

Food Security Summit Held for the First Time



On May 23rd 2023, Tanana Chiefs Conference (TCC) leadership gathered at Effie Kokrine Charter School with tribal communities and local stakeholders in TCC's first ever Food Security Summit, which resulted from the request of TCC's Full Board of Directors per resolution 2022-11. The goal of the summit is to work towards identifying and improving access to healthy foods

in rural Alaska. The panels addressed access to sufficient, safe and nutritious food; protections for the traditional ways of gathering and harvesting local resources; land stewardship, and brainstormed solutions with local State and Federal partners for the current food crisis in Tribal communities.

The summit opened with a traditional meal provided by Flora Deacon from the

National Resource Center for Alaska Native Elders and an Alaska Native traditional foods chef. The summit also included informational sessions on raising ducks and quail; birch tapping and syrups; preparation of pike; hydroponic and container gardening; cooking traditional foods, and a demonstration of pickling salmon.

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Mission

Tanana Chiefs Conference provides a unified voice in advancing sovereign tribal governments through the promotion of physical and mental wellness, education, socioeconomic development, and culture of the Interior Alaska Native people.

Vision

Healthy, Strong, Unified Tribes



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Chief's Report

Dear Tribes and Tribal Members,

Last month, I had the honor of attending the 2023 Denakkanaaga Elders & Youth Conference in Huslia. During the meeting, I was able to visit with elders, youth and community members from throughout our region and participated in an Elder Housing panel alongside 2nd Traditional Chief Andy Jimmie, Denakkanaaga First Chief Jack Wholecheese, and Patricia McDonald with the Interior Regional Housing Authority. I would like to thank Denakkanaaga for organizing this event and the community of Huslia for hosting. I look forward to attending in the future!

Last month, I also had the opportunity to visit the communities of Fort Yukon and Circle to meet with tribal leadership and talk to community members. Both communities were heavily impacted this year from spring flooding and our hope is that the spring flooding event will go Federal through FEMA and that it will provide additional funding to assist in recovery efforts. I would like to thank both communities for hosting us and allowing us to visit with your leadership.

In June, I also traveled to Minnesota to attend the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) Mid-Year Convention, where we were able to pass a resolution on grid resiliency to assist our villages in obtaining more grant funding to decrease the cost of electricity. This year NCAI did not achieve quorum, which can impact the ability to make certain decisions. It will be important for Tribes to attend the NCAI Annual Convention in November, as Alaska will be electing a new Vice-President to represent Alaskan Tribes on the NCAI Executive Council.

As many of you already know, the Salmon outlook for the summer is once again dismal. Our Tribal Resource Stewardship Program staff have been monitoring escapement numbers along the river and staying updated on any changes. See page 8 of this newsletter for more information.

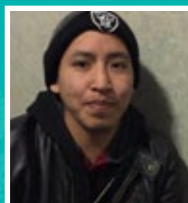
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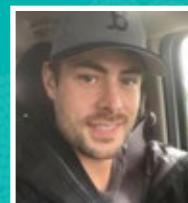
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Lorraine Ginnis



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Doren Sanford



Debbie Nictune



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Call the Alaska State Troopers at 907-451-5100,
Fairbanks Police Department at 907-450-6500
or TCC Public Safety at 907-452-8251 ext.3269.
Visit www.tananachiefs.org/missing for more
information.



TCC Travels To DC to Oppose Ambler Road

In May, Chief/Chairman Brian Ridley, Vice-President Sharon Hildebrand and TCC staff joined the Defend the Brooks Range Coalition's recent "fly in" to Washington, DC. The trip is part of the ongoing advocacy efforts to oppose the construction of the Ambler Road.

The Coalition is headed by the National Parks Conservation Association, and other partners include tribal members from Ambler, Kobuk and Tanana. The Coalition held meetings with several key parties involved with Ambler Road, including the Council on

Environmental Quality, EPA Office of Wetlands, Oceans and Watersheds, National Parks Service, Fish and Wildlife Service, DOI Solicitor's Office, Center for American Progress, Senator Murkowski and Representative Peltola's staff.

The meetings provided the opportunity to meet face-to-face with decision-makers to emphasize the detrimental negative impacts of the road, future mining operations, and specific requests for a robust supplemental environmental impact study.

TCC continues to partner with other Tribes and organizations to help advocate against the road.



TCC Pharmacy Recognition in IHS Monthly Spotlight

Tanana Chiefs Conference (TCC) Pharmacy Services provides pharmaceutical care to approximately 16,000 Alaska Native/ American Indians throughout a remote swath of Interior Alaska nearly the size of the state of Texas from two pharmacies- Chief Andrew Isaac (CAIHC) in Fairbanks and Upper Tanana Health Center (UTHC) in Tok, Alaska. The pharmacy team at TCC is dedicated to providing high quality, innovative and culturally sensitive care to the patients of the TCC region. Approximately ½ of the pharmacist and ¾ of the pharmacy technician staff at TCC are AI/ AN. The pharmacy staff's cultural makeup helps reinforce TCC's guiding principle of Ch'eghwtsen' or "True Love" for both coworkers and all

of those that they serve.

Like much of the pharmacy world, TCC Pharmacy services have been dramatically impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. In order to overcome the unique challenges of providing care throughout the COVID-19 pandemic in such a remote and harsh-weather region, TCC Pharmacy staff have had to go to great lengths to provide the care that the patients of the region need and deserve.

TCC Pharmacy staff have been instrumental in some of the following activities related to the COVID-19 PHE:

- COVID-19 vaccine activities and efforts throughout the TCC region

- Provision of COVID-19 monoclonal antibodies and oral therapeutics in a timely manner that minimized the need for patient travel
- Instituted increased home delivery, airplane and mail-out services, curbside delivery, telephonic counseling, and other pharmacy services to maximize patient convenience, safety and continued high quality care

Additionally, TCC Pharmacy has been innovative with providing high quality clinical services such as:

- Clinical pharmacist specialist provider with full prescriptive authority
- Pharmacist-driven provision of tobacco cessation counseling and medication, family planning, anticoagulation, prenatal care, STI treatment, and independent lab ordering
- Robust telepharmacy services in 24 remote village clinics

TCC is honored to have an award winning team of Pharmacists, Pharmacy Technicians, and staff who are willing to put in the work for our region. We want to thank our pharmacy staff for going above and beyond and caring for our people.



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Representing the Intertribal Agriculture Council, Tikaan Galbreath reminded attendees of the importance of traditional foods to our culture. “We understand how we fit into the landscape,” he said, “Through a collaborative and intentional approach, we can establish a strong foundation that is informed by our values and for the next generation to continue to build from.” He added that there are numerous resources available to Indigenous land stewards who are seeking to establish community-driven agriculture, start food production and processing businesses, and to support conservation and regenerative agriculture. “There is the opportunity to reclaim and nurture the food systems that exist in our tribal communities across the state,” he asserted.



Amber Vaska, TCC’s Executive Director of Tribal Government and Client Services, shares the mission and the sentiment. “The heart of the Food Security Summit was for tribal and community members to convene, learn, and make connections on opportunities to fund, grow, access, harvest, preserve and cook healthy and traditional foods,” she said, “In a world where tribal members face many food security threats, such as airline shortages, supply chain issues, hunting pressures, complex regulations, and climate change, it is important that tribal members have the knowledge to grow, gather, harvest, hunt or barter to access traditional, nutritious foods.”

Other panelists included Heidi Rader from the University of Alaska (UAF) Cooperative Extension, Samantha

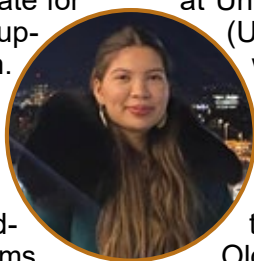
Castle Kirstein from the Fairbanks Community Food Bank, Charlie Wright from TCC’s Executive Board, Kiah “Mikkiah” Goessel, a traditional plant specialist, and Kevin Illingsworth from UAF’s Tribal Government program. The summit seeks to continue to find ways to successfully collaborate with other entities in securing tribal food sovereignty and improving access to nutritionally sound foods in rural communities.

“I’d like to thank everyone who made our Food Security Summit a success,” said Jennifer Probert, TCC’s Diabetes Program Community Outreach Coordinator and organizer of the Food Security Summit, “There was plenty of networking, learning, supporting, sharing of stories, and amazing food throughout the day, and I’m looking forward to continuing this conference in the future.”

If you’d like more information about food security, please visit <https://www.tananachiefs.org/food-resources/>

Emerging Leader Spotlight: Esther O'Brien

Esther O'Brien is an advocate for self-improvement and is a supporter of secondary education. Esther was raised in Nenana with her eight siblings. She is the daughter of the late Matt O'Brien Jr. and Lily O'Brien (Swenning). Her great grandparents are the late Salvin Adams and the late Charlotte Adams (Cruikshank) of Beaver. Her maternal grandparents are the late Paul Swenning Sr. and the late Barbarba Swenning (Inga); and her paternal great grandparents are the late Aleksander Inga and the late Fedosia Inga (Kahutak) of Nuniaq (Old Harbor) on Kodiak Island. At 21 years old, Esther is a student



at University of Alaska Anchorage (UAA) where she will graduate with an Associates degree in the fall, and already holds an Alaska Native Business Management occupational endorsement. She works full time at her village corporation, Old Harbor Native Corporation.

Among her top goals as an Emerging Leader committee member is advocating for traditions and culture; land, and waters. Esther also wants to support youth in completing high school and embracing secondary education. “I want to use my voice for all our youth,” she says, “To encourage them to use theirs firmly.”

Esther’s message to the youth is self-advocacy. “Stand up for your education. Stand up for your career. Stand up for your family. Stand up for your community,” she says, “Grasp your future firmly and do not let go.” She sends congratulations to all 2023 Graduates, and wishes for their communities to know that the youth are ready to learn. “Be patient with the youth, teach us how to carry on for our future generations,” she says, “We know that it is our turn to learn, teach, advocate, and create healthy spaces.”

Please join us in thanking Esther for our contributions to the Emerging Leaders committee, and to all of our communities!

Iodine... For Your Teeth?

Did you know? Iodine can help protect against cavities and gum disease? It's true! Iodine can help kill the bad bacteria in your mouth and can also help slow plaque build-up on your teeth. Plaque is basically a "shelter" for bad bacteria to hide within. So the fact iodine can help eliminate both the shelter and the bad bacteria is great news for your dental health! We will offer Iodine applications at TCC Dental clinic but the really good news is- you can also apply on your own, at home. Please see the information below!

Did you know? Iodine and Fluoride applied in the mouth together are more effective at preventing cavities than when used alone. Since they work better together, TCC Dental will be offering both Iodine and Fluoride applications at dental appointments.

Preventive Care With Iodine Cavity Risk

- Mild: No treatment needed
- Moderate to High: 4 times a year - once a season
- Severe: 4-6 times a year

Treatment of Active Cavities

- 1-4 cavities: once a week for one month, then once a month thereafter
- 5+ cavities: once a week for one month, then twice a month thereafter

Where to Buy

- You can find it over the counter at most stores with a first aid section.

MYTH BUSTER

MYTH:

It stains teeth.

No! The temporary color will disappear after closing. However, it can stain cloth.

Myth:

Shellfish allergy = Iodine allergy.

No! There is no cross-reactivity between shellfish and Iodine.

Myth:

Bad taste.

No! A little bit of iodine does not taste bad.

How To Apply



Step One:

8 drops of 10% povidone-iodine in a small glass/dish



Step Two:

Saturate one end of a Q-Tip and swipe along the top teeth



Step Three:

Dip the other (clean) end of the Q-Tip and swipe along the lower teeth



Step Four:

Keep your mouth open for 10 seconds



Step Five:

Do not eat or drink for 10 minutes

If you have any questions, please call the CAIHC Dental Clinic at 907-451-6682 ext. 3200

2023 Denakkanaaga Elders and Youth Conference

The Denakkanaaga Board of Directors held their annual meeting in Huslia, Alaska on June 3, 2023.

Re-elected to the board were Jack Wholecheese of Huslia, Cora Demit of Northway, Margaret Henry-John of Circle, and Natalie Newman, youth representative from Rampart. They join current board members, Second Traditional Chief for the region Andy Jimmie and member Glenn Carlo in serving the elders within Interior Alaska. Two vacant board seats will be filled later this fall.

Following the election, officers were elected at a special meeting. Re-elected

as Denakkanaaga First Chief was Jack Wholecheese and elected as Denakkanaaga Second Chief was Cora Demit and Margaret Henry-John as Secretary/Treasurer.

Prior to the annual meeting, Denakkanaaga held its annual elders and youth conference on June 1 and 2, 2023 in Huslia. The theme of the gathering was "Our Native Way of Life: Keeping Us Connected, Keeping Us Healthy".

Tanana Chiefs Conference was a major sponsor of the conference.

Denakkanaaga is a Koyukon-Athabascan word that means 'our people speak'.



July Head Start News

Did you know that Head Start is a comprehensive early childhood education program that is designed to help families with high risk factors? Head Start nationwide provides children with a safe and educational setting where they receive up to 2/3 of their daily caloric intake. This means children receive 2-3 meals when they attend Head Start classroom. Children receive health and developmental screenings for hearing, vision, hemoglobin, height, weight, and blood pressure to ensure children are ready to learn. The program partners with families to monitor that their children are up to date on immunizations and dental screenings, as well as monitoring overall growth and development quarterly.

Did you know TCC Head Start hires locally to grow our own teachers? This means the program hires staff in their home communities and the program pays to send them to college to receive the minimum qualifications for their teaching positions. The program offers 2-4 hours per week of on the

clock homework time for staff to take classes, and the program promotes within. Often times, hiring within the communities means staff stay in their programs longer and children keep their teachers longer. This provides a stronger social and emotional support that prepares children to move into kindergarten.

Stay tuned for more Head Start facts.

We are currently enrolling children for our 23-24 school year. If you have a child under the age of 5 that you'd like to be enrolled please contact Waverly Neal at 907-452-8251 or 800-478-6822 ext. 3998 for more information.

Dolly Parton Imagination Library

Every month enrolled children from the ages of birth to 5 will get a free age appropriate book! Reading together is a wonderful way to build a lifelong love for reading with children and promote family time.

If you do not have a local Head Start educator, please call Waverly. She's

happy to assist. Please contact Waverly Neal at 907-452-8251 or 800-478-6822 ext. 3998 for ways to sign up.

Head Start has positions open in the following villages:

Head Start has positions open in the following villages: In Allakaket, Grayling, Holy Cross, Huslia and Tok we have Family Visitor positions available. In Grayling and Nulato we have Preschool Lead Teacher positions available. In Grayling, Nenana, Northway, Tok and Tanacross we have Preschool Assistant Teacher positions available. In Nenana we have Infant/Toddler Teacher positions as well as an Early Head Start Cook position available. In Nenana, Nulato and Tok we have Substitute Teacher positions available. In Fairbanks we have an ERSEA position available. Please visit our website at www.tananachiefs.org/careers to see what's open in your area or call Kristi Walmsley at 907-452-8251 or 800-478-6822, ext. 3015.

Subsistence Lifestyle As A Healthy Lifestyle

By Division of Wellness and Prevention

July is "Subsistence Lifestyle as a Healthy Lifestyle" month. Many of us participate in subsistence activities year-round, but sometimes we forget that subsistence is more than just keeping your freezer stocked. It has been shown that people who participate in subsistence activities are already taking steps to live a healthier lifestyle through a couple of avenues.

First, subsistence activities help keep us physically active. When we are out hunting, we are walking or climbing. When we are berry picking, we are raising and lowering ourselves. When we are fishing, we use many upper body movements as well as maintaining our balance. There are so many ways that we are unconsciously turning exercises like squats, bicep curls, or stretches into functional movements, and it helps a lot to keep our bodies healthy and our brains producing the chemicals needed to reduce stress and make us feel happy.

Second, the foods we are gathering are great staples in a healthy diet. Not only does it cost less money than products from the grocery store, but most of our foods are naturally organic and don't contain high levels of fats, sugars or carbohydrates, reducing our risk for things such as heart disease and diabetes. For example, duck is an excellent source of protein and iron, salmon is high in heart-healthy Omega 3 fats and Vitamins A and D, blueberries are high in Vitamin C and a good source of fiber, and caribou are high in protein and low in saturated fat.

Finally, subsistence activities connect us with one another. It connects us with our cultural traditions that are thousands of years old, through ways that have been taught to us by our Elders. It also brings communities together when we are sharing our jars with another

family or bringing along some thawed meats to a gathering. Our own families become closer as we show youth how to pick berries cleanly or our uncle shows us how to fillet our fish. Whole families become involved and help one another, giving us a sense of belonging that goes a very long way in keeping ourselves healthy. The memories we make with each other and the things we teach will be remembered for a long time.

This month, give yourself a pat on the back for embracing your subsistence lifestyle, thank your family or your community for helping to include you in this lifestyle as a youth, and be proud of your resourcefulness and traditions. Pass on what you've learned and don't put off participating in an activity. Help those around you to acknowledge how important subsistence is for creating a healthy lifestyle.





Community Health Aide *Spotlight*

Sheena Tanner - CHAP Trainer

By Linden Staciokas

When Sheena Tanner last appeared in this newsletter, in January of 2020, she was an itinerant health aide. Today she is back, only this time she is a CHAP Trainer, helping others pursue their dreams of medical careers. Her employment history with Tanana Chiefs perfectly illustrates that you can start out with no experience in the health field and, with training, have a world of opportunities open up to you.

Asked who was pivotal in starting her on this path, Sheena immediately named and expressed gratitude to the Arctic Village Council. She says that back in 2013, "I was a stay-at-home mom with no work experience, and they invested in me," recommending that she be trained as their health aide. She filled that position until her husband wanted to move closer to his family in Missouri. Rather than giving up her job, Sheena became an itinerant health aide. This gave her the freedom to work blocks of time in various villages but in between assignments she could spend time in Missouri with her husband and children.

Early in 2023, Sheena moved back to Alaska full time. She needed a more consistent income than what was available to her as an itinerant, so when she saw the opening for a trainer in the CHAP program, she applied. The interview required applicants to design and teach a class in front of the entire hiring committee, to demonstrate not only their knowledge but also how well they could pass on that information to others. That task was challenging, recalled Sheena. "I actually had fun preparing that class, but even though I knew most of the people on the room, I still felt a little intimidated."

Sheena began her current position in March of 2023. When the training modules for new health aides are in session, she works at the training center in Fairbanks. Asked if the training is

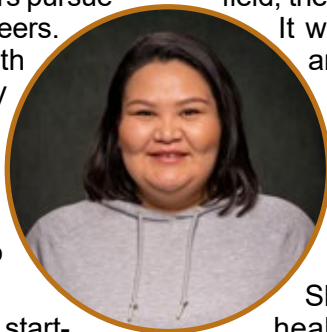
very different now from when she first took classes a decade ago, Sheena stated that while there is always added information coming out in the medical field, the training is not very different.

It was intense and strict then and continues to be so, graduating people who are fully capable of functioning as the first line providers in the often remote villages they serve.

In between sessions, Sheena works as an itinerant health aide, which allows her to keep current on medical advancements and practices and thus easily meet her licensing requirements. This also insures that she doesn't lose touch with the difficulties that come with being the only medical person for hundreds of miles, required to provide care from birth to death.

Sheena is still settling into her job as a trainer, but she knows that there are other opportunities available for the future. The TCC career ladder includes higher positions in the bureaucracy or more training that could lead to becoming a nurse or physician's assistant. She continues to find the organization flexible and supportive of the professional growth of the staff, and knows this includes arranging schedules so that she could take classes if she wanted an advanced degree.

Asked if there was anyone else besides the Arctic Village Council Sheena wanted to thank for helping her succeed in her career, she promptly said, "My cousin Nikkitta Smoke. When she was going through her health aide training, she posted information about what she was learning and her progress. Seeing her do it lit the first spark in me, the idea that I might be able to do it, too." Sheena hopes that talking about her experiences in places like this newsletter will similarly encourage someone else to enter a field that she still finds fulfilling and exciting after all these years.

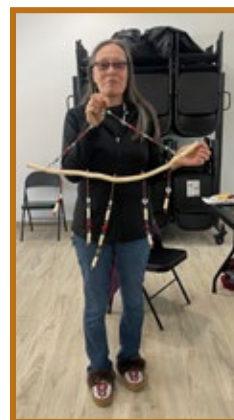


Nulato Hosts UAF Human Services Class

Instructors from the University of Alaska, Interior Aleutians Campus (UAF, IAC) are traveling in partnership with Tanana Chiefs Conference (TCC) to villages across the Interior Alaska this summer, offering a two-credit Human Services class called, "Happiness, Wellbeing, and Self Care." In May, the village of Nulato hosted the teaching team consisting of Annie Hopper and Norene Otnes from UAF, and Fred John, an Elder.

About the class, Annie Hopper offers, "We weave storytelling, drumming, songs, beading, crafts, food sharing, mask making, and more." The course aims to assist students in developing coping mechanisms to manage difficult life situations, and focuses on meditative functions as well. "It revolves around calming the mind with meditations, movement, and new ideas with what is called 'Mind, Body, Medicine,'" says Hopper, "We are learning to be more present and mindful in our lives."

TCC wants to thank UAF for their partnership in this crossover learning experience!



National Congress of American Indians

Mid-Year Convention

In June, Tanana Chiefs Conference leadership attended the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) Mid-Year Convention in Prior Lake, Minnesota. During the meeting, TCC submitted a resolution titled 'Improvements to Grid Resilience Grants for Tribal Nations' which asks NCAI to call on the US Department of Energy to administer the 40101d program in a way that recognizes the sovereign rights of tribes and fulfills the US government's goal of self-governance, including a single application for the

grant duration, yearly reporting, no match for Tribes, and no requirement to pass money to an "eligible entity." These changes to the program would increase TCC region's Tribes access to this vital funding that was created to respond to climate change by developing resilient electrical grids in our communities.

Both the subcommittee and committee recommended that NCAI adopt the resolution. Unfortunately, the NCAI body was unable to reach quorum, which is 50% + 1 of the membership

having met the requirements of credentials. The inability to meet quorum prevented the convention from taking action to accept and pass the resolutions. Instead, the resolutions will be sent to the NCAI Executive Committee for review and approval.

The 80th Annual NCAI Convention will be taking place November 12-17, 2023 in New Orleans, Louisiana. TCC is encouraging all Tribes to attend the event as several important elections will be taking place, including a new Alaska area Vice-President and NCAI Chair. The Alaska area Vice-President is currently being held by Mike Williams of Akiak.

Save The Date
80th Annual NCAI
Convention & Marketplace
November 12-17, 2023
New Orleans, LA



2023 Yukon River Salmon Forecast

It is likely that escapement goals for all Yukon River salmon runs will not be met in 2023. More than ever, every salmon counts to support each fish in reaching their spawning grounds.

Chinook Salmon

The Yukon River expects 82,000 Chinook salmon drainage-wide with a range of 62,000 to 104,000 salmon. Drainage-wide run size below 150,000 tend to not meet escapement goals. This means there will likely be no Chinook salmon fishing this summer.

As of June 20, 2023, 11,104 Chinook salmon passed the Pilot Station sonar at the mouth of the Yukon River. This is very low compared to the 10-year average of having 95,000 Chinook salmon passing the sonar by now.

Summer Chum

The Yukon River expects 557,000 summer chum drainage-wide with a range of 280,000 to 900,000 salmon. This prediction is uncertain, because the age-4 salmon faced the 2019 extreme above average water temperatures in the Yukon River and the die off on the Koyukuk River. Drainage-wide escapement goals start at 500,000 salmon, so the summer chum run may be over or may be under the goal.

As of June 20, 2023, 68,184 summer chum passed the Pilot Station sonar. This is very low compared to the 10-year average of having 873,887 chum salmon passing the sonar by now.

Fall Chum

The Yukon River expects 251,000 fall chum drainage-wide with a range of 112,000 to 602,000. The prediction is uncertain as the fall chum are currently rebounding. Based on the estimate, escapement goals are not going to be met.

Fishery announcements and weekly updates will be published through the State of Alaska Advisory Announcement system and shared on their Facebook page (Yukon River Fishing-ADFG). Fishing information for your area of the river can be reached anytime by dialing the toll-free hotline number at 1-866-479-7387



CONGRATULATIONS 2023 GRADUATES!

Adelyna Peter • 6



Fort Yukon
Fort Yukon School
Kindergarten

Adrianna Hamilton • 17



Shageluk
Galena Interior Learning Academy
High School Diploma

Aiyana Patsy • 14



Nulato
Andrew K. Demoski School
8th Grade

Amber Settle • 18



Koyukuk
Richland WA High School
High School Diploma

Amy Nicholi • 14



Grayling
David Louis memorial School
8th Grade

Anastasia W. Cook • 4



Kaltag
Kaltag Elementary School
Pre-K

Andrew Demientieff Jr • 6



Holy Cross
Jeffery A Bader Memorial School
Kindergarten

Annika Elisabeth Watson • 18



Rampart
Silas High School
High School Diploma

April Harris • 18



McGrath
Nenana City School
High School Diploma

Aria Cadzow • 6



Fort Yukon
Fort Yukon School
Kindergarten

Ashton Edwin-Orrison • 18



Tanana
North Pole High School
High School Diploma

Autumn Cantu • 30



Ruby
UAF
Bachelor of Arts, Social Work - Minor: Psychology

Azaiah Frank • 6



Fort Yukon
Hunter
Kindergarten

Beverly Murphy • 5



Northway
Walter Northway School
Kindergarten

Brady Kriska • 6



Stevens Village
Woodriver
Kindergarten

Briana Eagleshield • 13



Circle

Randy Smith Middle School
8th Grade

Brianna Sanford • 17



Tanacross

Raven Homeschool
High School Diploma

Caleb Benjamin • 18



Shageluk

Sidney Huntington High School
High School Diploma

Callie A. Dayton • 14



Huslia

Jimmy Huntington School
8th Grade promotion

Carmen Vent • 13



Huslia

Jimmy Huntington School
8th Grade

Cedric Deacon • 17



Grayling

West Anchorage High School/ANSEP
High School Diploma

Chad Roberts • 17



Minto

Minto School
High School Diploma

Chandalar, Sam • 6



Arctic Village

Fort Yukon School
Kindergarten

Chanel A. T. Simon • 18



Huslia

**Arizona State University Sandra Day
O'Connor College of Law**
Juris Doctor

Chanel Johnson • 18



Fairbanks

Lathrop High School
High School Diploma

Charles Michael Ambrose • 18



Ruby

Nenana City School
High School Diploma

Charlisa Sommer • 17



Galena

Raven Homeschool
High School Diploma

Clayton Wiehl • 18



Minto

Minto School
High School Diploma

Cody Charlie • 18



Tetlin

Tok School
High School Diploma

Cole Isaacson • 18



Nulato

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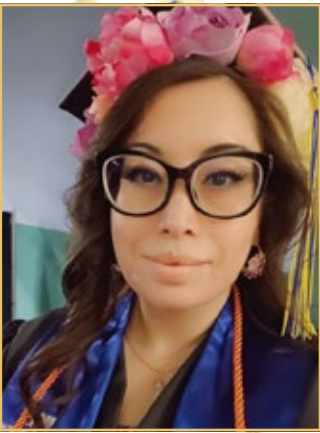
Dana Semaken • 18



Kaltag

G.I.L.A.
High School Diploma

Darlene Buckley • 35



Eagle
UAF

Certificate, Business Management

Derrick DeWilde • 18



Fort Yukon
North Pole High School
High School Diploma

Desirae Constantine • 18



Tok
Tok School
High School Diploma

Dreyton Huntington • 5



Anvik
Blackwell School
Kindergarten

Dustin Johnny • 6



Northway
Walter Northway School
Kindergarten

Easton Burnham • 6



Nulato
Anne Wein Elementary
Kindergarten

Elizabeth Edwards •



Alatna
Raven Homeschool
High School Diploma

Emma Joseph • 17



Fairbanks
Maudrey J. Sommer School
High School Diploma

Erin Greenway • 18



Rampart
IDEA Homeschool
High School Diploma

Esther Frykman • 41



Northway
UAA
Bachelor of Science, Nursing

Frank Winfrey • 18



Minto
Effie Kokrine Charter School
High School Diploma

Gloria Rhodes •



Holy Cross
UAA
Bachelor of Science, Applied Technologies
Leadership

Grace Marks • 23



Huslia
Cal State San Marcos
Bachelors, Kinesiology

Hannah Ekada • 17



Nulato
Mt Edgecumbe High School
High School Diploma

Harmony Michael • 17



Huslia
Arlington High School
High School Diploma

Isabelle Jagels • 18



Tanana
Effie Kokrine Charter School
High School Diploma

Isaiah Alexander • 17



Minto
Minto School
High School Diploma

Jade McCarty • 17



Galena
GILA/SHS
High School Diploma

Jaivier Nathaniel • 17



Galena
West Valley High School
High School Diploma

James Williams • 18



Huslia
West Valley High School
High School Diploma

Jasmine Shank • 18



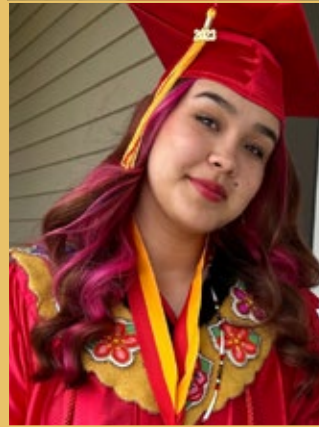
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Raven Homeschool
High School Diploma

Jazlyn Fix • 18



Northway
Tok School
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Jenna Bettis • 18



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Jesse VanReenan-Orrison • 19



Rampart
CEC
High School Diploma

John Kubanyi • 13



Fairbanks
Ryan Middle School
8th Grade

Jordan Erhart • 5



Tanana
Hunter Elementary
Kindergarten

Juelz Wiehl • 18



Fairbanks
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Koyukuk
West Valley High School
High School Diploma

Kaelie Audrey Sunny Cowan • 19



Nenana
Pearl River central high school
High School Diploma

Kaitlyn Theonnes • 21



Beaver
University of California Berkeley
Bachelor of Science, Civil Engineering

Kaylee Sommer • 18



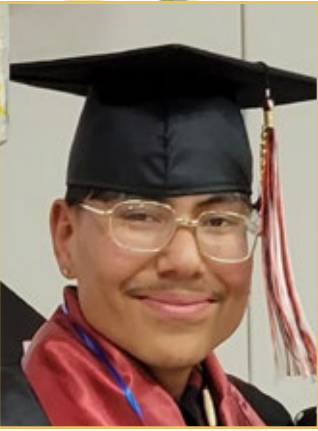
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Sidney C. Huntington School
High School Diploma

Keira Hill • 11



Tanana
Hunter
5th Grade

Kenneth Stickman • 17



Nulato
Andrew K Demoski School
High School Diploma

Kevin Smoke Jr. • 6



Arctic Village
Ladd Elementary
Kindergarten

Kira Sam • 18



Northway
Walter Northway School
High School Diploma

Kyler Kangas • 18



Ruby
Effie Kokrine Charter School
High School Diploma

Ladainian Frank • 11



Fort Yukon
Hunter Elementary
5th Grade

Laura Ekada • 23



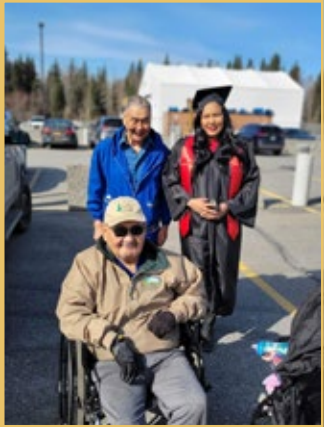
Nulato
UAF
Bachelors of Science, Biological Sciences

Layla Peter • 14



Fort Yukon
Fort Yukon School
8th Grade

Lorraine Solomon-Henry • 23



Alatna
UAF
Associates in Applied Science and Certificate in Tribal Governance

Maddison Frank • 14



Fort Yukon
Effie Kokrine Charter School
8th Grade

Madison Nayokpuk • 17



Fairbanks
Galena Interior Learning Academy
High School Diploma

Malaya Stickman • 5



Nulato
Andrew K. Demoski School
Headstart

Mandy McKindy • 17



McGrath
Galena Interior Learning Academy
High School Diploma

Mary Carroll • 18



Fort Yukon
Fort Yukon High School
2023 Fort Yukon Valedictorian

Michael Morin • 18



Dot Lake
Bradwell Institute
High School Diploma

Nevaeh Demientieff • 17



Holy Cross
Galena Interior Learning Academy
High School Diploma

Nevaeh Pio • 18



Ruby
East High Anchorage Ak
High School Diploma

Orenda Jimerson • 32



Tetlin
Northwest Indian College
Associate Degree

Parker Huus • 17



Evansville
Effie Kokrine Charter School
High School Diploma

Payton Wright • 14



Fort Yukon
North Pole middle School
8th Grade

Peter Hildebrand • 18



Nulato
Raven Homeschool Fairbanks
High School Diploma

Precious Maille • 14



Grayling
8th Grade Promotion
8th Grade

Raquel Moses



Allakaket
University of Phoenix
Bachelor of Science, Business

Reese J. Wright • 6



Chalkyitsik
Tsuk Taih School
Kindergarten

Reese Sam-Marks • 22



Tanana
Eastern Oregon University
Bachelor of Science, Health and Human
Performance

Rhiannon Roberts • 11



Venetie
Hunter Elementary
5th Grade

Riley Derek Strom • 13



Fort Yukon
Fort Yukon School
8th Grade

River Rajala • 18



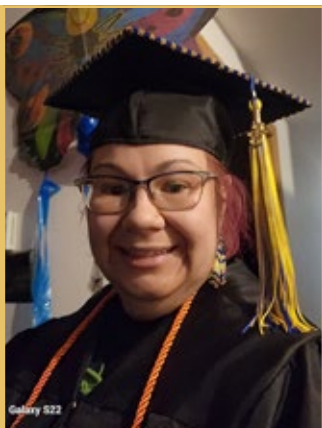
Dot Lake
Tok High School
High School Diploma

Robbie David • 17



Minto
Minto School
High School Diploma

Roberta Riley • 37



Beaver
UAF Community and Technical College
Information Technology Specialists

Roger Dayton IV • 17



Koyukuk
Effie Kokrine Charter School
High School Diploma

Savanah Evans • 29



Rampart
Alaska Pacific University
Bachelor of Arts, Creative and Professional Writing

Sebastian R. Cook • 6



Kaltag
Kaltag Elementary School
Kindergarten

Shania D.L. Druck • 18



Venetie
Venetie John Fredson High School
High School Diploma

Shania Jordan • 18



Tanana
Idea Homeschool
High School Diploma

Shannon Schill-Zonts • 21



Beaver
Cruikshank School
High School Diploma

Shelby Evans • 5



Evansville
Seeliger
Kindergarten

Sherae Frank • 18



Northway
Walter Northway School
High School Diploma

Shirley Harness • 34



Fairbanks
UAA
Bachelor of Science, Nursing

Stacy Kruger Brottem • 43



Anvik
UAF Community and Technical College
Associate of Applied Science, Early Childhood Education

Steven Peter • 14



Fort Yukon
Fort Yukon School
8th Grade

Stewart Erhart Jr. • 18



Tanana
West Valley High School
High School Diploma

Talbert Felix • 18



Northway
Walter Northway School
High School Diploma

Talon Nathaniel • 10



Galena
Pearl Creek Elementary
5th Grade

Trestin Roberts-Gunter • 19



Tanana
Effie Kokrine Charter School
High School Diploma

Tyler Shank • 6



Allakaket/Nulato
Hunter Elementary
Kindergarten

Victor Kubanyi III • 11



Fairbanks
Denali Elementary School
5th Grade

Violet Finney • 11



Eagle
Woodriver Elementary
5th Grade

William Pitka III • 18



Stevens Village
West Valley High School
High School Diploma

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New Vacancies

Birch Creek	Community Health Aide/Practitioner
Fairbanks	Facility HVAC Maintenance Mechanic
Fairbanks	Instructor-CHAP Training Center
Fairbanks	Regional Instructor
Fairbanks	Credentialing Technician I
Fairbanks	Accreditation Manager
Fairbanks	Senior RN Case Manager
Fairbanks	Senior Medical Director
Fairbanks	Optometrist
Fairbanks	Staff RN
Fairbanks	Medical Laboratory Scientist
Fairbanks	Pharmacy Technician IV
Fairbanks	Phlebotomist
Fairbanks	Transitions Care Coordinator
Fairbanks	Call Center Manager
Fairbanks	Certified Medical Assistant
Fairbanks	Central Scheduling Manager
Fairbanks	Central Scheduler
Fairbanks	Staff RN
Fairbanks	Medical Prior Authorization Specialist
Fairbanks	Ophthalmologist (Physician)
Fairbanks	Physician-Cancer Care and Infusion Center
Fairbanks	Patient Safety Specialist
Fairbanks	Addictions Counselor I
Fairbanks	Lead Behavioral Health Clinician
Fairbanks	Registration & Admissions Specialist
Fairbanks	Behavioral Health Clinical Associate II
Fairbanks	Patient Travel and Lodging Manager
Fairbanks	Residential Support Technician
Fairbanks	Housing First Behavioral Health Clinician
Fairbanks	Hospitality Support Staff
Fairbanks	Tribal Court Support Specialist
Fairbanks	Administrative Assistant II- Behavioral Health
Fairbanks	Tribal Administrator
Fairbanks	Self-Governance Operations Coordinator
Fairbanks	Community Planning Coordinator
Fairbanks	ERSEA Specialist
Fairbanks	Dena' Nena' Henash Intertribal Courts' Administrator
Fairbanks	Fund Accountant
Fairbanks	Billing Technician II
Fairbanks	Network Engineer
Fairbanks	Systems Engineer
Fairbanks	Behavioral Health Administrative Assistant
Galena	Behavioral Health Clinical Associate-Galena
Holy Cross	Tribal Family Youth Specialist
Huslia	Dental Assistant Intern
Huslia	Elder Nutrition Cook
Minto	Tribal Family Youth Specialist
Northway	Preschool Assistant Teacher
Tok	Staff RN
Tok	Family Visitor
Tok	Coordinator/Instructor Mid Level Practitioner
Tok	UTHC Administrative Assistant I
Tok	Clinical Support Staff/Medical Assistant
Venetie	Home Care Provider

JOBS LISTED WERE OPEN AS OF JUNE 20, 2023

Check out our NEW
Rural Economic
Development
Webpage!

Find Resources and Opportunities!



The Rural Economic Development program is here to assist eligible Alaska Natives and American Indians with small business development and entrepreneurship.

Questions?

Contact Elizabeth Carrozzino at
elizabeth.carrozzino@tananachiefs.org



Traveling to Alaska Native Medical Center and Need Assistance?

The ANMC-TCC Patient Advocates work closely with the medical teams at the Alaska Native Medical Center (ANMC) to ensure TCC patients receive clear communication about their care, excellent patient experiences, safe discharge plans, and access to support if concerns arise while at ANMC.

Please reach out to our ANMC-TCC Patient Advocates if needed.

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ANMC-TCC Patient Advocate

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Lucy Frank

Lead ANMC-TCC Patient Advocate

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