth could be financed in part by the sale of certain of SNC's older properties in Nome. We have been especially focused on selling the Nome Trading Company building which has recently become vacant.

#### **Sitnasuak Health Solutions (SHS)**

Our newest company is in the early stages of identifying products and strategies. We expect great things from our new CEO Carolyn Crowder and her team.

#### Sitnasuak Financial Services (SFS)

See the subsidiary profile on page 9.

In MEMORIAM

Our sincere condolences to the family and friends of the recently deceased.

Martha Adams Reginald K. Aningayou, Sr.

Ethel Karmun Edward S. Muktoyuk, Sr.

Richard T. Norbert

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Barbara M. Nunooruk Teresa A. Waters Jones O. Wongittilin, Sr. Franklin D. Okleasik, Sr.

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PHOTO BY JENNY MILLER. A SHAREHOLDER PICKING BLUEBERRIES ON THE KOUGAROK ROAD.

## Subsidiary Profile:

### SITNASUAK FINANCIAI SERVICES

Sitnasuak Financial Services is the holding company of three businesses: two title companies in Alaska and long-time subsidiary GBS, LLC. Fidelity Title Agency of Alaska in Anchorage and Mat-Su Title Agency in Wasilla are relative newcomers to the Sitnasuak family. They were purchased in December 2012. Both are tops in market share in their respective markets. Their reputations for exceptional service have been maintained under Sitnasuak ownership.

A title company makes sure that the title to a piece of real estate is legitimate and then issues title insurance for that property. Title insurance protects the lender and/or owner against lawsuits or claims against the property that result from disputes over the title.

GBS LLC is an 8(a) certified business that currently is performing two 8(a) contracts. One is with the U.S. Treasury Department to study barriers to the accumulation of capital in Indian Country. The other is with the Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms to operate a warehouse in Virginia Beach, VA. Both contracts are profitable.

In 2013, GBS completed a multi-year, multi-state contract with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) related to reselling foreclosed homes. Once the HUD contracts ended, Sitnasuak shut down GBS' mortgage and title operations.

Fidelity Title Agency and Mat-Su Title Agency are performing well, reports Richard Strutz, CEO of Sitnasuak Financial Services. "The integration of the companies into Sitnasuak was very smooth and their solid performances in FY 2013 helped to offset losses from GBS," Strutz said.

Sitnasuak Financial Services reported revenue of \$11.7 million in 2013. Its

return on assets was 14.6% in 2013, continuing a steady climb since 2011. With total assets of \$16.6 million as of Dec. 31, 2013, the Financial Services sector represents 21.4% of Sitnasuak's total assets. It is second only to Petroleum Products.

As for the future, Strutz said the company is on the lookout for other potential acquisitions in the area of title companies. It is also keeping tabs on opportunities for high-yield lending.



SHAREHOLDER JANELLE KELLER IS A TITLE OFFICER AT FIDELITY AND A MEMBER OF SITNASUAK'S SHAREHOLDER EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP PROGRAM (SELP). JANELLE WORKS ON A MICROFILM MACHINE WHICH IS USED TO VIEW AND PRINT DOCUMENTS NOT AVAILABLE DIGITALLY.

# Want to learn how to write children's stories?

Carrie Ojanen Cockerham will teach Creating New Literature: Alaska Native Stories for Our Children.

The course will be offered this fall, Sept. 29 to Oct. 11, at the UAF Northwest Campus in Nome. Class will meet 6 to 8 pm Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, and 11 am to 2 pm Saturdays. The course will explore writing stories that add to our Alaska Native literature for our children. You will also learn the techniques to writing both educational and entertaining stories for our children. Registration deadline is Sept. 22. Call 443-8403 or go to www.nwc.uaf.edu.

## Summer interns get a taste of work world



TYLER EIDE



CHRISTIAN LECKBAND

Sitnasuak welcomed three interns this summer; Madelyn Alvanna-Stimple, Tyler Eide and Christian Leckband. Madelyn and Tyler worked in the Nome office, and Christian worked in the Anchorage office.

Their internships are the result of Sitnasuak's partnership, begun in 2012, with First Alaskans Institute's Summer Internship Program. The program fosters the professional development of our young shareholders and descendants. (Please see the Foundation's Scholarship recipient article featuring Madelyn on page 11).

Madelyn, Tyler and Christian are Sitnasuak Native Corporation shareholders. Madelyn and Christian are current scholarship recipients from the Sitnasuak Foundation. Tyler is on track to receive scholarships from the Sitnasuak Foundation when he begins college this fall.

Tyler is from Nome and a 2014 Nanook alumnus of Nome-Beltz High School. Tyler's parents are Nellie and Jerry Eide. His siblings are Clarissa, Cori and Reed Eide.

Tyler's plans to earn a degree in law enforcement and become a state trooper. This fall he will attend Walla Walla Community College in Walla Walla, Washington. Tyler said his internship work in Nome this summer "was a good step for my future ... I got great work experience." In his free time, he enjoys fishing, camping, playing basketball, and riding four wheelers.

Christian was born in Fairbanks, but spent most of his childhood in Nome. His parents are Diane "Oupa" Warkne and George Leckband. Christian has three sisters: Crystal, Stephanie and Sara, and three brothers: David, Lucas and Samuel. Christian graduated from Nome-Beltz High School in 2011 and is currently attending UAA. He plans to graduate in 2016 with a Bachelor of Business Administration in business management as well as a degree in marketing.

After graduation, Christian would like to travel before starting a career. Interning at "Sitnasuak was the perfect fit for me; especially because of the degrees that I am pursuing at UAA, being an intern gave me valuable experience in the business world," said Christian. Outside of school and work, Christian fills his free time playing sports – especially basketball – hiking, fishing, and spending time with his friends and family.

## Missing shareholders

Vem M. Abloogalook
Harold D. Ahwinona
Patricia Analoak
Danny M. Aningayou
Reginald K. Aningayou, Jr.
Playdon S. Anowlic
Ralph Barger
Julie M. Brown
Mary Buck

William H. Buck
Douglas J. Carlo
Suzanne M. Castel
Theresa L. Carraher
Eric M. Coleman
Kaylin J. Coleman
Pauline P. Crandall
Christopher R. Dickson
Amanda Dorn

Alie D. Douglas
Andrew L. Earp
Frederick E. Ernak, II
Albert B. Escholt
George E. Finley III
Daniel W. Gault
Laura Giffin
Timothy M. Greiner
Sterling L. Gustafson

Francis T. Harhut
Sherri F. Harris
Randall Hoogendorn
Gordon S. Iya
Luella W.L. Iyatunguk
Helen S. Iyapana
Hazel N. Jack
Robert K. Joe, Jr.
Rita Kakaruk

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## Sitnasuak Foundation scholarship recipient

### MADELYN ALVANNA-STIMPFLE

Madelyn Alvanna-Stimpfle has a passion for knowledge. She has always enjoyed learning and will soon have the chance to share that passion with others. Once she finishes her summer internship at Sitnasuak Native Corporation, Madelyn will begin an internship student teaching with a first-grade class at Nome Elementary School.

After graduating from Nome-Beltz
High School in 2009, Madelyn attended
the Rural Alaska Honors Institute in
Fairbanks. She spent two semesters
studying at Windward Community College in Hawaii, before returning to the
University of Alaska Anchorage (UAA).
Madelyn will graduate in December with
a Bachelor of Arts degree in Early Childhood Education with a minor in Alaska
Native Studies.

"My parents and older sister graduated from college, my mom and sister both have master's degrees. I wanted to experience life outside of Nome, learn what it's like to live in a big city and I have always enjoyed learning and going to school," said Madelyn.

Madelyn is the daughter of Bernadette Alvanna-Stimpfle and Jim Stimpfle. Her maternal grandparents were the late Magdaline and Paul Omiak. Madelyn's siblings are Megan and Ian Alvanna-Stimpfle.

While interning in the Nome office, Madelyn had the opportunity to learn first-hand how Sitnasuak Native Corporation operates and what the corporation does for shareholders.

Outside work, Madelyn enjoys picking greens and berries, boating, reading, dancing, and going to school and learning. She also helps her mother, Bernadette prepare traditional foods – from cutting meat to rendering blubber for seal oil.

Madelyn's inspiration to advance her education came not only from her family and friends, who continue to support her, but also the community of Nome.

"I hope to give back to my community because I love the community that I come from. I'm so happy that I was born and raised in Nome, it has played a huge role in who I am today," said Madelyn.

The Sitnasuak Foundation helps students like Madelyn in their journey to attain a higher education. "I'm grateful for the support that the Sitnasuak Foundation has been able to provide. Without the scholarship money I'm not sure how I would



MADELYN ALVANNA-STIMPFLE

be able to stay in college," commented Madelyn.

Madelyn is just one of our many talented and inspiring shareholders and/or descendants who have or currently receive scholarships from the Sitnasuak Foundation.

In 2013, the Sitnasuak Foundation gave out \$161, 534 in scholarships. If you have questions regarding the Sitnasuak Foundation, please contact Chrystie Salesky at csalesky@beringstraits.com, or by phone at (907) 443-4305 or (907) 443-4316. The Sitnasuak Foundation is presently managed out of the Bering Straits Foundation office.

## Received a scholarship in the past? WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU.

The Sitnasuak Foundation has been providing scholarships to shareholders and their descendants since its founding in 1993. The Foundation awards higher education scholarships to new and continuing students. If you have received scholarships from the Sitnasuak Foundation, please contact Foundation Coordinator Chrystie Salesky csalesky@beringstraits.com, or by phone at (907) 443-4305 or (907) 443-4316. We are currently updating our files and we would love to hear where you are now!



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## Missing shareholders

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