Dear AEF supporter,

As 2019 comes to a close, it’s fitting that we reflect back on the successes we’ve achieved together. It’s important that we acknowledge our many blessings, and that we feel good about our collective work and efforts to improve things for the people around us. It’s also important to remember those who taught us the value of doing good for others, and to be reminded that it’s our responsibility to carry that forward in the best way that we know how.

In this issue, it’s our honor to provide updates and information about Arctic Education Foundation and the role many of you have played in changing people’s lives this year. Your support is truly invaluable, and I appreciate the opportunity to share our work with you.

Quyanaqpak for your generosity as we continue working towards our common goal – preparing the next generation of educated and trained Alaska leaders!

With deep gratitude,

Monica Wiehl
AEF Manager
In 2019:

600 STUDENTS RECEIVED SCHOLARSHIPS
118 STUDENTS RECEIVED FUNDING FOR SHORT-TERM TRAINING
$3 MILLION TOTAL AWARDED

From all of us at Arctic Education Foundation,

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!
2019 Anági Leadership Award Winner

Congratulations to Samantha Wade on becoming the 2019 Anági Leadership Award Winner! Samantha is currently attending the University of Alaska Fairbanks majoring in biological science. It is her goal to complete a Bachelor of Arts degree and then attend medical school in the Lower 48. Wade’s postsecondary educational endeavors are driven by her passion for giving back to her community and the surrounding communities on the North Slope.

Samantha is the daughter of Bill and Carolyn Wade; her grandparents are Andrew and Hanna Ekak.

“As my late Aaka Hanna Ekak once said, ‘Illivich-gisi (you will) taakti-guk (become a medical doctor).’ I am eager to use my education to create change in my community, something that will give my life meaning and purpose by investing time and energy, not in what Alaska is, but what Alaska can be.”
- Samantha Wade, Wainwright, Alaska

2019 Ivalu Award Winner

Please also join us in congratulating Daelynnette Spear, winner of the 2019 Ivalu Scholarship! This special recognition goes to a student making noteworthy and influential contributions to their community through cultural service and personal time commitments that exemplify strong Iñupiaq values.

AEF commends Daelynnette for serving as a role model of implementing and following the 12 Iñupiaq core values, including: respect for our Elders and each other; compassion; avoidance of conflict; family and kinship; knowledge of language; spirituality; humility; sharing; hunting traditions; humor; cooperation; and respect for nature.

Daelynnette Spear is the daughter of Doreen Andersen and Dannon Spear; her grandparents are Ralph and Flossie Andersen and David Spear.
On September 28, Arctic Education Foundation held its 2nd annual Banquet Reception at Ipalook Elementary School in Utqiaġvik. It was an amazing night of entertainment and great company to raise funds for AEF students pursuing higher education.

Dr. Pearl Brower was the keynote speaker, and we were honored to also welcome Deano Olemaun as auctioneer. Past AEF recipients Asisaun Toovak and Heather Dingman served as emcees for the evening, which featured entertainment by renowned Iñupiat musician and artist Ryder Erickson.

We had more than 190 guests in attendance from across Alaska and raised over $75,000 in support of our programs. We extend our sincerest thanks to all of our sponsors, artists, volunteers and everyone who attended the 2019 AEF Banquet Reception.

Quyanaqpak, and we hope to see you again next year!

1. Danyal Harvey, Ilisaġvik College faculty with Dr. Linda Nicholas Figueroa and Ilisaġvik President and keynote speaker Dr. Pearl Brower. 2. Artist and musician Ryder Erickson, 2019 entertainment. 3. Volunteer Donna Alread. 4. Payuk and Sandra Ahsogeak. 5. Avaiyak and Kristine Burnell.
### AEF EVENTS

**Quyanaqpak to our 2019 Barrow Banquet sponsors**

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### Iñupiat Artist Visits Ipaloook Elementary

Renowned Iñupiat artist and musician, Ryder Erickson, visited students at Ipaloook Elementary recently to share some songs and showcase his artwork. He composed an Alaska Native version of “Down by the Bay” and did a sing-along with students. Following the assembly held on his behalf, each class got the opportunity to meet Erickson and get a closer look at some of his original paintings.

Ryder’s journey to learning what he loves to do is unique. In 2013, an unexpected back injury changed his outlook on life and his career path. Erickson eventually took up his guitar and paintbrush to make a living. Today, he is well known throughout the state for his brightly colored depictions of Alaska landscapes, wildlife and Native cultures.

*You can find Erickson’s artwork on his website at [ryderericksonart.com](http://ryderericksonart.com)*
AFN Shareholder Luncheon

The Foundation was proud to host this year’s ASRC Shareholder Luncheon in Fairbanks during October’s Elders & Youth Conference, which coincided with AFN. Shareholders were able to hear from ASRC subsidiaries, AEF and the ASRC Stock Department on a variety of topics. Alaska Growth Capital also used the event to announce its 2019 North Slope Marketplace winners:

Sophia Segevan (Wainwright)
- is pursuing a coffee shop business

Floreen Stone (Point Hope)
- wants to produce and sell a traditional Iñupiat clothing line

Ronette Panningona (Utqiagvik)
- is looking to grow her beaded accessory business

Congratulations to the winners, and Quyanaq to our sponsors for helping to make the event a success – ASRC Federal, PetroStar Inc., ASRC Construction and Alaska Growth Capital.

First Alaskans Institute’s Elders & Youth Conference connects youth participants, experienced leaders and Elders to strengthen Alaska Native voices to create advocacy for positive change. The conference increases the level of community partnerships, and knowledge-sharing through celebration of our Native peoples, communities and cultures.

Fun Run

A special thank you to the North Slope Borough Health Department Prevention Program and the North Slope Borough Mayor’s office for choosing AEF as the recipient of the 2019 Fun Run. Thank you as well to all those who participated and contributed. It was a great turn out this year for a very worthy cause!

2020 Ivalu Gala

Arctic Education Foundation is excited to announce the date for the 2020 Ivalu Gala – the premier fundraising event for AEF to be held on Friday, February 28 at the Hotel Captain Cook in Anchorage. This year marks the 6th annual gala, which will once again feature both silent and live auctions with some of the most exceptional hand-crafted artwork in Alaska up for bid.

Post-secondary education opens the door to new opportunities and brighter futures for North Slope youth. We invite you to support the Foundation and its students by either sponsoring this black-tie event or by purchasing a table. Become a sponsor, purchase tickets and register guests today at ivalugala.com.

If you have questions about the gala or would like to be involved, please contact us at:

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AEF ‘Meet & Greet’ Outreach

Arctic Education Foundation held our annual ‘Meet & Greet’ events at the University of Alaska Anchorage, University of Alaska Fairbanks and Ilisaġvik College campuses again this year – serving Native-centric meals to students and providing important Foundation updates.

We had a full house at the UAF event with all ASRC board members in attendance, along with students and high school MYAC members. We also had special guest Tara Sweeney, Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs, share a few words of inspiration. Quyanaqpak to our generous hunters and community members for donating Native foods.

Paint Night

A special thank you to Crystal Martin and Naataq Art for partnering with AEF on this fall’s Paint Night fundraiser in Utqiaġvik. Crystal donated her time and materials, as well as her beautiful painting to help support Arctic Education Foundation and its North Slope students. We would also like to thank all of our Paint Night participants for a wonderful evening!

RAFFLE DRAWING RESULTS

GRAND PRIZE – Roy Ahmaogak
2018 570 Ranger Mid-Size Crew

2ND PRIZE – Alfred Michael
Two (2) Round-trip tickets with Alaska Airlines

3RD PRIZE – Lucy Leavitt
Two (2) Round-trip tickets with Ravn

4TH PRIZE – Daniela Stoeska
One (1) load of 11 CY gravel from SKW
ASRC and Arctic Education Foundation invite you to the 2020

IVALU GALA

Guiding the way for our future generations

Friday, February 28, 2020

VIP reception at 5:30 PM • Doors open at 6:00 PM
**AEF Alumni Program**

*Are you an AEF Alumni? We need your help!*

Arctic Education Foundation would like to enhance our communication with our alumni by engaging in a variety of programs and activities. There are many different ways for our alumni to get involved with AEF, which can offer meaningful opportunities for every stage of their journey.

- Serving as mentors
- ASRC career opportunities
- Join our AEF Facebook page
- Fundraising and volunteer opportunities
- Get to know your fellow alumni and recipients
- Relationship building with prospective students
- Meet and greets with alumni and recipients
- Graduation gifts

Our program is fueled by your ideas and suggestions. We want your thoughts about new and different ways to connect!

We also need more information from you to help build our alumni database. We are requesting that all alumni who have graduated with a college degree or a professional certification to please contact an AEF representative.

You can contact AEF by calling **907.852.8633** or **1.800.770.2772**. You can also send an email to [arcticed@asrc.com](mailto:arcticed@asrc.com).

We look forward to hearing from you!

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**AEF Wall of Fame**

In 2019, Arctic Education Foundation kicked off its Wall of Fame initiative featuring alumni success stories from across the slope. From trade school and distance education to bachelor, graduate and Ph.D. degree recipients, the Wall of Fame tells the stories of unique journeys our alumni have taken to turn their dreams into reality. The purpose of the Wall of Fame initiative is to inspire our young people and to let them know that they can achieve anything they set their mind to through hard work, determination and perseverance.

Wall of Fame murals are currently complete in: Barrow High School, Kiita Learning Community (Utqiagvik), Nuiqsut Trapper School, Nunamiut School (Anaktuvuk Pass), Tikigaq School (Point Hope), Meade River School (Atqasuk) and Alak School (Wainwright).

If you are interested in getting involved with the Wall of Fame project or if you’re an AEF alumni who would like to tell your story, please contact us at [arcticed@asrc.com](mailto:arcticed@asrc.com).

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Jaime Jones

**Bachelor’s Degree**

**University of Alaska Fairbanks**

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Infinite possibilities

"Beginning college right after high school was an interesting journey. Not only was it about figuring out my interests and passions, and overcoming challenges, but also about strengthening my own cultural identity. Both Ilisaġvik College and the University of Alaska Fairbanks provided the cultural foundation that I longed for.

For over six years now, I have been working at Ilisaġvik College as the Program Coordinator of the Iñupiaq Studies division. I also teach cultural classes as an adjunct instructor because I am so passionate about providing a space that allows students to further their cultural knowledge. It is so fulfilling being able to complete goals that I have set for myself. Learning is never ending and the possibilities are infinite, especially with the support of Arctic Education Foundation. Quyanaqpak!"

- Jerica “Niayuq” Aamodt
  AEF ALUMNI

Jerica “Niayuq” Aamodt is from Utqiaġvik, Alaska. She is the daughter of Evelyn and Gerald Aamodt, and earned a Master of Arts degree in rural development from the University of Alaska Fairbanks.
MEET THE AEF TEAM

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