



# THE ALEUTIAN CURRENT

WINTER 2024



Cold Bay, Alaska   
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## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

income and remain on budget. This success underscores the effectiveness of our strategic focus on disciplined and balanced growth. The momentum we built last year, and this energizes us to plan for future opportunities ahead.

One significant highlight is the official launch of Aleut Real Estate's Tayal Brokerage. Under the leadership of Mike Jenks, Tayal Brokerage will expand Aleut's footprint in Alaska's real estate market while building stronger relationships within the Anchorage business community. You can find additional details about this new offering, as well as other subsidiary updates on page 4 of this newsletter.

The dedication and talent of the Aleut team has been instrumental in driving this year's success. I'd like to extend my congratulations to the following shareholder employees on their well-earned promotions: Chasity Wilson, Maggie Samuelson, Diana Mack, Lauren Boots, Kailyn Kashevarof, and Samantha Mack. Their accomplishments embody the values and hard work that define Team Aleut, and I look forward to their continued contributions in the years ahead.

As we step into 2025, Aleut's progress remains a reflection of the collective efforts of our shareholders, employees, and leadership. Together, we are building a stronger, more resilient corporation, and I am deeply grateful for your engagement and support.

Wishing you and your families a safe and joyful holiday season.

Qaġaasakung,

**Skoey Aachaġ Vergen**  
Aleut President & CEO

Aang Unangaġ Family,

As 2024 comes to a close, I'm proud to reflect on what has been a truly remarkable year for Aleut. It would not have been possible without your unwavering support and the dedicated efforts of the entire Aleut team.

It was a privilege to connect with so many of you at this year's Annual Meeting. We had an outstanding turnout, and I'm delighted to welcome Marii Qagnaġ Swetzof to the Aleut Board of Directors. This year, we also celebrated the highest voter turnout in the Corporation's history—a demonstration of your commitment to securing a thriving future for generations of Unangax shareholders to come.

With overwhelming support, both ballot measures passed. Establishing the ANCSA Settlement Trust is a historic moment for all of us. And removing the debt ceiling is a transformative step that will provide greater flexibility and financial stability for Aleut. These changes allow us to better serve you while ensuring sustainable growth. We will continue to provide updates on these initiatives as we move forward.

As our fiscal year end approaches on March 31, 2025, I'm pleased to report that our subsidiaries are performing ahead of projected



## BOARD CHAIR REPORT

importance of education to our community's success. We are proud to support our students as they pursue their academic and professional dreams. Harriet has demonstrated remarkable dedication and commitment to our culture and community. It was an honor to recognize both their achievements during the Annual Meeting.

Looking ahead, the integration of The Aleut Foundation into Aleut marks a turning point for our growing shareholder services department. As we shared during the meeting, this transition streamlines operations and strengthens our ability to expand shareholder support programs, including education and training initiatives. With the full backing of Aleut's resources and staff, we're excited to provide more impactful services to our shareholders and students.

As we prepare for 2025, I'm filled with optimism. The direction we are moving positions the Corporation for sustainable long-term growth. Whether it's through new opportunities like the ANCSA Settlement Trust or the continued development of shareholder programs, we are building a future that reflects the values and aspirations of our people.

I want to express my gratitude for your continued support as I continue to serve as Aleut's Board Chair. On behalf of the Board of Directors, I wish you and your families a bright and peaceful holiday season.

Qaġaasakung,

**Jenifer Samuelson Nelson**  
Aleut Board Chair

Happy Holidays, Unangaġ Shareholders & Descendants!

As we transition into the winter months, I want to take a moment to reflect on the highlights from the 52nd Annual Meeting of Shareholders.

We had an impressive turnout at this year's Annual Meeting with over 360 shareholders and descendants joining us in person and nearly 100 more on our virtual webcast. Seeing so many of you come together to connect and engage with Aleut is inspiring. It reminds me of the strength of our community and how much we can accomplish when we work together.

A warm congratulations to Marii Swetzof on her election to the Board of Directors. We are thrilled to welcome her to the Board and look forward to the valuable perspective and leadership she will bring. At the same time, we extend our deepest gratitude to Colleen Dushkin for her six years of service on the Board. Colleen's contributions have been instrumental to Aleut's achievements, and we are incredibly grateful for her leadership.

One of my favorite moments at the Annual Meeting was recognizing Tamara Odden, our Student of the Year, and Harriet Berikoff, our Shareholder of the Year. Tamara represents the

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS



**JENIFER SAMUELSON NELSON**  
Chair



**GARY FERGUSON II, ND**  
Vice Chair



**DEBI SCHMIT**  
Treasurer



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Secretary



**TARA BOURDUKOFSKY**  
Director



**KYLE FOSTER**  
Director



**SHARON GUENTHER LIND, PHD**  
Director



**O. PATRICIA LEKANOFF-GREGORY**  
Director



**MARY (MARI) M. SWETZOF**  
Director

# SUBSIDIARY UPDATES



Aleut Ventures (AV), formerly Aleut Enterprise, is embracing its new identity with a refreshed brand and updated website, [www.aleutventures.com](http://www.aleutventures.com). Leadership has been actively engaging with Cold Bay and Adak stakeholders to support this rebranding effort and expand economic impact. Aleut Ventures is actively working to attract increased air cargo traffic to Cold Bay while expanding its service offerings to promote the area as a vital hub for growth and opportunity. Infrastructure improvements are also underway, including the planned installation of a new fuel dispenser in Cold Bay to enhance operational efficiency. Aleut Ventures' commitment to innovation and community engagement ensures it remains a vital part of the Aleut family's portfolio.

**Website:** [www.aleutventures.com](http://www.aleutventures.com)



Aleut Real Estate (ARE) has made significant strides this quarter, closing on the acquisition of Huffman Commons in Anchorage, AK. This property strengthens ARE's growing portfolio and highlights its commitment to strategic investment opportunities. In addition, ARE launched Tayal Brokerage, a new commercial real estate service that enhances its ability to manage, develop, and expand properties. Progress continues on the development of a new construction in collaboration with Aleut and Strata-G. These initiatives reflect Aleut Real Estate's commitment to sustainable growth and value creation for shareholders.

**Website:** [www.aleutrealestate.com](http://www.aleutrealestate.com)



APMH is having a standout year, exceeding budgeted expectations and achieving project profitability. Work on projects at JBER and Ft. Wainwright remains steady, supported by strong margins. Crews have begun work on the Tanana Chiefs Conference (TCC) Chief Peter John Tribal Building in Fairbanks, AK, with additional projects for TCC and Holland America Princess in Denali National Park expected to provide consistent work throughout the winter season. The company's strong project backlog and healthy pipeline reflect its ability to secure new opportunities and maintain a steady flow of work. APMH's strategic focus on high-margin projects and operational excellence continues to drive its growth and success.

**Website:** [www.patrickmechanical.com](http://www.patrickmechanical.com)



Aleut Federal (AF) continues to demonstrate strong performance across its divisions, building momentum for scalable growth. The Mission & Technology Services Group (M&T) is achieving success with its stable leadership and efficient operations at all three Job Corps Centers. M&T's strategic leasing presence in Arlington, VA, has already resulted in new Department of State task orders. The Environmental Services Group (ESG) is expanding its footprint, opening a new office in Paducah, Kentucky, to support environmental remediation and cleanup projects. This effort strengthens ESG's capacity to handle large-scale projects while contributing to the local economy. The Construction Services Group (CSG) has delivered steady results under the Guam Simplified Acquisition of Base Engineer Requirements (SABER) contract, the value of which was recently increased, and continues to perform well. AF also successfully achieved a Level 3 rating from the Capability Maturity Model Integration (CMMI) Institute, following an in-depth Benchmark Appraisal. This appraisal serves to evaluate the organization's capability to effectively manage and continuously improve its processes. This enables AF to pursue a broader range of contracts that require this certification, positioning them for new opportunities. These milestones reflect AF's ability to deliver results while positioning itself for long-term growth and success.

**Website:** [www.aleutfederal.com](http://www.aleutfederal.com)



Strata-G delivers exceptional results through efficient project management and cost control, particularly in unmanned aircraft systems. The company's performance has been bolstered by recent success on key projects, underscoring its ability to execute complex initiatives with precision. The team is actively managing a robust backlog and exploring future opportunities that will expand its capabilities once completed. We will be sharing more about these developments in the coming months. Strata-G's strong pipeline reflects a strategic approach to growth, positioning the company to capitalize on emerging opportunities in the aerospace and defense sectors. By maintaining a focus on operational efficiency and innovation, Strata-G continues to build on its reputation as a trusted partner for cutting-edge projects.

**Website:** [www.stratag-llc.com](http://www.stratag-llc.com)

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## SUBSIDIARY LEADERSHIP



**NICK TRZCINSKI**  
Aleut Federal,  
President



**JOHN VANNOY**  
Strata-G Solutions,  
President



**MIKE JENKS**  
Aleut Real Estate,  
General Manager



**CHASE BERENSON**  
Aleut Ventures,  
General Manager



**MEL WEEKS**  
Aleut Patrick  
Mechanical,  
President

## THE ALEUTIAN CURRENT Quarterly Newsletter

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- Anniversaries
- Milestone Birthdays
- Obituaries
- Achievements
- Community Events



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# ANNUAL MEETING



## SHAREHOLDER RESOLUTIONS & BOARD OF DIRECTORS

We are grateful for you, our shareholders, for casting your vote to support these critical ballot measures and to select directors for our Board. Your record-setting participation in the 52nd Annual Meeting strengthens Aleut's ability to serve our shareholders and continue to advance our mission.

### FINAL SHARES VOTED

- Final Quorum: 66.8%
- Voted Shares: 200,354.0354
- Total Shares: 299,712.6784

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS RESULTS

- Sharon Guenther Lind, PH.D. – 156,839.9459
- Mary (Marij) M. Swetzof – 156,069.0643
- Deborah (Debi) G. Schmit – 140,460.6075
- Melvin A. Smith – 129,100.3512

### RESOLUTION 2024-01:

#### Establish an ANCSA Settlement Trust

- YES: 186,926.0009
- NO: 13,228.0345

### RESOLUTION 2024-02:

#### Remove the Debt Ceiling

- YES: 159,663.6384
- NO: 40,490.3970



# SHAREHOLDER AWARDS



CELEBRATING SHAREHOLDERS MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN THE ALEUT REGION

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2024 SHAREHOLDER OF THE YEAR, HARRIET BERIKOFF!

Harriet's remarkable contributions span decades, from founding Camp Qungaayuḵ and the Museum of the Aleutians to serving as a leader in numerous organizations, including APIA and APICDA's Scholarship Program. Her dedication to community health, education, and culture continues to inspire us all.

*We're proud to honor Harriet's incredible impact on our Unangaḵ community!*



## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2024 STUDENT OF THE YEAR, TAMARA ODDEN!

Tamara's dedication to academics and Indigenous health shines brightly. A recent graduate of Loyola University, she's now pursuing a Master's in Nursing at Johns Hopkins with the goal of serving Alaska Native communities.

*We're proud to celebrate Tamara's inspiring journey and her commitment to making a difference!*



# QAḠAASAKUNG

A heartfelt thank you to all the Shareholders and families who joined us for the 52nd Annual Meeting of Shareholders. It was wonderful to celebrate our culture, heritage, and shared memories together!



# PAWS FOR THOUGHT

## HOW ALEUT'S OFFICE DOGS ARE SHAPING COMPANY CULTURE

In an era where workplace culture has become a key differentiator for job seekers, Aleut has taken a unique approach: integrating dogs into daily operations. As Aleut continues to grow, the team not only benefits from flexible work arrangements, strong leadership, and a supportive community, but also from Aleut's pet-friendly policy, which has become a beloved element of the company's workplace culture since launching this past Spring.

Walking through the halls of Aleut Plaza's third floor, you'll quickly note that employees aren't just collaborating over projects and meetings—they're connecting through the company's four-legged team members, each of which has even received a "promotion" along with their own personalized nameplate.

### SPOTLIGHT: K9 COLLEAGUES



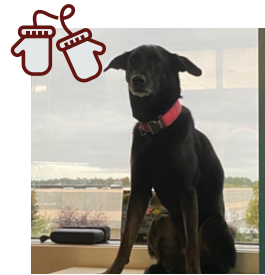
Aleut's shy yet dignified Canine Content Creator, **Onyx**, owned by our Marketing Specialist, Kailyn Kashevarof, quietly navigates the office, earning affection on her own terms. Once she warms up, her cuddles remind us that patience and understanding foster deeper connections—an essential lesson for our collaborative work environment.



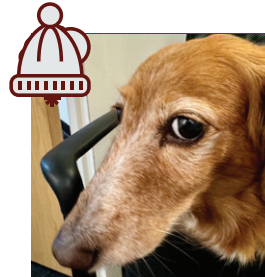
Then there's **Jax**, Aleut's Bark-eting Comms Specialist, owned by Senior Communications & Marketing Manager Samantha Mack. As a charming Bernedoodle navigating his adult years with earnestness, Jax embodies a spirit of curiosity and playfulness that inspires coworkers and camaraderie among coworkers.



**Gus**, Aleut's Paw-litical Liason, is the epitome of good behavior. Owned by our Senior Director of Public Policy and Lands, Ethan Tyler, Gus' eagerness to perform tricks for pets from passersby combined with Ethan's open-door policy puts smiles on faces and serves as an icebreaker.



**Catoosa**, our lovable Director of Sniff Strategies, owned by VP of Communications & Marketing, Kate Gilling, is always on high alert for birds outside the office windows. With her expressive ears and playful demeanor, she's a constant source of joy and energy at Aleut.



And **Dolly**, our small but mighty Paw-ductivity Manager, owned by Senior Director of Shareholder Services and Administration, Theresa Cross, emphasizes that every member of our pack—human or canine—plays a part in fostering productivity and positivity.

### EMPLOYEE HEALTH & WELLNESS

Studies have shown that pets in the workplace can lower cortisol levels, decrease anxiety, and increase overall job satisfaction, making the workday more enjoyable and balanced. Employees at all levels—whether junior staff or senior leadership—connect in casual and meaningful ways through our office dogs, which helps us continue to break down the traditional barriers of corporate life and encourage open communication.

### THE BROADER VISION: SERVING OUR SHAREHOLDERS

Aleut's pet-friendly policy is just one element of the company's broader commitment to a supportive and balanced work environment where leadership is approachable and employees feel valued. In the words of Aleut President & CEO Skoey Vergen:

*We introduced this policy because we believe in creating a workplace where employees feel supported in all elements of office culture. When our employees thrive, our entire organization benefits, and that, in turn, helps us better serve our shareholders.*

This forward-thinking approach to employee well-being helps Aleut foster a positive workplace culture where everyone can bring their best, and whole, selves to work. By ensuring our employees feel supported and engaged, we're better equipped to create opportunities for our shareholders and make a lasting impact on the communities we serve.



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# JOURNEY TO ATTU

## HONORING HISTORY, HEALING CONNECTIONS



Attu Island, steeped in history and rugged natural beauty, was the backdrop for a profound mission this past August: an international expedition to honor those who perished during World War II and strengthen cultural connections between Japan and the Aleut people.

The expedition was led by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), and Aleut was joined by representatives from Atux Forever and Japanese organizations. The journey began on August 17 with a flight from Anchorage to Adak, followed by boarding Research Vessel (R/V) Tiglax. "This was more than an excavation," said Ben Leon-Guerrero, Aleut's Lands Manager, who chronicled the journey. "It was an opportunity to reflect on the untold stories of the Aleutians and foster reconciliation."

During the two-day voyage to Attu, participants prepared for the mission with safety trainings and reading educational articles. While navigating the waters near Little Sitkin, the group was reminded of the region's untamed beauty when they encountered a pod of sperm whales.

The journey's first major stop at Kiska Harbor was marked by delays due to remnants of Typhoon Ampil. Though unable to disembark, the team used the time to discuss shared histories and watch *Tanadgusim Adan Chiilulix: A Journey Home*, a film that documents a project that brought Unanga survivors of World War II back to the communities they were forced to evacuate during the war.

On August 21, the Tiglax anchored in Chichagof Harbor, just offshore from the former Attu Village site. Guided by historical records, the team identified two grave sites. Among the discoveries was a stake inscribed with Japanese characters translating to "Saki," as well as two partial sets of remains.

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# ALEUT SHAREHOLDER MARKETPLACE

## SEMIFINALISTS UPDATE

Final Business plans were submitted in early November, and now final judging is underway. The winner will be announced in late February. Stay tuned!



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# QAXIDAĀ SHAREHOLDER BUSINESS DIRECTORY

Join other businesses in our QaxidaĀ Shareholder Business Directory today and be a part of our talented Unanga community!

*\*The QaxidaĀ Directory is exclusively offered only to Aleut shareholders and registered descendants.*



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### JOURNEY TO ATTU HONORING HISTORY, HEALING CONNECTIONS

The significance of this trip was exemplified during a moment of silence at Massacre Bay, led by Helena Schmitz of Atux Forever, to honor the lives lost during World War II. "This moment highlighted the importance of healing—between nations and within communities," Leon-Guerrero reflected.

Despite high winds and challenging terrain, the delegation continued mapping efforts and documented environmental changes across Attu. Observations of vibrant puffins and sea lions served as reminders of the region's ecological importance, even amidst its historical weight.

#### A Journey of Reconciliation

As the RIV Tiglax departed Attu and passed Kiska Island, participants shared their reflections on the journey's impact. The expedition was not only a recovery mission but also a bridge between cultures and a commitment to preserving the stories of the Aleutians with dignity and respect.

"This expedition underscores the importance of historical preservation and cross-cultural dialogue," Leon-Guerrero emphasized. "It's a reminder that healing requires us to confront our shared past while looking toward a more connected future."

As plans for future collaborations take shape, this journey to Attu stands as a testament to resilience, the power of reconciliation, and the enduring legacy of the Aleutians.



## IMPORTANT DATES

- DEC 23 - JAN 1 Aleut Offices will be closed
- DEC. 25 Christmas Day – Aleut Offices Closed
- DEC. 31 New Year's Eve
- JAN. 1 New Year's Day – Aleut Offices Closed
- JAN. 7 Russian Orthodox Christmas
- JAN. 14 Russian Orthodox New Year's
- FEB. 14 Valentine's Day
- FEB. 16 Elizabeth Peratrovich Day
- FEB. 17 Presidents Day – Aleut Offices Closed
- APR. 5 Shareholder Meeting – Phoenix, AZ  
*More info coming soon*
- APR. 6 Shareholder Meeting – San Francisco, CA  
*More info coming soon*
- APR. 18 Good Friday – Aleut Offices Closed
- APR. 20 Easter Sunday
- APR. 30 Summer Scholarship Deadline



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## WELCOME TO MYALEUT

### YOUR SHAREHOLDER PORTAL SIGN UP TODAY TO STAY CONNECTED!

We are excited to share that we have upgraded our shareholder portal!

#### WHAT YOU CAN DO:

- Easily update your contact information
- Change/Update your Direct Deposit
- Stay informed about important shareholder events and announcements



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## MEMORY ETERNAL



**GLEN A. BRANDAL**  
5/9/57 - 10/5/24

Glen Brandal was a proud shareholder of The Aleut Corporation and a member of the Unga Tribe. Known for his fun-loving, easygoing nature, Glen was set in his ways but deeply valued the friendships he built across the Aleut region. A resident of Unalaska for the last 36-37 years, he was a dedicated longshoreman and retired as a respected member of the local Longshoreman Union. His legacy of warmth and friendship will be fondly remembered by all who knew him.



### OBITUARY TRIBUTE (Submitted by his family):

From Unga's shores where the sea whispers low,  
 A boy of the Aleut, where the wild winds blow  
 With salt in his veins and the tide in his heart,  
 He forged his path, played his part  
 Dutch Harbor called, with its tumult and grind,  
 A fisherman's spirit, a soul unconfined  
 In Sand Point's embrace and the harbors vast breath,  
 He navigated life, embraced labor and death  
 For thirty long years, with steadfast embrace,  
 Longshoreman's hands carved a life in this place  
 Driving forklifts through storms, in rains heavy dance,  
 Unloading the bounty, a life of hard chance  
 Boxes of frozen fish, a tapestry spun,  
 Each cargo a story, each day a new run  
 Through blizzards and calm, through the howl of the night,  
 Glen stood like a mountain, a beacon of light  
 From ships to shore, where the tides intertwine,  
 He lifted the burdens, the weight of the line  
 With each heavy container, each piece of the load,  
 He built a community, a laborer's road  
 In sunlit serenity, in tempest and squall,  
 He weathered it all, standing proud, standing tall  
 A craftsman of toil, a guardian of dreams,  
 In the heart of the harbor, he stitched together seams  
 Now as we gather, our voices a prayer,  
 For Glen, who has ventured beyond time and air  
 In the currents of heaven, may you find your own peace,  
 Thank you, dear Glen, may your spirit increase  
 See you in the quiet where the stars brightly gleam,  
 In the harbor of angels, where love reigns supreme  
 Your legacy lingers, a warm, steadfast glow,  
 In the hearts of the many, you'll always be home!

– Anonymous Author

# SHAREHOLDER SUBMISSIONS



## WELCOME HOME

Submitted by Michael Boyce

I first learned of my family's Aleut heritage over 50 years ago. Our Nana, Oleta never talked with us about it. My mother and aunties began to teach us kids. We began to hold family cultural gatherings, started an Aleut Book Club for the cousins, and culminating last summer with three of us cousins visiting Unalaska to see where Nana grew up. When we met some of the elders who helped us with our search for information, they said, "Welcome home!"



Michael Boyce, Angela Raines, and Donna McGill Cameron

## HAPPY 90TH BIRTHDAY TO ANNIE MACK

Submitted by Joanne Jenckes and Calvin Mack

Family and friends gathered on October 19, 2024, to celebrate Annie Mack's 90th birthday. Annie was overjoyed to spend time with her loved ones and, true to her lively spirit, she filled the day with laughter. Known for her infectious sense of humor, Annie treasures listening to her family share stories – she even chimed in with a few of her own! Annie enjoys staying active by walking as much as she can, taking rides to spot moose, and, of course, indulging in her favorite treat—ice cream. We feel incredibly blessed by her vibrant energy, quick wit, and lasting health. Happy Birthday, Grandma Annie!



## HAPPY 50TH ANNIVERSARY TO BILL AND SONDRA DAVIS

Submitted by Jodette Taylor



Anniversary Cake

Sondra Davis and Bill Davis celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on July 20th. They had a wonderful time with all their family together.

Sondra Davis was born in Kodiak, Alaska and her late mother was Florence Dirks Nealy of Atka.



Bill and Sondra Davis

## HAPPY 50TH ANNIVERSARY TO JIM & JOANNE JENCKES

Submitted by Joanne Jenckes

We celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary, August 10, 2024 with a week long family vacation in Saint George, Utah. We first met while Jim was serving our country in the Air Force at the radar station in Cold Bay, Alaska. The weather had a major part in our meeting— in other words, I was traveling and got stuck in Cold Bay and couldn't get back to King Cove. The bad weather can have a magical ending—50 years later, our love for each continues to grow! We give God all the glory for the blessing of our marriage.



Themed Family Tees

Jim and Joanne Jenckes

## NAVIGATING THE SE WRANGELL NARROWS

Submitted by Shane Williams

Shane Williams sailed his boat from Wrangell to Petersburg, AK, his first time navigating the Wrangell Narrows!

"I took this journey to accept a position as the lead massage therapist and assist in opening a new Arctic Chiropractic Clinic" - Shane Williams  
Awam iŕamnaal Good job!



## ST. PAUL TRIP RECAP



After a summer of unpredictable weather delays, we were beyond thrilled to finally make it to St. Paul! The Aleut team made the most of our time on the island, and it was an unforgettable experience. From exploring moss berry patches and visiting the seals to appreciating the natural beauty of St. Paul (even with the fog!), we felt truly welcomed.

Our visit was filled with meaningful connections. We had productive meetings with the City, visited Aquilina Lestenkof and the language program at the Civic Center, enjoyed a warm and memorable Elders Luncheon, and stopped by CBSFA and the tribe to continue fostering community ties.

A huge qaŕaasakuq to everyone who joined us for the meeting! It was wonderful to see and visit with you all, and we look forward to returning soon.

Top right: *We made it!*  
Bottom left: *Foggy St. Paul*  
Bottom right: *Strikin' a pose!*



ARTIST SPOTLIGHT: BRIDGING ART AND LIFE

# CHLOE BOURDUKOFSKY-PRICE'S

## JOURNEY TO RECONNECT, CREATE, AND INSPIRE

*Aang aang, Qaada꜁ Chloe Bourdukofsky-Price asa꜁takuqing.*

*Tana꜁-Ami꜁im ilaan aqa꜁takuqing. Dena'inam tanangin ilan tana꜁ikuqing. Unaa꜁im Unangaa akuqing. Unangam masuqagii akuqing.*



Chloe Bourdukofsky-Price, an Unanga꜁ artist from the Pribilof Islands, celebrates her heritage through art. From teaching traditional crafts to creating original pieces that reflect her upbringing, Chloe is devoted to preserving and sharing Unanga꜁ traditions through her work.

"Growing up, I was immersed in the Unangam Tunuu language and surrounded by Unanga꜁ art, especially through my great-grandma. Her use of materials like seal gut in creating intricate baskets and earrings inspired me. Just being around that was very influential," she says. "Looking back, [my great-grandma] made so many beautiful things with the same materials I'm using today."

Chloe remembers her first creations—small medicine pouches and ornaments made after school, gifts for family members. As her interest grew, so did her skill.

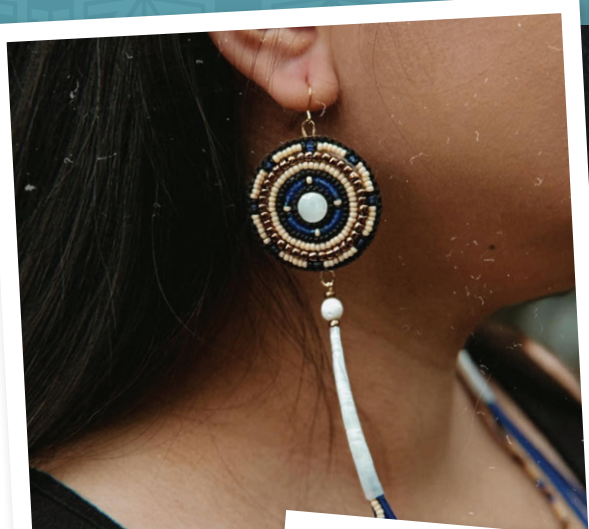
"When I was 12, I started making earrings to gift to family," she remembers. And by the time the COVID-19 pandemic hit, Chloe's passion had turned into a small business. With a little encouragement from friends online, she began sharing her work on social media, selling her creations to followers near and far.

Chloe's art is rooted in traditional motifs and influenced by the natural beauty of the Unanga꜁ lands. Her designs incorporate symbols found in Unanga꜁ regalia and basketry, using earth-toned colors inspired by Alaska's island landscapes.

For Chloe, creating each piece is a sacred practice. To honor her ancestors, she crafts each piece with a clear mind and an open heart, ensuring her materials are treated with the love and care they deserve.

"I put all negative energy aside when I'm creating. Each piece is a prayer, and these materials from the land and animals need love and care."

Chloe continues to be inspired by her cultural heritage and mentors, including local artists and her late neighbor Alvin



Amason, a well-known Sugpiaq artist. She encourages Unanga꜁ youth to explore their creative potential within their communities. "Being immersed in your culture and community brings ideas to life. Everyone is willing to share their knowledge and materials—just ask," she advised.

As Chloe looks forward, her goals are clear: teaching, celebrating Unanga꜁ traditions, and representing Unanga꜁ art on a broader stage. At Aleut, we're honored to support Chloe on this journey, knowing that her work will continue to inspire and uplift our people for years to come.

Chloe's work reflects her commitment to integrity, honoring her ancestors while sharing the beauty and resilience of the Unanga꜁ people with the world. You can view Chloe's work on her Instagram.



Scan here to discover more of Chloe's work on Instagram!



Scan the QR code to read the full-length story.

# SPECIAL HONORS SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

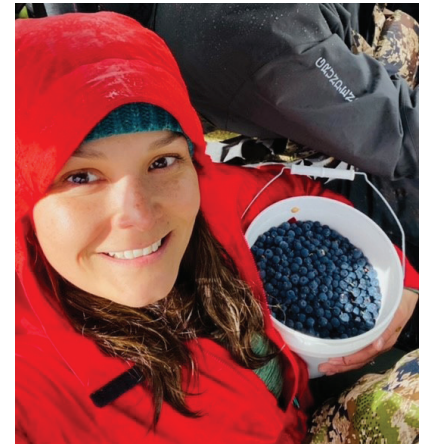


## Lillie Hope-McGarvey Health Scholarship: Renee Fliris

I am writing to express my sincere gratitude for selecting me as a recipient of the Lillie Hope-McGarvey Health Scholarship. This generous support will assist me in pursuing my academic goals at the University of Minnesota's, Doctor of Nursing Practice in Health Innovation and Leadership.

I am deeply honored by your investment in my future, and I will strive to make the most of this opportunity. Your confidence in me has motivated me to work hard and achieve my goals. Thank you so much for your continued support over the years and belief in my potential. Undoubtedly, it has made a positive impact in my educational career.

Sincerely,  
Renee Fliris



## Gabe Stepetin Business Scholarship: Thea Chesley

I would like to extend my deepest gratitude and admiration to the board of the Aleut Foundation for selecting me as this year's recipient of the Gabe Stepetin Business Scholarship. Your generosity and support comes at a pivotal time in my academic journey as I am entering my final year at the University of Alaska Anchorage. The impact of this scholarship extends far beyond monetary value. It has encouraged me to continue to strive for academic excellence, fostered my innate curiosity to learn, enhanced my appreciation for the opportunity to pursue a higher education, and has provided me with a renewed vigor for this upcoming school year. I am profoundly honored and appreciative of this award.

Additionally, I would like to thank each individual board member, Kathy Greisbaum, Colleen Dushkin, Mary Rose, Jessica Borenin, Michele Yatchmeneff, and Andrew Guenther, for believing in my potential and recognizing my achievements, determination, and dedication to my academic and career goals.

Once again, thank you to the Aleut Foundation.

With gratitude,  
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