

Hello, my name is Lawrence Lynch, born and raised in Anchorage, Alaska. I am a shareholder from when I was in elementary school, since my mom gave me and my sister some shares.

I graduated from South High School in 2019, and in the fall, I started my college career at Seton Hall University in South Orange, New Jersey. My interest has been accounting. While in college, I also enjoyed being part of the pep band. By my senior year, I served as the president of the pep band. In 2023, I received my Bachelor of Science in Accounting. In 2024, I received my Masters of Science in Professional Accounting.

I appreciate my family for always supporting me in my endeavors. My parents are Timothy and Cheryl Lynch. My maternal grandparents are the late, Lawrence and Mary Ann Davis of Nome, Alaska. I am proud to say I am named after, not only my grandfather but also my father. My paternal grandparents were the late Robert and Ellen Lynch of Buffalo, New York. As a young person, I had the privilege of spending time in Nome learning about our cultural values and our subsistence lifestyle. I enjoyed fishing, camping and learning things from not only my parents, but from my grandma, uncles and cousins and others. I also enjoyed visiting my Uncle Jim Lynch in New York during the summer times throughout my youth.

I always wanted to attend a university, the biggest question was where would I attend. I knew Alaska is home, so I wanted to go “outside” for my higher education. After visiting my sister, Lisa, in Italy, I realized, I wanted to attend college in the United States. I was excited to be accepted to several colleges, but I ended up picking Seton Hall University. I enjoyed learning accounting because many of my professors worked in accounting firms not only in New York, but around the world. I liked the global view of learning.

One thing that I really appreciate is our native corporations and their support in my education. Bering Straits Native Corporation accepted my application to be an intern the summer I graduated from high school. I worked in the accounting department. The following summers, I was able to return to Alaska and work again with BSNC in the accounting department. The accounting procedures I learned while attending college was practiced while being a temporary employee during the summer breaks in Alaska. I also appreciated the scholarship opportunities I had because I was a shareholder of not only Sitnasuak, BSNC, but also Nome Eskimo Community. The help I received financially was greatly appreciated through the My Cache Program.

My future plans are to continue to work in accounting. My next goal is to work and study to get my Certified Public Accountant (CPA) license, I am thankful for the opportunity to work

for our people and our region. Currently, I am an Accountant for Bering Straits Native Corporation in Anchorage, Alaska.