

# THE ALEUTIAN CURRENT



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Debra is a passionate advocate for the Aleut people, and building a Corporation that succeeds into the future.

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT & CEO

Fellow Shareholders,

I hope all of you are healthy and well during this unprecedented time. I want to personally thank you for everything you are doing to help slow the spread of COVID-19. At The Aleut Corporation, we continue to monitor COVID-19 information and follow directives put forth by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention and the Alaska Department of Health and Human Services, as well as the State of Alaska and Municipality of Anchorage's guidelines, directives, and Emergency Orders. The Aleut Corporation corporate office remains closed but is fully operational – you can reach our Shareholder Relations department by phone or email if you need assistance or have questions.

The Board of Directors held their regularly scheduled May board meeting via Webex, and you will find the outcomes of that meeting in this newsletter as well as information regarding the 2020 Annual Meeting of Shareholders. While I look

forward to our in-person meetings and celebrations each year, the COVID-19 pandemic has made those type of events unachievable. I unfortunately will be unable to visit the communities in the Aleut Region this year. The Board of Directors has also made the decision to hold the 2020 Annual Meeting of Shareholders virtually via webcast and telephonically in the interest of everyone's health and safety. Although we will not be meeting in-person, you will be able to view or listen to the 2020 Annual Meeting. Please read the article below for more information regarding the 2020 Annual Meeting of Shareholders. In addition to this information, we will continue to provide updates via social media and the eCurrent. I appreciate your understanding during these unique times.

June marks the beginning of summer in Alaska and the beginning of new opportunities for many of our shareholders and descendants who



graduated this year. Congratulations on your hard work and accomplishments! While I know that this summer may not be like any other due to the pandemic, I hope that you will be able to take advantage of this time to explore and plan for future opportunities as well as enjoy the outdoors.

Warmest regards,

*Thomas Mack*

President & CEO

## BOARD CHAIR REPORT

Greetings Shareholders,

This newsletter comes to you during some remarkable times in our nation. Your board continues to meet and work as we navigate this new normal. Our last two Board meetings have been online and will continue to be online until quarantines and travel bans have been lifted. The protection of our shareholders and staff is of the utmost concern.

A major topic of discussion at this past Board meeting was the movement of the Annual Meeting to an online platform. After much deliberation, your Board has decided to move this October's Annual Meeting online. We realize this decision is being made early, however, to properly plan the Board feels it must be made now. We have been watching and learning from other Alaska Native corporations who have also chosen this path. One person contracting COVID-19 at any Aleut gathering is one too many, and we are not willing to take that risk. Predicting the future on this is not

easy; please know your Board is taking every precaution to ensure the safety of our people first and foremost.

Challenges are being experienced by all of us and I want to include a positive note and message to our many Aleut graduates. On behalf of the Board of Directors, I would like to extend a heartfelt congratulations to all our graduates who are completing high school, technical training, and college. Please take the time to recognize graduates in your area if possible.

In closing, I want to point out a new section to the Aleutian Current authored by the Museum of the Aleutians (MOTA). In this section we hope to bring you closer to the history of our people in a variety of ways. Do you want to be a member of MOTA? Check out: <https://www.aleutians.org/support> and show your support by becoming a member! You will receive their e-newsletter and you will be supporting an



organization dedicated to preserving our history. MOTA could use your support in this difficult time.

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Aleut Corporation, be safe and take care.

Sincerely,

Sharon Guenther Lind, Ph.D.

*Sharon Lind*

Chairman of the Board  
Board Member, MOTA

## 2020 ANNUAL REPORT – CALL FOR PARTICIPATION

This year's annual report theme is "Ataqan Akun", Unangam Tunuu for "We are One". With the COVID-19 Pandemic, a lot has changed in the world. We want to know how you and your family have embodied the togetherness and unity of Ataqan Akun throughout the year. We will include some of those sentiments in this year's annual report. We invite you to submit answers to the

following prompts about the theme by **July 24, 2020 at 5pm to [info@aleutcorp.com](mailto:info@aleutcorp.com)**.

Prompts: **What does Ataqan Akun mean to you? How have you embodied that spirit during COVID-19?**

## 2020 ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS GOING VIRTUAL!

Due to the unpredictable future we are facing as a company and an entire Nation regarding the global COVID-19 pandemic, The Aleut Corporation Board of Directors has made the difficult decision to hold the 2020 Annual Meeting of Shareholders on October 10, 2020 virtually. This was not an easy decision, but the health and safety of our shareholders and employees are a high priority for the Board of Directors.

**There will not be an Aleut Village Conference, Culture Night or Banquet this year.**

Information on how to register and attend the 2020 Annual Meeting of Shareholders by webcast or telephonically will be forthcoming as we get closer to the 2020 Annual Meeting date of October 10, 2020. Access to the shareholder portal will be required to view the webcast. Please register at: <https://portal.aleutcorp.com>

We appreciate your understanding, and look forward to engaging with you all in new and creative ways.

## KEY BOARD ACTIONS: MAY 13, 2020

Motion to direct management to send out a 30-day notice to approve Bylaw changes at a special board meeting.

Motion to direct management to move the October 10, 2020 Annual Meeting to a virtual meeting utilizing webcast and teleconference options.

Motion to direct the Policy Committee to propose amendments to the Bylaws and Annual Meeting Rules for a virtual annual meeting process.

Motion to direct the Policy Committee to review the Board Training policy in the Board Policy.

Motion to give TAC management approval to pursue and enter into loans that fall under the CARES Act.

## A NOTE ON OPEN ENROLLMENT

At the 2019 Annual Meeting of Shareholders, a shareholder resolution was submitted regarding opening enrollment to Aleut Corporation descendants that can prove Aleut blood or lineal descent of an original shareholder.

**Open Enrollment Plan:** In the Spring of 2016 the Board of Directors adopted a financial target of \$15M net income for four consecutive years in order to consider an advisory vote on open enrollment.

During this four-year period, the shareholder department has been actively **registering descendants**. Registered descendants are sent electronic newsletters and offered to participate in youth programs and TAF scholarships. Today we have **251 descendants registered**. (We know we have so many more!)

Currently, 678 shareholders have been gifted shares. 50 gifting applications are on hold pending additional documentation.

Please consider gifting shares or registering our descendants. Forms are available on our website.

# DESCENDANT OPPORTUNITIES

## CASH FOR GOOD GRADES & ATTENDANCE!\*

7th-12th Grade TAC Shareholders & Registered Descendants: **TAC will draw three \$100 cash prize winners for the categories below.**

**Spring 2020 Semester Report Cards are due June 30, 2020**

### TWO CHANCES TO WIN!

- Excellent GPA (3.5 GPA or above)
- Outstanding attendance (90% attendance)

### TO SUBMIT YOUR REPORT CARD, YOU CAN:

- Scan and email it to records@aleutcorp.com
- Fax it to 907-563-4328 (if you fax it, please call to ensure the fax was received)
- Mail/deliver it to 4000 Old Seward Highway, Suite 300, Anchorage, AK 99503

\* For official rules and deadlines visit [aleutcorp.com/youthincentive](http://aleutcorp.com/youthincentive)



## YOUTH ART CONTEST

The Aleut Corporation would like to engage our youth who are shareholders or descendants, because our success depends on our shareholders who are proud of their heritage and excited about participating in their corporation. Aleut Corporation shareholders and registered descendants who are 5-12 years of age are invited to let us know, through original artworks, what does Ataqan Akun (We are One) mean to me?

**Group A: Ages 5-8**

**1st Prize: \$100**

**2nd Prize: \$50**

**Group B: Ages 9-12**

**1st Prize: \$200**

**2nd Prize: \$100**

Youth may submit one entry of original artwork (drawings, paintings, original prints, photographs, etc.) in their age group. Entry must be no larger than 8-1/2" x 11". Submitted artwork must, in some form, demonstrate the designated theme. You may include an explanation of how the artwork represents the theme.

**Submit entries by 5:00 pm AKDT - Friday, July 31, 2020**

Please go to <https://www.aleutcorp.com/shareholders/shareholder-department/forms/> for full contest guidelines and entry form; along with TAC Descendant Registration form (if youth is not already registered).

## DESCENDANT REGISTRATION DRAWING

To encourage our shareholder descendants to register with The Aleut Corporation (TAC), we will be holding quarterly drawings for new registrants! Three winners will be drawn at the end of each quarter, and will receive \$100.

**First Quarter Deadline: June 30, 2020**

To register, visit [bit.ly/TACforms](http://bit.ly/TACforms) and complete the Descendant Database form.

Return completed forms to [records@aleutcorp.com](mailto:records@aleutcorp.com).

\*\*Please note: if you are already a TAC shareholder, you do NOT need to register as a descendant.\*\*



# TAC IN BUSINESS

## STAYING MISSION-READY: STRATA-G SOLUTIONS, LLC

Delivering Superior Military Products, Solutions & Services in a Soldier-Focused Small Business Administration (SBA) 8(a) Small Disadvantaged Business (SDB) Company

Written By: Devin Whitaker, President, Strata-G Solutions, LLC

Strata-G Solutions, LLC (Strata-G) is the latest of The Aleut Corporation's (TAC's) acquisitions, acquired in September 2019. Strata-G is a high-tech engineering and hardware solutions and services provider that resolves customer issues – rapidly, effectively, and economically. Strata-G is 100 percent owned by TAC as a stand-alone, wholly-owned subsidiary and Small Business Administration (SBA) 8(a) Small Disadvantaged Business (SDB). Strata-G has headquarters in Huntsville, Alabama, a town known for its cotton trade and watercross farms in the 1800s, which has been transformed into a bustling metropolis with approximately 70 federal agencies located at the Army's 38,000-acre Redstone Arsenal. More than half of the area's economy is tied to Washington, DC federal spending, making Strata-G uniquely positioned to increase revenues and future sustainable net income for the Aleut shareholders.



Since inception in 2004, Strata-G's vision has remained the same: to rapidly provide our United States military, homeland security, foreign allies, federal agency, and commercial customers with the highest quality

military-centric engineering, hardware, integrated solutions, and services required for their mission success. Strata-G's workforce performs a multitude of tasks including critical design engineering, prototyping, additive and traditional manufacturing, fabrication & kitting, technology integration, and aircraft & ground system modifications, as well as other related services to support our military's role in executing multiple global requirements and eliminating threats.



Today more than ever, our military's systems and hardware are aging and require technology upgrades to modernize the battlefield. Our recent technology upgrade to the Army's aging Black Hawk UH-60 helicopter



will modernize the Army's digital cockpit upgrade. With this upgrade, the Army is replacing the UH-60L analog gauges with digital electronic instrument displays.

In addition to our engineering design expertise, Strata-G has extensive "back-shop" mechanical and electrical manufacturing, painting, clean-room, welding, and integration facilities in our Strata-G Prototype & Manufacturing Facility in Huntsville, AL, housed in a 100,000+ square foot facility. Strata-G has reinforced our commitment to superior quality as evident in our achievement of 3rd party certification to AS9110C, AS9110D, ISO 9001:2015 and AR 95-20 DCMA 8210.1. Flight and Ground Operating Procedures (FGOPs) all required certifications for DoD and military contracts.



### STRATA-G: COMMITTED TO THE FUTURE

We understand Alaskan Native corporations (ANCs) and Strata-G play a vital role in achieving our military's mission readiness, combat effectiveness, and protections of our American freedoms. The Aleut Corporation sees a great future with Strata-G, and we stand ready to contribute to its prosperity so we can continue to serve our mission of generating sustainable net income and creating opportunities for our shareholders.



# SHAREHOLDER CORNER

## CENSUS 2020 – ALASKA COUNTS!

The 2020 U.S. Census is incredibly important to Alaska Native people! This once-a-decade population count determines how much funding our communities receive for local services. Our current response rate is quite low so please do your part and respond to the Census now. If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact our Shareholder Relations Department at 907-561-4300.

- National Response Rate: 59.8%
- Alaska Response Rate: 40.5%
- Aleut Region Response: Rate 4%

Respond easily by visiting [2020census.gov](https://2020census.gov).



## HOW TO APPLY FOR DIRECT DEPOSIT

- The Direct Deposit form is found on the TAC website at <https://www.aleutcorp.com>.
- A voided check from your account must be included with the application or a letter from your bank verifying your name on the account, checking or savings, and the electronic account number and routing number. Deposit Slips are not accepted (they do not have the correct routing number).
- The name on your bank account must match the name on record with TAC.
- If you change your bank or your account, a new application must be sent to the Shareholder Records Department.
- Canceling your direct deposit requires a written notice. Cancellation notices may be faxed, mailed, or emailed.



# INTRO TO OUR VILLAGE CORPORATIONS

**NAME OF CORPORATION:** Atxam Corporation

**LOCATION:** Atka, AK

**LEADERSHIP:** Mark Snigaroff - President,  
Marii Swetsof - Executive Administrator

**CURRENT 2019-2020 BOARD OF DIRECTORS NAMES:** Sally Swetsof, Vice-President; Crystal Dushkin, Chair; Lawrence Prokopeuff, Vice-Chair; Sarah Golodoff, Secretary; Millie Prokopoff, Treasury; Lawrence (Larry) Dirks Jr., Director; Greg Golodoff, Director; Teresa Prokopeuff, Director; Ronald Snigaroff, Director

## ATXAM CORPORATION – QUICK FACTS

The Atxam Corporation owns land on Atka and Dorigne Bay on the Alaska Peninsula. The Corporation leases Dorigne Bay land primarily for guided bear and wolf hunts.

Atxam Corporation is the farthest west Unangax Village Corporation in the Aleut Region and Atxam shareholders and descendants reside all across the United States, from Atka to Kentucky! The Corporation's investments range from real estate to crab quotas. The Atxam Corporation is excited for the future with some recent changes within the support team and a strengthened focus on strategic planning.

Interested in the Fall 2020 and/or Spring 2021 hunts? Please contact Ovis Outfitters ([OvisOutfitters@hotmail.com](mailto:OvisOutfitters@hotmail.com)) for more information. (Availability depends on when ADF&G opens

hunting, which is currently closed due to COVID-19.) Atxam Corporation requires and coordinates land use permits for anyone visiting Atka for reindeer hunts, whether for sport or meat. Sport hunting requires meat to be provided to the community. A land-use permit is also required for visitors wanting to hike and explore the wonderful island of Atka.

## FIND US ON FACEBOOK! AXTAM CORPORATION

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## CONDOLENCES

The Board of Directors and the staff of The Aleut Corporation would like to extend their sincere condolences to the families and friends of shareholders who have passed away this year.

- Agnes Marie Beaver, Anchorage AK
- Alexey Fred Stepetin Jr., Anchorage AK
- Carol Elaine Sudder, Henderson NV
- Charles Alfred Nunn Sr., Dillingham AK
- Fannie Kocher, Washington NJ
- Eric Samuelson, King Cove, AK
- Fermore J Craig Sr., Adams OR
- Gerasim Jerry Mercurief, Wasilla AK
- Herman Lestenkof, Anchorage, AK
- Irene Tessie Kochutin, Anchorage AK
- Irene Marie McGlashan, Unalaska, AK
- Lavera Francine Snigaroff, Anchorage, AK

- Leonard C Weimar, Seward AK
- Margaret Ann Dettman, Oak Harbor WA
- Marie Alice Charles, La Conner WA
- Nick Bear, King Cove, AK
- Mary Reeves, Anchorage, AK
- Paul Tcheripanoff, King Cove AK
- Ramona Sue Rysewyk, Coleman WI
- Richard C Nealy Jr., Helen GA
- Robert Ernest Galovin, Anchorage AK
- Sophia Margie Weeks, Anchorage AK
- Vasha Kathleen Nevzoroff, Anchorage AK



Agafon Krukoff Jr.  
TAC President  
1979-1989



Marie Margaret Wisbey

## ALEUT ENTERPRISE NEWS

### ALASKA AIRLINES ADDS SERVICE TO COLD BAY

Alaska Airlines started commercial service to Cold Bay on Saturday, May 16th. The Cold Bay route has been added to the twice-weekly flights between Anchorage and Adak Island currently scheduled for Wednesday and Saturday.

Alaska Airlines will be utilizing space in the Cold Bay Terminal Building. Frosty Fuels is quickly getting up to speed in order to fuel the jet aircraft while on the ground in Cold Bay.

*Photo courtesy of Aaron Mercurief.*



# TAC BOARD SPOTLIGHT DEBRA MACK

## EDUCATION:

- Associates in General Studies from University of Alaska Fairbanks (via distance delivery while living in the Aleutians)
- Studied business management at University of Alaska Fairbanks
- Certified Municipal Clerk

**BOARD POSITIONS HELD:** Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary/Treasurer; currently serving as Secretary. Committees served on: Budget and Finance, Policy, and Shareholder Affairs. Served for many years on The Aleut Foundation Board of Directors.

**OCCUPATION & CAREER HIGHLIGHTS:** Retired since 2009 after 30 years as City Clerk in Sand Point and Unalaska in the Aleut region.

**YEARS ON THE BOARD:** 19

**WHERE DID YOU GROW UP, AND WHAT LED YOU TO SERVE ON THE TAC BOARD OF DIRECTORS?** I've probably had a much different path to board service than others. I was born in California, and relocated back to the Aleutian region when I was a 1 year-old. My mom's family was from the Aleutians. I lived in Unga, Squaw Harbor, and Sand Point while growing up, and I also raised my daughter in Sand Point. Living in a small town has many advantages such as everyone comes together to support and help each other.

When I was 21, I was hired as City Clerk/Finance Director for the City of Sand Point. I did that for 12½ years and then was hired as City Clerk for the City of Unalaska. I moved to Unalaska in 1991 and was their City Clerk for 17½ years. I was able to be a part of both communities in exciting times, as they were growing and maturing. In both communities, I served on many different boards and commissions; I even served on the Volunteer EMT and Fire Departments in Sand Point. I was also involved in the creation of the Aleutians East Borough and served on the Assembly for a few years.

I'm not an original shareholder – I was gifted shares from my mother in 1998, and she encouraged me to consider running for the Board. When I first ran in 1998, I didn't have a clue what the Aleut Corporation did! I researched it and learned as much as I could about it and just ran. I was elected, and as I learned about the Corporation, the more it reeled me in. I became very passionate about serving and fulfilling the Corporation's mission for our people. I served from 1998-2013, took a break, re-ran in 2016, and was re-elected, and I've been on the Board ever since then.

## WHY ARE YOU SO PASSIONATE ABOUT SERVING ON THE BOARD?

What really resonated with me is the Corporation's mission to turn a profit and benefit shareholders. All my life, I had worked

in non-profit and government, and engaging with the Corporation and its mission for our people was exciting for me. There have been some challenges in the 19 years I have been involved. But I've just loved it – and I still have passion for serving today. The Aleut Corporation is on a good path to success now and I am proud to say I was a part of it!

For me, our bottom line has always been the most important because when the Corporation is successful, then we are able to fulfill our mission: "to maximize dividends and opportunities for our shareholders." To me, that means dividends, elder benefits, scholarships, preserving our culture. We have to be successful and profitable first; then we can do the rest.

**WHY IS DESCENDANT REGISTRATION SO IMPORTANT?** I believe the Aleut Corporation will eventually open the rolls, and having descendants registered will help when they become new shareholders. In addition, registering will begin the process of generating interest in becoming a shareholder. Descendants qualify now for educational scholarships and I believe there are many descendants out there who do not know this. I also believe in gifting shares, as I was gifted mine. Since we do not know when the rolls will open, I encourage everyone to consider gifting even 1 share to make the younger generation shareholders. To me, this is so important, as the Aleut Corporation will eventually become theirs. Fun fact: next year, original shareholders' average age will be 50+.

**THE THEME FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING THIS YEAR IS, "ATAQAN AKUN", WHICH MEAN "WE ARE ONE" WHAT DOES THAT MEAN TO YOU?** I view Ataqan Akun in three parts. First, it means that Unangan/Aleut – we are one. Second, it means that Alaska Native people – we are one. Third, it means the human race – we are one. I believe in all three. We must support each other.

**WHAT DO YOU WANT FOR THE CORPORATION TO LOOK LIKE IN THE FUTURE?** I want the Aleut Corporation to be a big, thriving – dare I say – billion-dollar Corporation annually so that we can continue to fulfill our mission. I think that growth and success are absolutely achievable. That's why mentorship and engaging and encouraging our youth are so important. Eventually, it will become their Corporation. I actively mentor young people when I can, because I want to see them involved. It is an investment in the future, and a way of giving back. Passing on some of my experience and knowledge to our future leaders – that is very important to me.



# THE MUSEUM OF THE ALEUTIANS

*Periodically, the Aleutian Current will feature historical information on the Aleut people authored by the Museum of the Aleutians. The feature will include information on Aleut artifacts, people, or even places. We hope you find this new section of our newsletter informative and educational.*

The Museum of the Aleutians (MOTA) is proud to be a recipient of the Art Acquisition Fund from Museums Alaska this spring. With this grant, the Museum was able to add two beautiful handmade baskets by Atka weaver Agnes Thompson. These miniature baskets were made from grass collected from Attu Island during the 2017 Lost Villages journey with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Park Service. These baskets have been included in the Museum's exhibition "Chillulix: The Long Journey Home."

Agnes Thompson was born and raised in Atka and comes from a long line of weavers from Atka and Attu. She learned to weave in the Attuan style from her mother, Olean Prokopeuff (née Horosoff, b. 1910, Atka) and was also influenced by her maternal aunt, Pariscovia Wright (b. 1922, Attu) and her godmother Jenny Golley (b. 1899, Attu). One basket covers a miniature glass bottle and the other is a thimble basket. Both are made from wild rye grass collected for the artist from Attu island. These miniature baskets are a testament to the artist's high skill level, which is required to produce baskets so small.

The Museum of the Aleutians looks forward to continuing to collect, preserve, and share the rich history of our beautiful region and people! Are you a member of the Museum of the Aleutians? <https://www.aleutians.org/support>





# THE ALEUT FOUNDATION UPDATE JUNE 2020

By: Cynthia Lind, Executive Director

Aang! Summer is finally here, and we are spending our summer a little differently this year. It is all good as we work together to ensure that everyone is safe and healthy.

The Aleut Foundation realizes that the coronavirus has affected every aspect of our everyday lives. It kept us out of schools, away from loved ones, and canceled major events. For this year's graduates, a celebration of everything you have worked hard for the last four years has been knocked down by a virus. Even though you may not be walking across a stage, your hard work and accomplishments still deserve to be celebrated. As you conclude this phase and prepare for the future, remember that you can always call our office for any assistance while you are going to school. We look forward to working with you!

Qağaasakuq! Qağaalakux! Qağaasakung! (Thank you!)

## THE ALEUT FOUNDATION IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THE FOLLOWING GRADUATES WHO WERE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS:

- Beverly Woods, Graduate Degree – Business Administration
- Colleen Dushkin, Undergraduate Degree – Business Administration and Management
- Hunter Johnson, Undergraduate Degree – Computer Systems Engineering w/ minor in Electrical Engineering
- Isaiah Wales, Undergraduate Degree – Nursing
- Jillian Bjornstad, Undergraduate Degree – Business Administration w/ minor in Japanese Studies
- Leslie Gerking, Undergraduate Degree – Early Care and Education
- Madeline Snigaroff, Undergraduate Degree – Linguistics
- Marche Meisler, Graduate Degree – Applied Technology
- Michelle McGlashan, Undergraduate Degree – Business Administration
- Robert Daley, Graduate Degree – Humanities w/ minor in Religion
- Robert Snigaroff, Doctorate Degree – Economic Sociology: Interdisciplinary\*\*
- Sarah Schroeder, Undergraduate Degree – Business Administration
- Sharon Guenther Lind, Doctorate Degree – Indigenous Studies\*\*
- Summer Mack, Undergraduate Degree – Liberal Studies
- Zianna Weston, Graduate Degree – Liberal Studies w/ minor in Creative Nonfiction Writing

### SPECIAL HONORS SCHOLARSHIPS

- Lillie Hope-McGarvey Health Scholarship**  
Richard Griesbaum, Nursing - University of Portland
- Andrew Gronholdt Arts Scholarship**  
Alexandra Robinson, Photography - Butte Comm College
- Gabe Stepetin Business Scholarship**  
Sarah Schroeder, Business Administration - Fort Lewis College
- Alice Petrivelli Business Leadership Scholarship**  
Desirae Mack, MBA Strategic Leadership - Alaska Pacific University
- Elary Gromoff, Jr. Military Veteran Scholarship**  
John Curtis, Counseling Psychology - University of Alaska Southeast

## INSPIRING

Sharon Guenther Lind and her brother, Robert Snigaroff, both earned their Doctorate Degrees from the University of Alaska Fairbanks and would have been the first brother/sister hooded together at UAF this May, but because of COVID-19 this was unable to happen. We congratulate Sharon and Robert for their accomplishment!



### HUNTER JOHNSON

Hunter graduated with a BS in Computer Systems Engineering and a minor in Electrical Engineering from the University of Alaska Anchorage. He has accepted a full-time position at Baird, the firm he has been participating in an Aleut Corporation Internship with for

the past two years. He will be training outside of Alaska for 2 years but will return to the state as a licensed Financial Advisor. Congratulations Hunter!

"I want to say thank you to TAF and The Aleut Corporation for all they've done for me over the past 4 years. I am forever grateful for the opportunity they provided me to pursue a STEM degree."



### JILLIAN BJORNSTAND Undergraduate Degree

Business Administration w/ minor in Japanese Studies



### ROBERT DALEY Graduate Degree

Humanities w/ minor in Religion



### LESLIE GERKING Undergraduate Degree

Infant and Child Mental Health

## REMINDERS

### GRADUATES

Please send us your graduate date information so we can be sure to recognize your accomplishment in the next newsletter!

### HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

The Aleut Foundation provides an Advanced College Credit Scholarship for those students taking college courses while in high school.

### VOCATIONAL AND CAREER DEVELOPMENT STUDENTS

There is no deadline for vocational or career development scholarships.

### COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE REMINDER

The deadline for the 2020-2021 educational scholarships is Tuesday, June 30, 2020.

### 2020 AFN TRAVEL SCHOLARSHIPS

Although we are unsure if AFN will be held this year or not because of COVID-19, The Aleut Foundation is tentatively offering travel scholarships to attend the AFN Convention that is being held October 12-17, 2020 in Anchorage. These requests are due August 31, 2020.

For more information about any of these programs, please contact The Aleut Foundation:

Phone: 907-646-1929  
Toll Free: 800-232-4882 and asked to be transferred to The Aleut Foundation  
Email: taf@thealeutfoundation.org

## ANNUAL ALEUT PICNIC CANCELED

During this time of uncertainty that we are currently experiencing with the global COVID-19 pandemic, The Aleut Foundation Board of Directors has made the difficult decision to cancel the Annual Aleut Picnic this summer. This was not an easy decision, but the safety and health of our elders, shareholders, descendants, and families is a high priority for The Aleut Foundation. We will all get through this together!

Website: <http://www.thealeutfoundation.org>

FIND US ON FACEBOOK!



### IN THE ECURRENT: SUMMER SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS & DEAN'S/PRESIDENT'S LIST

Check out the digital version of the Aleutian current for a full list of students who made the Dean's List or President's List this past semester, as well as our summer scholarship recipients. Please contact The Aleut Foundation if we've forgotten anyone on those lists - not all students have turned in their official transcripts yet.

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## ALEUT IMPORTANT DATES

- JUNE 23:** Board Nominating Packets due
- JUNE 30:** Report Cards Due for Cash for Good Grades and Attendance
- JUNE 30:** Descendant Registration Drawing (Quarter 1)
- JUNE 30:** Photo Contest Deadline
- JULY 2:** Second half - \$4 per share dividend to be paid
- AUGUST 3:** Shareholder of the Year Nomination deadline
- AUGUST 12:** Record Date to determine voteable shares for 2020 Election