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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

WONDERFUL TO CONNECT FACE-TO-FACE AT THE ANNUAL MEETING

Dear fellow shareholders,

After two years of virtual events, it was wonderful to connect face-to-face with many of you at the Annual Meeting. We are so thankful to everyone who participated, whether in person or virtually through the live stream.

John Craig was honored as Board Member of the Year and as an outgoing Board member. A big thank you for his many years of service. The late Dorothy Shinn was recognized for her years of service on the Ahtna Board and devotion to the Ahtna people. Ahtna's 2021 Annual Report was dedicated to her memory.

We are happy to welcome Susan Taylor (Seat A, At-Large) and Jessica Denny (Seat D, Cheesh'na) to the Board. You can read more about them on page 15. We would also like to congratulate returning directors Jason Hart (Seat A, At-Large) and Linda Pete (Seat F, Gakona). Newly elected directors will serve 3-year terms, until the 2025 Annual Meeting. We expressed our huge appreciation to outgoing directors John Craig and Shawn Sanford for their dedication and service to the Ahtna people.

Employees enjoyed the Ahtna Day holiday on June 20th. Our Board created the holiday to recognize our Ahtna culture, traditions, and traditional use of our lands. Our ancestors worked hard and fought to give us land for hunting and access to rivers for salmon fishing – so we would always have access to our traditional foods. Our ancestors were strong, practical, hardworking, non-materialistic people who knew what it took to survive and thrive on our homelands. Ahtna Day honors their contributions and helps to educate our staff about our traditional ways.

The Ahtna, Incorporated Board of Directors voted to endorse Tara Katuk Sweeney's candidacy in the special election for Alaska's seat in the U.S. House of Representatives. We were disappointed to hear that Tara will not be allowed to advance to the August special election, but she has announced plans to stay in the race for the regular election. It is important that we Get Out the Native Vote (GOTNV) and make our voices heard!

We have set up a GOTNV email (AhtnaGOTNV@ahтна.net) and are seeking volunteers to help us get the word out and answer any questions.

Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve Superintendent Ben Bobowski has committed to working to maintain a strong and positive relationship with Ahtna. National Park Service (NPS) and Ahtna staff held a two-day workshop this spring to discuss challenges and opportunities and how we can work together on shared goals. The workshop was very productive, and we plan to continue to meet on a regular basis to share information and collaborate.

I'm happy to announce that after being closed for three seasons, the Ahtna Cultural Center (ACC), C'ek'aedi Hwnax 'Legacy House', has reopened under a new partnership between Ahtna and the NPS. You can read more about the partnership and the ACC reopening on page 8. With the help of special NPS funding, we have hired Edward Greybear as the ACC intern supervisor overseeing interns Ryan George and Damien Shank.

I was invited to two meetings with U.S. Secretary of the Interior Deb Haaland while she was in Alaska earlier this year. The first meeting was an Alaska Federation of Natives (AFN) Board meeting, and I focused on traditional hunting and fishing issues and our wish to manage wildlife on our Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA) lands. In the second meeting, I focused on the need for resources to deal with contaminated lands that were conveyed to us under ANCSA. There was also a meeting with the Secretary regarding the Alaska Native Vietnam Veterans Land Allotment Program (www.blm.gov/alaska/2019AKNativeVetsLand). It was announced during the meeting that the Interior would be opening 27 million acres of federal land to selection by Alaska Native Vietnam-era veterans.



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I would like to thank shareholder veterans John Craig and the late Bruce Heaton for their service and for representing us at the meeting. Bruce, who operated the Tolsona Lake Lodge with his wife Michelle, passed on May 24th. Our sincere condolences go out to Michelle and the entire Heaton family.

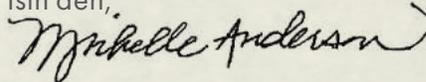
Nearly 80 years ago, a bridge on the Richardson Highway divided a large, thriving village called Sta-keh. The Native people that lived on one side of the bridge were forced to move to the other side of the road where the present village of Gulkana stands today. There was no warning, no consultation, and no compensation. There were 34 known graves (though there are many more), sacred sites, houses, and household goods left. The experience of Sta-keh (Gulkana) is not unique in Alaska or other states in which Indigenous peoples have been forced to move or relocate as states have developed.

In 2020, after almost 50 years, the Gulkana Village Council reached a resolution with the State of Alaska on the return of their former village lands and traditional burial grounds. The Council is now able to protect what was rightfully theirs to begin with. New visitor facilities, including restrooms, trash receptacles and interpretive signs, have been installed at the Gulkana River Boat Launch site.

The signs are meant to give visitors a greater appreciation for the historical, cultural, and spiritual importance of the area. Ahtna and the Gulkana Village Council in partnership produced a historical video to help preserve the land's legacy:

www.vimeo.com/563802617.

Congratulations to our class of 2022 shareholder graduates! Your commitment to furthering your education is admirable, and we are delighted to be able to share your accomplishments in this issue (pages 16-17).

Tsin'aen,


Michelle Anderson, President
Ahtna, Incorporated



CHAIR'S MESSAGE

HONORING OUR ELDERS WITH A \$60 MILLION TRANSFER TO THE AHTNA HWT'AENE (PEOPLE'S) TRUST

Dear fellow shareholders,

In honor of our Elders, the Board of Directors has approved a 3rd quarter transfer of \$60 million to the Ahtna Hwt'aene (People's) Trust. Our Elders taught us to be prepared for what might happen ('Nts'e tkonii da 'uzolyuun). Our ancestors knew they had to stock caches along hunting and trapping trails if they were going to survive hard times. This transfer will help us to prepare for the future and ensure our ability to pay stable, non-taxable distributions to shareholders for generations. These funds represent a permanent fund, similar to the permanent fund of the State of Alaska, where a percentage of the earnings will be provided to shareholders every year.

The Trust was established in early 2015 with an initial contribution of \$3.4 million from Ahtna's investment portfolio. The Ahtna, Incorporated Earnings Distribution Policy sets guidelines for distributing earnings, with ten percent each year being distributed to the Trust.

The Trust provides significant tax savings to shareholders and the corporation by reducing current and future federal income tax liability.

This transfer does not represent a dividend being declared in the 3rd quarter of 2022, but it does lay the foundation for future dividend distributions. Dividends are announced on the Ahtna website and Facebook page prior to distribution.

We are building the Trust with long-term stability and shareholder benefits in mind. I would like to thank and recognize the Board and management for their foresight and commitment to Ahtna's mission of responsible economic growth for future generations of Ahtna people.

Tsin'aen,

Ken Johns, Chairman
Ahtna, Incorporated Board of Directors



CEO'S MESSAGE

SAFETY COMES FIRST WHEN PREPARING FOR THE FIELD SEASON

Greetings shareholders,

I hope you have been able to get out and enjoy this beautiful summer we have been having. Whether you are fishing, hunting, boating, hiking, or just enjoying the great outdoors, please be sure to take extra precautions to keep you and your family safe. Just as we make sure we are prepared before going out and recreating, safety comes first when preparing for the field season. With Alaska's short construction and field work windows, the summer months are typically very busy for our operations. Before setting out, our staff makes sure they are properly attired and trained and have the right equipment to keep them safe in the remote, and often unpredictable, environments we work in. We operate in some of the most extreme environments on the planet, and this vigilance is what allows our staff to return home safely.

Recent headlines have undoubtedly caused concern for our shareholders and companies across all industries. Ahtna is confident in our ability to weather the rampant inflation, surging commodity prices, global supply chain delays, and fuel price escalation. We are continuing to monitor the challenging economic headwinds and their impacts on our contracts. The impact of inflation, which is the highest we've seen in over 40 years, will be a challenge for our existing contracts and the bidding of future contracts. The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is up 9.1% for June 2022 and while supply chains constraints magnify the inflation and geopolitical risks add to the economic uncertainty. We will be conservative in bidding on new fixed-price contracts.

Prices continue to soar for things like building materials (up 20% for 2021 and 5% since the start of 2022), steel (up 127% for 2021), diesel (up 76% as of May 19, 2022), and other commodities. Lumber prices, which nearly tripled in a 6-month period through March, have started to come down, but builders have yet to see the effects. A doubling of tariffs on Canadian lumber imports into the U.S. has increased price volatility. Steel prices have started to go the other way with excess supplies, rising inventories, and shrinking demand.

We recently held a meeting with our subsidiary leadership to discuss reducing negative impacts on our contracts by minimizing claims and maximizing revenues. Our subsidiaries have been tasked with focusing on achieving earnings and positive cash flow and they have steadily moved towards those goals. Despite these challenging times, we have exceeded our budgeted financial earnings for the first half of the year, and we are seeing continued progress on growing our backlog, while keeping our expenses down.

We held Ahtna Netiyē' (AN) Strategic Planning sessions with the Board in June where we discussed our long-range plans and AN growth, direction, and organization to become a \$500 million/year company. Part of this future growth will include acquisitions and procurement of strategic equipment and technology assets that will enable us to self-perform more projects.

We are excited about a new US Coast Guard (USCG) contract that subsidiary president Brenda Rebne was able to successfully win. Ahtna Professional Services, Inc. was the successful bidder on 6 of 8 USCG security services contracts

with a value of \$143 million over 5 years. The contract includes 14 project sites with locations in Guam, Hawaii, New York, Texas, Michigan, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Florida and Puerto Rico. Over 200 new employees have been hired to meet the contract's needs. The USCG is a very big client of ours and we work with them across several subsidiaries.

Partnerships are also a key part of our strategic growth plan. Ahtna Solutions, LLC is working with a leading design and engineering company to submit a new Small Business Administration (SBA) Mentor/Protégé application. Ahtna Solutions will be seeking to grow its capabilities to service federal clients in new geographies and to broaden our portfolio of federal clients. I hope to be able to share more in the fall issue of the Kanas.

At approximately 10:06 a.m. Alaska Time on June 20th, 1977, the announcement of "We have oil in!!!!!" was broadcasted from Pump Station 1.



Courtesy Alyeska Pipeline Service Co.

This past month marked the 45th anniversary of the day that the Trans Alaska Pipeline System began moving oil to Valdez, crossing 55 miles of fee simple Ahtna lands and 197 miles of Ahtna's traditional areas. This includes the four villages of Gulkana, Gakona, Tazlina and Kluti-Kaah. We are very proud of what the Ahtna people did to make this happen, including the welding of the first pipe laid at Tonsina River on March 27th, 1975. The unique and special partnership between Ahtna and Alyeska Pipeline Service Company has helped ensure the safe passage of more than 18 billion barrels of oil from the North Slope to Valdez. Our leadership participated in a special gathering at the Glennallen Response Base (GRB) on July 7th with Alyeska's executive team and our Ahtna Construction employees to celebrate this remarkable milestone.

Many of our shareholder and employee events had to be put on hold the past couple years to protect everyone's health and wellbeing, so we are all thankful to see a gradual return to in-person events. I appreciated being able to share more about Ahtna's current performance and future plans at the Annual Meeting and enjoyed meeting new people and catching up with familiar faces. We were also able to host our employee picnics this summer which staff always looks forward to. The picnics provide an opportunity for us to have some fun, share good food and show our appreciation for the integral role each of our employees play as part of the Ahtna family. We could not do what we do without them!

Thank you,

Tom Maloney, Chief Executive Officer
Ahtna Netiyē'

MOOSE CREEK EMERGENCY REPAIRS

On May 14, 2022, Ahtna Construction & Primary Products Company's (AC&PPC) Baseline Crew responded to flooding on Moose Creek near the Trans Alaska Pipeline in Glennallen. Moose Creek is typically a tame creek, but this year's heavy snowmelt caused the water levels to rage, eroding a high bank next to the pipeline at Pipeline Milepost 686.5. Crews immediately began hauling riprap to stop the erosion that was less than 50 feet from the mainline pipe. The creek running over its banks also blocked roads and flooded the nearby Glennallen Library parking lot, Legislative Information Office, and old DOT buildings.

The next day, Moose Creek avulsed (abandoned its original channel) and a new channel formed upstream, creating a shortcut to the confluence with the Tazlina River. This avulsion from the main channel diverted the water from the eroding high bank close to the pipeline. However, the avulsion shifted the erosion location downstream and still needed to be mitigated. The downstream erosion site had lower bank heights and additional buffer to the pipeline, making it easier to mitigate.



Days following the initial event, the crews continued monitoring the water levels. A plan was put in place for the erosion repairs to protect the pipeline. Over 800 cubic yards of Class 3 and Class 5 riprap were hauled in, and work was done to install a buried rock sill and rock apron to the creek bank. Repairs of the original erosion to the high cut bank are scheduled to be performed later in the fall.

Additionally, while all of this was taking place, an oil spill contingency response plan had to be developed in the event the erosion caused a slope failure leading the pipeline to buckle or crack, thus releasing oil.

The AC&PPC crew at the Glennallen Response Base works every day to maintain the pipeline right of way, support projects and maintain readiness in the event of an oil spill response.



ACPPC TANANA SILL GROIN PROJECT UPDATE

Ahtna shareholder employee Darrell Deacon operating AC&PPC's Hitachi 670 excavator while placing Class IV riprap in the Tanana River near North Pole, Alaska.





2022 SWAP students at Tellico Trout Hatchery. Photo courtesy of Student Wildland Adventure Program.

STUDENT WILDLANDS ADVENTURE PROGRAM

BY KATIE FINNESAND, LAND AND RESOURCE SPECIALIST, AI LAND & RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

The Student Wildlands Adventure Program (SWAP) hosted a week-long trip to the Southern Appalachians for Natural Resource and Wildlife undergraduate students. The mission was to provide hands-on experiences and a glimpse into State and Federal agency jobs in a part of the country that students may be unaccustomed to. This year, twelve students from the Western United States and Canada traveled to Chattanooga, Tennessee. I was lucky enough to be accepted as the first student from Alaska.

The program began in 2017 as two wildlife biologists sought to bring one professor's students from Tennessee to visit New Mexico, where the second associate had relocated. Upon traveling west, the Eastern students learned about the arid ecosystems and vast differences from their own temperate rainforest. The following year, western students traveled to the east, and soon Daryl Ratajczak and Robert Brewer started a non-profit organization with the goal of providing once-in-a-lifetime opportunities to underserved students. Each year, Daryl and Robert recruit students and "swap" host zones.

Students who attended the all-expenses-paid trip to Chattanooga, Tennessee last May were of varying ages and degree programs, including majors in natural resource management, environmental science, ecology, wildlife and conservation. All individuals shared similar interests and appreciated the unique adventures scheduled each day.

The group visited with different agencies and participated in a plethora of activities, such as working up a captured bear (preparing it for release), installing BrandonBark roosting poles and monitoring equipment for the endangered Indiana Bat (*Myotis sodalists*), sampling weights of hatchery fish, birdwatching on the Hiwassee River, touring the Cherokee Removal Memorial Park, snorkeling the Conasauga River for freshwater species, visiting the Tennessee Aquarium Conservation Institute, touring a private bison farm, and rafting the Ocoee River. Whew! What a humbling experience.

The trip was a fantastic experience and I highly encourage other natural resource students to apply for the program in the future. It's a great way to get a brief hands-on experience in jobs you might not otherwise have an "in" to, and a fast way to develop interest in a field you may not have considered before. Get more information by digging into their website at www.swapwildlife.org or on their Facebook page.

Special thanks to Ahtna's Shareholder Enrichment department for reaching out with news of the opportunity and encouraging me to apply, and to Daryl and Robert for accepting me into the program. Tsin'aen!



Katie Finnesand transfers juvenile brown trout from a rearing tank into a basket scale to collect weight samples at the Tellico Trout Hatchery. Photo courtesy of Student Wildland Adventure Program.



SWAP students observed NPS wildlife biologists collect data on a sedated black bear and fit it with a GPS collar for release into the Cherokee National Forest. Photo courtesy of Student Wildland Adventure Program.

LAND DEPARTMENT PROJECT UPDATES

New Gulkana Boat Launch Signs

Nearly 80 years after being displaced by the U.S. Army, the historic Gulkana Village, on the south bank of the Gulkana River, was given back to the Native Village of Gulkana. In 2021, a new parking area, boat launch and fencing was constructed within the Richardson Highway right-of-way. A vaulted toilet and historical Gulkana Village interpretive signs were installed this summer.



Willow Mountain Meteorological Tower

In 2021, Ahtna received a \$316 thousand Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) grant to install a meteorological (Met) tower on top of Willow Mountain, 15 miles south of Copper Center. In July-August 2022, the Met tower will be installed utilizing a helicopter, with assistance from the Native Village of Kluti-Kaah, Ahtna Solutions, LLC, and the Ahtna Land Department. The Met tower will collect weather data, specifically wind data, for the next three years to determine if a 1-3 megawatt wind turbine is feasible as a renewable energy source.

Carbon Credits Verification Field Work

In 2016, Ahtna entered into a 100-year forest carbon program through the California Air Resources Board (CARB). One of the program requirements is to inventory the forest every six years. Four Ahtna shareholders and two shareholder spouses undertook an intensive 40-hour bear guard and wilderness safety certification program to assist the foresters in inventorying 375 forest carbon plots. The field work kicked off on July 6th and will run through early August. The crews are based out of Glennallen and traveling to each plot in pairs, from Chistochina to Chitina, utilizing a helicopter, ATVs, boat, and highway vehicles. After the carbon inventory field work is completed and carbon stocking is processed, a third-party verification will be performed for approximately 15-20 plots in 2023.



PROTECTING AHTNA'S LAND AND RESOURCES

The primary goal of the Land & Resources Department is to protect and responsibly develop land and resources for the benefit of Ahtna shareholders. Protection of Ahtna's lands and resources is done in partnership with state and federal law enforcement agencies.

Natural Resource Technicians, or NRTs, are tasked with patrolling and protecting Ahtna lands from trespass and disposal of waste, junk vehicles, garbage and hazardous materials. NRTs also monitor hunting and fishing activities, unauthorized removal of resources, and theft or damage to cultural and historical sites. In 2021, Ahtna NRTs, Trespass Enforcement, and seasonal staff completed 461 rounds of trespass patrol covering 26,159 miles on and around Ahtna land.

Use of Ahtna lands without a permit is considered trespass under Alaska law. The majority of the land under Ahtna, Inc. ownership is on the state road system or accessible by water, which often leads to unauthorized trespass entry by members of the general public.

If you see something, say something.

Please do your part to keep Ahtna lands and the public safe by reporting issues such as trespass, vandalism, theft, and illegal burning, dumping, hunting, trapping, and fishing. It is important to note the date, time, location, and descriptions of the people and vehicles involved. Photographs are also extremely helpful.

For emergencies that require immediate attention, please call 911. For non-emergency issues you can reach the Alaska State Troopers at (907) 822-3263 in Glennallen or (907) 768-2202 in Cantwell. Issues should also be reported to the Ahtna, Inc. Land & Resources Department in Glennallen at (907) 822-3476.

LAND DEPARTMENT STAFF: TAMMANY GEORGE, CANTWELL NATURAL RESOURCE TECHNICIAN

BY TAMMANY GEORGE, CANTWELL NRT, AI LAND & RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

My favorite part about working for Ahtna is the outdoor office environment and protecting the resources on behalf of our people. I've always said that Ahtna Land Department is the absolute best place to work within the Ahtna Family. The reason I say this is because, as a Cantwell shareholder, the land we live on and the land that provides for our people is our most valuable resource.

I am happy to be a part of the Natural Resource Technician (NRT) team that helps to protect our private property. I started working for Ahtna in 2006, and I have seen the NRT trespass program really starting to work well during the fall hunting season and throughout the year. The public is more aware of our property rights and abiding by them more and more. We have been doing a good job at communicating to visitors on our lands about the land use program and permitting, and letting them know what is and isn't allowed on Ahtna lands. The use of technology for our permits has

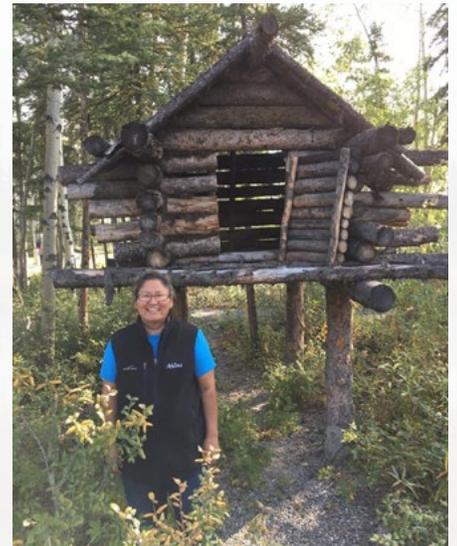
been a real step in the right direction, and our user-friendly website is an asset to the public outreach program. We now provide maps online and on any smartphone through our land maps app.



I enjoy working directly with our shareholders in the village. We have a close-knit community here in Cantwell and our other villages. The access to the people in our villages really helps our NRT employees know fairly fast what is happening in our region and allows us to respond effectively to things that need attention. Through the years the program has gotten better and better.

I am also very happy to be a shareholder employee. The department provides me with needed training for my job and also offers to help pay my way through any college courses that I need to be a better NRT. I am currently enrolled in courses through the University of Alaska Fairbanks. I'm also taking a course to learn about local plants for food and medicinal use.

This is a great opportunity for a beginner in land and resources to learn and grow and enjoy Ahtna people, the land, and the resources. I'm blessed to be a part of this team at Ahtna, Inc.



NATURAL RESOURCES SCHOLARSHIP

Are you interested in a career in natural resources? Ahtna is excited to announce a new scholarship for shareholders pursuing a Natural Resources degree or related field of study (forestry, wildlife, etc.). At a minimum, there will be one Natural Resources Scholarship (NRS) available each calendar year.

Scholarship amounts:

Up to \$15,000 per semester, \$120,000 individual lifetime.

NRS includes tuition, books, student housing, and college/university fees. For this scholarship, funding can also cover required course equipment and other related expenses.

The NRS program will follow the same application process as the Walter Charley Memorial Scholarship program. Applications will be accepted online for the spring 2023 semester from November 15 through December 15 at: www.ahtna.com/scholarship. Supplemental documents will be due by January 5.

If you have any questions regarding the application process, please contact the Scholarship Administrator at (907) 868-8250 or scholarship@ahtna.net.



AHTNA CULTURAL CENTER REOPENS UNDER NEW NATIONAL PARK SERVICE PARTNERSHIP



The Ahtna Cultural Center (ACC), C'ek'aedi Hwnax 'Legacy House', has reopened for the first time in three years, thanks to a new partnership between Ahtna, Incorporated and America's largest national park, Wrangell-St. Elias National Park

& Preserve. The ACC provides an opportunity to learn and connect with Ahtna Athabascan history, culture and people through Alaska Native exhibits, a hand-built fish wheel, a food cache, and museum.

Ahtna, Incorporated will have a visible presence at the ACC. Three Ahtna shareholders, including a supervisor and two interns, have been hired for the season to manage the ACC day-to-day operations and answer visitor questions. The reopening celebration

was held June 1st at the ACC with Wrangell-St. Elias Superintendent Ben Bobowski and Ahtna, Incorporated President Michelle Anderson sharing many reflections and exchanges with engaged participants.



"The broader vision for the Cultural Center is to welcome our people to use the space to practice traditional ways such as beadwork and explain the patterns and colors that are used. These demonstrations and the Center's exhibits give visitors the opportunity to discover Ahtna culture and walk away with a greater understanding of the Ahtna people's way of life," remarked Anderson.

"I am grateful for the opportunity to grow together and to better understand each other. I'm looking forward to a really productive summer working with Ahtna," replied Bobowski.

The ACC is located next to the Park's main visitor center at Mile 106.8 of the Richardson Highway, near the town of Copper Center. The ACC is open to visitors Wednesday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and closed for lunch. ACC staff can be reached at (907) 822-5955.



WISE EARTH DISCOVERY DAY

On May 10th, the Wrangell Institute of Science & Engineering welcomed 4th, 5th, and 6th grade students for the 20th Annual Earth Discovery Day. The program nurtures a stewardship ethic and excitement for scientific discovery and exploration of nature. The event was held for the Kenny Lake, Slana and Glennallen students of the Copper River School District.

Educational presentations were given by staff from local agencies and organizations, including U.S. Bureau of Land Management, State of Alaska Division of Forestry, Wrangell-St. Elias National Park & Preserve, Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Copper River Native Association, Recycling Our Area Resources (ROAR), Prince William Sound College, and Ahtna, Inc. The students were engaged in place-based lessons designed to help them feel awe and wonder for the natural world, and a sense of connection and belonging in the Copper River Basin.

The goal for this year's program was for kids to capture the idea that the Copper River Basin is a diverse ecosystem, and the many plants, animals, and humans who live here rely on each other to keep the land healthy. Throughout the day the kids participated in

guided hikes, museum tours, interpretive lessons, plant and animal identification, and creative games. Ahtna's booth introduced the Ahtna way of life through plants, animals, and fish. Various animal pelts (porcupine, lynx, marten, beaver, mink, and wolverine) were on display for the kids to see and touch. The kids also had a chance to guide themselves around the Ahtna Cultural Center. Many items on display were explained with a background story that piqued the kids' interest, for example, the kids got to see the handmade fish wheel up close and personal.



Earth Discovery Day is a huge team effort, and we are grateful for all the partners who took time from their busy spring schedules to spend the day with our youth.

CHRISTOPHER GENE RECEIVES TITLE TO HIS FATHER'S LAND

Christopher Gene is shown accepting two quitclaim deeds from Ahtna staff members Bruce Cain and Joe Bovee for land his father, Buster Gene, owned. In 1984, Buster Gene applied for two locations under section 14(c)(1) of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA). ANCSA required that any land use prior to 1971 be adjudicated by the ANCSA Village Corporation and deeded to the individual regardless of Native or non-Native status. Buster Gene's applications were deemed valid, however, part of the ANCSA 14(c) process was to allow the State of Alaska (SOA) to hold a certain amount of Village Corporation land in Trust until a municipality could be established. This never happened in Gakona because the locale already had certain "municipality" features such as a public school, fire department, post office, public meeting place, etc. Instead of waiting for the SOA to approve a land tenure for Gakona, the Gakona Appropriate Village Entity (AVE), Gakona Successor Village Organization (SVO), Ahtna Land Committee and Board of Directors approved transferring the two Buster Gene properties to his only living heir, Christopher Gene, for a trapping cabin on Buster Gene Lake (formerly Lyle Lake) and a ½ acre fish wheel site on the Copper River near the family property in Gakona.



AHTNA PLANTS: UPCOMING PLANTS TO HARVEST

Lat'uudze', Labrador Tea - Favored by the Elders. Add to fire when smoking moose for color and smell, mix with other herbs for tea, or use as a spice. Use cautiously as it has laxative properties.

Tsan'tsaey gigi, Highbush Cranberries - Can make jelly and juices. Juice can be used for colds and sore throat – mix with sugar to make a cough syrup or gummies. Favored use is to make C'encaes by simmering with sugar and a thickener like corn starch or flour and removing seeds if possible.

Xay gigi, Lowbush Cranberries - Harvest in the late fall, usually close to winter, and in an emergency in the winter under the snow. Can make C'encaes. Eating raw berries will help with a sore throat and cold. Can be used in any recipe that calls for cranberries. Can make homemade cranberry sauce.

Tsaas, Indian Potato - Best to be dug in the spring, but can be picked in the late fall. Important food of the Ahtna people.

Gig Gheli, Blueberries - Favorite food of all ages. Can be made into jellies, juice, muffins, breads and pancakes. Some Elders say just eat it plain, it doesn't need all that other stuff mixed with it. Can be made into C'encaes.

Daht'enc'ogge, Raspberries - Can be cooked and made into jellies and juice.

Giznae, Crowberry (blackberry) - Can be eaten fresh or dried with moose fat. Can be made into juice and is a good filler berry when short on other berries for a recipe.



AHTNA VOCATIONAL PROGRAM

Ahtna Vocational Scholarships are available to shareholders with 10 or more voting shares (Original, Inherited, Gifted, Class L). Upon approval, the Ahtna Vocational Scholarship offers up to \$12,000 for tuition to be paid directly to the training program. If your program costs more than \$12,000, Ahtna Shareholder Enrichment can recommend other financial aid programs.

TO APPLY

To apply for an Ahtna Vocational Scholarship, please visit www.ahtna.com/vocational. Supplemental documents must be provided prior to the start date of the training.

For associate, bachelor and master level degree programs, please apply for our Walter Charley Memorial Scholarship at www.ahtna.com/scholarship.

VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT HIGHLIGHT: KATRINA MORAN



Katrina Moran is a member of the Tsisyu (Paint) clan and grew up in Metlakatla, Alaska. Her parents are Meranda and Jeffrey Moran, her maternal grandmother is Helen Murphy, and her paternal grandparents are Doris and Thomas Moran.

Katrina attended Alaska Driving Academy in Soldotna, Alaska where she obtained her Class A Commercial Driver's License with endorsements. Her goal is to join the Teamsters Union as an apprentice or look for employment for a local fuel delivery company, such as Crowley or North Pacific, in Valdez where she currently resides.

Her advice to Ahtna youth interested in pursuing a similar program is, "Find a passion you think you might enjoy and go for it! Also, always try to improve yourself and your future. Go to college or a vocational school and/or trainings to improve your future and obtain as much knowledge as you can to make you a more valuable worker to multiple companies."

Katrina is currently employed as a laborer with Houston Contracting on an Alyeska Pipeline contract through the Laborers Union Local 341. Her responsibilities include building scaffolding, insulation and concrete work, painting and sandblasting, carpentry, hazardous waste clean-up, underground digs, and general labor such as weed cutting, snow removal, etc.

"One of the main things I enjoy about my job is that you are not doing the same task every day. You are always doing something different and working outside. I also enjoy all the benefits of my

job. With the union we have a great benefits package that includes retirement and healthcare and a competitive pay scale," said Katrina.

"Ahtna has helped me tremendously through my educational path. They helped me obtain my AA degree through Prince William Sound Community College, led me to joining the apprenticeship program through the Laborers Local 341, and helped me obtain my Class A CDL through the Alaska Driving Academy. Ahtna helped me financially so much through everything I have accomplished, and I am forever grateful," she shared. "It's so important to have a great support group behind you and all my family, along with Ahtna, have been the best support through all my educational and vocational endeavors."

There have been many influential people in Katrina's life who have shaped her pursuits. Her grandmother Helen taught her to never give up. At 54 years old, she graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Early Childhood Education. Her mother earned her Bachelor of Education and has been a teacher and someone to look up to as long as she can remember, "Not to mention she is my best friend!" Her dad obtained his Bachelor of Science degree and has been one of the best mentors in her life.

Katrina enjoys spending time with family, traveling, fishing, camping, picking berries, hiking, hunting and gathering, and living a subsistence lifestyle.

CONTACT SHAREHOLDER ENRICHMENT

To learn more, contact Shareholder Enrichment at (907) 868-8250 (Tracy Parent – Anchorage), (907) 822-3476 (Starr Knighten – Glennallen) or email shenrichment@ahnta.net. We look forward to assisting you with your career goals!

“NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE IF YOU PUT YOUR MIND TO IT” ALBERT ‘PALMER’ FLEURY REFLECTS ON 20 YEARS OF UNION SERVICE



Albert Fleury, or Palmer as his friends and family call him, developed a strong work ethic at a young age. That work ethic stuck with him throughout his career thanks in part to his first job as a Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Fire Crew Chief. He was only 16, but showed promise of being a young leader and was assigned his own crew of 25 firefighters. “The best part of my first job was my BLM boss, Fred Rungee. He taught me what good work

ethic was, and to not only work hard, but always be dependable,” says Palmer. His crew, which included many shareholders, went all over the state to fight fires. It was hot and hard work being out in the field for a month or more at a time.

Palmer honed his mechanic skills as a teenager by working on his own car, and those of his friends and family. Those skills transferred when he joined the International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 302 (IUOE Local 302). He retired from the IUOE Local 302 in 1997 after twenty years of service, but remains a member. He says his favorite part of working in a union was getting that dispatch call. He began as a journeyman, which gave him the chance to work all along the Trans Alaska Pipeline for four years, from Prudhoe Bay all the way down to Valdez. He also worked various construction jobs and helped to build the road for Red Dog Mine and several drill pads on the Slope. Palmer worked year-round, which meant enduring some pretty extreme winter conditions. “The coldest environment I ever worked in was at Prudhoe Bay in -120 degrees below zero wind chill! The hydraulics would freeze up and we could only be outside for 10 minutes at a time,” Palmer recalls.

“Being away from home and living in camps presents its challenges, but you shouldn’t let it deter you from leaving the village to get experience or training,” says Palmer. “It isn’t an easy job, but having

a trade can be very rewarding if you stick with it.” Palmer made that part of his mission, to encourage others to stay with the trade and help them to be successful. If he saw someone struggling, he would share problems he had faced and explain how he overcame them. He let them know that nothing is impossible if you put your mind to it.

Palmer says he has had shareholders express interest to him in an apprenticeship program, but they hesitate to pursue one because they were worried about mistakes they made when they were younger. He tells them that shouldn’t stop them from applying and it’s important to get experience any way you can. The union requires a certain amount of experience and employer recommendations before they will accept you. Also, there are extra expenses involved in becoming a mechanic or oiler, as you need to provide your own tools and clothing. Palmer said the minimum for mechanic tools can run from \$5-6 thousand, and you should take pride in taking care of your tools because that is your livelihood.

“I hope young people interested in working and getting a trade apprenticeship see it, and try it. Regardless of where they want to work, I hope they get training, do their own research, and stay with it. That’s the main thing, don’t give up. The union provides good paying jobs, regardless of what area you choose. It’s up to you as the individual in the end to stick with it. You just need to prove yourself and then won’t have any problem going to work,” says Palmer.

Palmer is a member of the Taltsiine (Water) clan, which is named for the many rivers where his ancestors lived and hunted. Palmer and his wife Linda have four children: Donna, Melissa, Jerry, and Dominic. His mother was the late Leona Joe, and her father was the late Tazlina Joe. His grandfather used to have a village at Tazlina Lake in the early 20s and 30s and that is where his aunts and uncles were born.

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AHTNA 50TH ANNIVERSARY VIDEO

June 23, 1972, marked Ahtna’s 50th anniversary. We would not be where we are today without the wisdom and guidance of our Elders and early leaders. They instilled in our minds that our lands are our corporation’s most precious gem. Respect and care for the land and it will provide.

A special 50th anniversary video celebrating this momentous milestone debuted at the Annual Meeting. The video demonstrates how far Ahtna has come in developing opportunities for shareholders as well as protecting our land, culture, and future prosperity. We invite you to view Ahtna 50th Anniversary: Our Past, Our Future, at www.vimeo.com/722660678.

SHAREHOLDER EMPLOYEE ANNOUNCEMENTS



Destiny Eskilida (AIT, Procurement Tech II)

Ahtna shareholder Destiny Eskilida transitioned from an on-call employee to a full-time receptionist for Ahtna's Anchorage office and has now been promoted to Procurement Tech II. She is a member of the Udziyu (Caribou) clan, and her parents are Linda Crandall and Virgil John. Her grandparents are Linda

Kline, Roy Eskilida Sr., and Robert and Yvonne John and her great grandmother is the late Dolly Spencer. Destiny's paternal side of the family originated from Mentasta, and she is the great granddaughter of the late Katie John. She enjoys traveling, fishing, and learning more about her culture. Destiny has spent time with her family fishing and harvesting berries in Chitina, as well as learning about Ahtna culture at her grandmother's fish camp.

Being trained at the front desk was a beneficial experience for Destiny, as it allowed her to learn about how the Ahtna family of companies works as a whole. Her goal is to connect with a mentor at Ahtna who can help her master all elements of the organization and eventually pursue a leadership career path within Ahtna.

"Destiny was a fantastic addition to the front desk. She is courteous, friendly, and eager to take on projects. She finds solutions to issues without having to be asked and her overall professionalism is amazing! I am thrilled to see her career evolve," said her previous supervisor Ve'dra Bechtol.



Jessica Rock, CPA (AI, Sr. GL Accountant)

Ahtna shareholder Jessica Rock has joined Ahtna, Incorporated (AI) as a Sr. General Ledger Accountant. She is a member of the Taltsiine (Water) clan and served on the AI Board of Directors from 2011-2017. Jessica's parents are Clarence and Katherine McConkey, her maternal grandparents are the late Hector and

Grace Ewan, and her paternal grandparents are the late Clarence and Marie (Craig) McConkey.

Jessica has over 20 years' experience working in an office environment, with over 10 years in management positions. With support from Ahtna's Shareholder Enrichment programs, she earned her Certified Public Accountant (CPA) license, a Master of Business Administration from the University of Alaska Anchorage (UAA), a Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) in Accounting from the University of Alaska Fairbanks, and a BBA in Management from UAA.

When asked what made her want to work for Ahtna, Jessica replied, "I inherited original Ahtna shares from my grandfather when I was 8 and began listening at Ahtna meetings when I was around 12 years old. Ahtna has been a big part of my life. When choosing where to work, I think about how much time and effort goes into our modern

work lives. I am delighted that I can focus my energy and endeavors on furthering Ahtna's vision for our culture, land, and people."

Jessica enjoys having a little garden patch and is giving growing blueberry bushes a shot this year. She was taught traditional beadwork by Ahtna Elders and family starting at the age of three and hopes to have more time for projects now that she's done studying for her CPA license.

Jessica is thankful for the support of her husband Doug and her children Clarence and Angel. "They encourage me when life gets tough and cajole me into taking the time to get out into the world and have fun!"



Corina Ewan Promotion (AITL, Office Manager)

Corina Ewan has joined Ahtna Infrastructure & Technologies, LLC as Office Manager in the Anchorage office. Corina is a lifelong Alaskan raised in the Copper River Region and a member of the Dits'i'iltsiine (Canyon) clan. She has three children and resides in Anchorage with her husband Jaysen (Caa'nii). Corina

began working for Ahtna, Inc. as an on-call receptionist and served as Project Administrator for Ahtna Netiyé, LLC. Before working with Ahtna, Corina worked for the Copper River School District, Copper River Native Association, and Wrangell-St. Elias National Park & Preserve. She is active in her community, and she currently serves as President for her Village Council, Native Village of Chitina. Corina is pursuing her second Associate degree in Tribal Governance and plans to pursue her Bachelor's degree in Business. Corina enjoys summers, having fun with her family, and practicing her Ahtna traditional ways. She has a passion to help sustain her Ahtna companies, culture, land, and language to keep Ahtna prosperous.



Jason Ashenfelter Jr. Promotion (AI, HR Associate)

Jason Ashenfelter Jr. has joined Ahtna's Human Resources team based in the Anchorage office. He is a member of the Taltsiine (Water) clan, and his parents are Jason Sr. and Amber Ashenfelter. "I wouldn't be who I am without my parents' love and support," he says. His maternal grandparents are Kenneth and Leona

Johns, and his paternal grandfather is Jerry Mahle Sr.

Jason began his career with Ahtna in 2019 as an intern in the Ahtna Special Forces program and was later hired as an on-call administrative assistant. His recent promotion has proven invaluable, giving him exposure to multiple departments. "It has distinguished my character, as well as ambitions," he says.

Jason earned a vocational accounting certificate from Alaska Job Corps in 2019. In his new HR associate position he performs records management, data screening and entry, as well as specialized project management and versatile position replacement.

SHAREHOLDER SPOTLIGHT

"I love learning in-depth how a corporation works and how Ahtna enriches its people and culture. Ahtna, Inc. is a unique corporation that specializes in enriching, preserving, and adapting the Ahtna people and its culture. Ahtna culture, values and our way of life has kept our ancestors alive for thousands of years in one of the most harsh and richest lands; that itself proves it's invaluable to not only our people, but to future generations and the world to see," Jason shared.



Matthew Jones Promotion (AC&PPC, Equipment Operator)

Matthew Jones grew up in the Copper River Basin, but temporarily relocated to Tulsa, Oklahoma to work as a laborer/operator on a project for Ahtna Construction & Primary Products Company, LLC (ACPPC). The job gave him the opportunity to learn valuable skills that he has brought home to his new position

as an equipment operator at Alyeska's Glennallen Response Base. Matthew's parents are Anita and Jeremiah Jones. He is a member of the Raven (Saghaani) moiety.



Ve'dra Bechtol Earns BA in Applied Science (AI, Benefits Analyst III)

Congratulations to Ve'dra Bechtol on earning a Bachelor of Arts in Applied Science degree from Wayland Baptist University! She graduated in December, but walked on April 22nd, the day after her birthday. Ve'dra is a Benefits Analyst and part of Ahtna's Human Resources team. She is a member of the Udzisyu

(Caribou) clan, and her parents are John and Carol Craig. Her maternal grandparents are Archie and Mary Bindara, and her paternal grandparents are Oscar and Ella Craig. She is married to Matthew Bechtol, and they have 5 children: the late Joey Trantham, Melissa Trantham, Jason Trantham, Madison Bechtol and Matthew Bechtol II.

SHAREHOLDER SERVICES UPDATES

MyAhtna Portal: Shareholder Submission

MyAhtna.com

One of the many perks and benefits of registering with the MyAhtna portal is you can submit news for the Kanas. Visit MyAhtna.com.



Duane Craig

Submitted by Mother Shirley Craig

Duane Craig, a 6th grade Ahtna descendant, was born with 50% hearing loss. In 2017 he had surgery to fix a hole in his ear drum. Post-surgery, Duane has normal hearing. His parents, Ahtna Shareholder Val Craig and Shirley Craig, are very excited to announce that Duane is in the Talented and Gifted Program with an IQ of 131.



River Fawn Birth Announcement

Submitted by Mother Jennifer Mack

Shareholder Jennifer Mack and James Buckley would like to share the birth of their little girl, River Fawn born on April 1, 2022, at Providence Hospital and weighing 9 pounds, 1 ounce and 20.5 inches in length. River is the granddaughter of Sharon Stickivan, great granddaughter of Mary Bindara and great niece of Carolyn and John Craig. We are pleased to add our little lady to the Ahtna family!



Takaya Dene Taylor Birth Announcement

Submitted by Mother Kayla Elsie Louise Taylor

Please welcome Takaya Taylor! She is the daughter of Ahtna shareholder Kayla Taylor and Trevor Taylor. Takaya was born on February 3, 2022, weighing 7 pounds, 7 ounces. Her grandparents are Thomas Taylor (paternal) and the late Tana Mae Pete (maternal).

49TH ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

The following directors were elected at the 2022 Ahtna Annual Meeting held June 4th in Glennallen, Alaska. They were announced by the Inspector of Elections Altman, Rogers & Co., the independent accounting firm retained to tabulate the election results.

- Seat A, At-Large: Susan L. Taylor
- Seat A, At-Large: Jason Hart (Incumbent)
- Seat D, Cheesh'na: Jessica L. Denny
- Seat F, Gakona: Linda M. Pete (Incumbent)

All newly elected directors will serve 3-year terms, until the 2025 Annual Meeting.

A big thank you to former directors John Craig (Seat A, At-Large) and Shawn Sanford (Seat D, Cheesh'na) for their dedication and service.

The Board met after the Annual Meeting and elected the following Ahtna, Inc. (AI) Board officers and Ahtna Netiy'e' (AN) Executive Committee members:

- AI Chair – Ken John
- AI Vice Chair – Karen Linnell
- AI Secretary – Cecil Sanford
- AI Treasurer – Linda Pete
- AN Chair – Nicholas Jackson
- AN Vice Chair – John Dye
- AN Secretary – Genevieve John
- AN Treasurer – Clint Marshall
- AN Executive Committee Member – Grant Rebne
- AN Executive Committee Member – Cecil Sanford

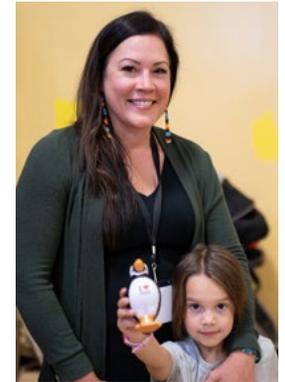
You can find more information about this year's Annual Meeting, including the names of the proxy prize winners, at www.ahtna.com/shareholders/annual-meeting-of-shareholders.

Board Member of the Year Recognition:

John Craig was honored as Board Member of the Year and as an outgoing board member. A big thank you for his many years of service.

Past Board Member Recognition:

The late Dorothy Shinn was recognized for her years of service on the Ahtna Board and dedication to the Ahtna people. Ahtna's 2021 Annual Report was dedicated to her memory.



2022 ANNUAL MEETING SHAREHOLDER CREWS

Thank you to the Annual Meeting shareholder crew members for their help this year! A reminder, if you are a youth and wish to work next year during the Annual Meeting, you need a photo ID (such as a Driver's License or State-issued ID) and a second piece of identification like a Social Security card, birth certificate or Native Tribal document. If you have a U.S. Passport, that's the only form of identification needed.

Youth Servers:

- Keith Albert
- Joshua Neeley
- Autumn George
- Ryan George
- Nicole McIntyre
- Jaysen Neeley
- Nicholas Patrick
- Ryan Rock Albert
- James Segerquist
- Valinda Vermillion
- Alvin Albert

Greeters:

- Alice Craig
- Sophia Johns
- Dawnn Johns

Camera Person:

- Tiana Cozzen

Set-Up and Tear-Down:

- Darren Billum
- Clarice McConkey
- Josette Johns
- Mark Johns
- John Ewan



MEET THE BOARD

WELCOME SUSAN TAYLOR AND JESSICA DENNY TO THE AHTNA BOARD



Susan L. Taylor (Sue) was elected to an At-Large seat on the Ahtna, Inc. Board of Directors. Sue is a member of the Udziyu (Caribou) Clan and grew up in Lower Tonsina, Alaska. She currently lives in Anchorage and has two children and two grandchildren. Her parents are the late Al and Agnes Taylor, her maternal grandparents are the late Jack and Nellie Marshall, and her paternal grandparents

are the late Harry Taylor and Dessie Hunsaker.

Sue has previously served on the Ahtna, Incorporated Board and various committees. She holds an Associate of Arts degree from Prince William Sound College. She was also a student at Alaska Pacific University. Sue has primarily worked in government contracting for the last eight years of her career. She is currently serving as St. Mary's Native Corporation Chief Executive Officer. From 2007-2019 Sue was a President of Ahtna subsidiaries Ahtna Construction & Primary Products Corporation, Koht'aene Enterprises Company, LLC, Ahtna Technical Services, Inc., and AKHI, LLC. Sue also worked for Ahtna, Incorporated early in her career, beginning as the Receptionist and leaving in 1999 as the Chief Operations Officer. No stranger to a board room, she has served on numerous boards including Copper River Native Association (CRNA), Chitina Native Corporation, AFN (alternate), Alaska Native Utilization Act for Alyeska Pipeline Service Company, and Governor's Trails and Recreational Access for Alaska Citizens' Advisory.

Sue's goals are to enhance the visionary leadership of the Ahtna Board and to help move the Corporation toward a future where all Ahtna shareholders thrive. "Education gained from Ahtna Elders will be drawn upon to balance the pursuit of profits while serving the cultural and traditional needs of our people. I am also a devoted supporter of shareholder development/hiring, memorial funding, dividends and scholarships," says Sue.



Jessica L. Denny was elected to Seat D, Cheesh'na on the Ahtna, Inc. Board of Directors. Jessica is a member of the 'Alts'e'tnaey (One Way People) clan and grew up in Chistochina, Alaska. She still lives in Chistochina and has three daughters. Her parents are Agnes and Tom Denny, and her grandparents are Lena and the late Jerry Charley.

Jessica holds a Master of Business Administration degree from Alaska Pacific University and a Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology with a minor in Linguistics from the University of Alaska Fairbanks. She has previously served as a Chistochina Enterprise and Chistochina Fun Days Board Member and Vice President & Council Member for Cheesh'na Tribal Council. Jessica is the Chief Executive Officer and Changemaker of Alaska Leadership Group, LLC, an Indigenous resource management company that specializes in gathering, organizing, and sharing traditional ways of knowing in modern spaces and on the land. She previously served as Mount Sanford Tribal Consortium's Ahtna Language & Culture Program Coordinator and as a Freelance Cultural Contractor. She volunteers in several capacities to teach the Ahtna language and traditional skills.

Jessica's goals are for Ahtna to continue operating in a profitable and sustainable manner, to increase local economic growth in Ahtna's villages by encouraging small business development, and to continue investing in Ahtna's people through education and work opportunities.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR AHTNA GRADUATES



Alice Baptisto-Mahle
Diploma, Apollo High School
 Parents: Michelle Baptisto & Gerald Mahle



Hunter Terrel
High School Diploma, Upstream Learning
 Parents: Precious Billum & Mark Terrel



Megan Malone
Master of Business Administration, Western Governors University
 Parents: Pamela Midgley & Terry Bell



Balena Debler
High School Diploma, Mentasta Lake Katie John School
 Parents: Stephanie & Nolan Debler



Jamie Ginn
Master of Business Administration, Western Governors University
 Parents: Mary Finnesand & Gregg Ginn



Nicole McIntyre
Diploma, Chugiak High School
 Parents: Danna Finnesand & Christopher McIntyre



Genevieve John
Master of Business Administration, University of Alaska Anchorage
 Parents: Linnea & Fred John Jr.



Joshua Gardner
High School Diploma, Homeschool
 Parents: Nathan & Cheril Gardner



River Wiseman
Diploma, Lathrop High School
 Parents: Britta Wiseman & Al Yatlin Jr.



Harry Salinas-Johns
High School Diploma, Igrad
 Parents: Shawnda & Federico Salinas-Johns



Kambriya Ewan
Diploma, Glennallen High School
 Parents: Felicia Ewan & Michael Demit



Sasha R. Salinas-Johns
Diploma, Glennallen High School
 Parents: Shawnda Solomon & Federico Salinas-Johns



Heaven Claw
Diploma, Mingus Union High School
 Parents: Rachel & LaMonica Claw



Kayla Tyone
Diploma, Juneau Douglas High School
 Parents: Sheila Tyone & Frank Charley



Sydney Leonard
Diploma, Bettye Davis East Anchorage High School
 Parents: Samantha & William Leonard Jr.



Sydney Wagerle
 Diploma, Grants Pass High School
 Parents: Leann & Roger Wagerle



Tezlyn Kerrone
 Diploma, Homer High School
 Parents: April Dwyer & Jason Kerrone

Alisha Bell-Herald
 Juris Doctor Degree, University at Buffalo
 Parents: Katrina & Timothy Bell

Braeden John
 Diploma, West High School
 Parents: Ellen Frazier & Jay John

David Wilson
 Diploma, Palmer High School
 Parents: Trish & Dean Wilson



Takoda Vermillion
 Diploma, Glennallen High School
 Parents: Angela & Frank Vermillion



Thomas Scully
 Diploma, A.J. Dimond High School
 Parents: Rhonda Oliver & Sean Scully

Jessica Denny
 Master of Business Administration, Alaska Pacific University
 Parents: Agnes & Tom Denny

Martina Legge
 Associate of Business Management, Columbus State Community College
 Parents: Ann Maxim & Robert Rickson



Tikaan Galbreath
 Master of Fine Arts in Creative Nonfiction, Institute For American Indian Arts
 Parents: Donna Galbreath & Jeff Mann



Vedra Bechtol
 Bachelor of Applied Science, Wayland Baptist University
 Parents: John & Carol Craig

Paris Cronin
 Diploma, Fargo South High School
 Parents: Nicole & Dennis Cronin

Robyn Brollier
 Bachelor of Science in Communication, University of Utah
 Parents: Carol Brollier

Tiana Demientieff
 High School Diploma, SAVE
 Parents: Eva & Clarence Olhausen



Talauna Devenport
 Certificate, Skin Science Institute
 Parents: Marcia Ewan & Sam George



Violet Craig
 Diploma, Mt. Edgecumbe High School
 Parents: Carolyn & Raymond Craig

Trinity Boston
 High School Diploma, IDEA
 Parents: Danielle Boston & Maurice Pence



Tamra Jones
 Bachelor of Science in Natural Resources & Environment, University of Alaska Fairbanks
 Parents: Anita Dewitt & Jeremiah Jones



William Christenson
 Associate of Applied Science in Nursing, Chandler Gilbert Community College
 Parents: Charlene Holloway & James Christenson

Ahtna sincerely apologizes to any shareholders or shareholder descendants who graduated between June 2021 and July 2022 and whose names do not appear on this list. This list was assembled using information provided to Ahtna by May 27, 2022, so the information could be compiled in time for this Summer 2022 issue of the Kanas.

CLASS L STOCK

Ahtna Class L stock was created in 2008 for the purpose of enrolling Ahtna descendants who were born after December 18, 1971, provided they meet certain eligibility requirements. To become a Class L shareholder, applicants must be a descendant of an original Ahtna shareholder; have ¼ or more Alaska Native blood quantum; be born after Dec. 18, 1971; be a United States citizen; and must not already be a shareholder of another regional corporation, except by gift or inheritance.

To enroll for Class L stock, applicants must submit an application form, original birth certificate, and original Certificate of Indian Blood (CIB). Application forms are available at www.ahtna.com/shareholders/shareholder-services and at the Ahtna Glennallen and Anchorage offices.

Number of Shares

A total of 100 shares of Class L stock will be issued to each eligible enrollee. Initially, 30 Class L shares will be issued to every enrollee upon enrollment and 70 additional Class L shares will be issued upon reaching 18 years of age and receiving a high school diploma, GED or equivalent, or reaching 21 years of age without a high school diploma, GED or equivalent, for a total of 100 shares.

Note: If you are a Class L shareholder, are of age and have received your high school diploma, GED or equivalent, please submit a copy of your diploma or other proof of graduation/completion to Shareholder Services so they can issue your remaining Class L shares. Class L stock is managed separately from Graduate Gift requests and requires its own submission of proof of graduation for shares to be issued.

Dividends & Distributions

As part of our commitment to providing for the economic well-being of our shareholders, Ahtna has distributed an annual shareholder dividend since 2009. Class L shareholders receive Ahtna dividend distributions on the same basis as other classes of Ahtna shares, except that Class L shares are not entitled to share in distributions of natural resource revenues under ANCSA §7(j).

Voting

One of the main responsibilities of being an Ahtna shareholder is to vote in Ahtna elections and on other matters presented to the shareholders for a vote. Shareholders who own voting shares are responsible for ensuring the long-term strength of Ahtna by electing the Board of Directors. Class L shares are voting shares. If you are under 18 years of age, your 30 shares of Class L stock may only be voted by your custodian until you reach the age of 18.

Inheritance, Gifting and Transfer Rights

Class L stock is "life estate" stock, which means that it is issued only to you for your lifetime. Upon your death, the stock is cancelled without compensation to your heirs. Class L stock and the right to receive dividends and distributions may not be sold, pledged, or assigned in present or future, even if transfer restrictions end for other Ahtna stock. Class L stock may also not be transferred by gift.

Benefits of Class L Stock Ownership

Besides sharing in dividend distributions, Class L shareholder are eligible to receive benefits such as:

- Ahtna Shareholder Hire Preference
- Memorial Fund
- Graduate Gifts
- Elders Benefit Program
- Youth Recognition
- Shareholder Enrichment programs such as:
 - Walter Charley Memorial Scholarship
 - Vocational Scholarship
 - Professional Development Programs
 - Career Assistance Program
 - Ahtna Special Forces

To learn more about these benefits, please visit: www.ahtna.com/shareholders/benefits.

2022 DIRECT DEPOSIT DRIVE

All shareholders signed up for direct deposit as of November 4, 2022, will be entered into a drawing for cash prizes: (3) \$200, (1) \$300 and (1) \$500!

Shareholders are strongly encouraged to sign up for direct deposit, the fastest and most reliable way to receive dividends. By choosing direct deposit, you will receive your funds faster than by mailed check. You will also eliminate the risk that your check may be lost or stolen and having to wait 90 days for replacement.

Signing up is easy and convenient. Please complete the direct deposit form with routing number and full account number: www.ahtna.com/directdeposit.

Shareholders can update their contact information using the shareholder portal (MyAhtna.com) or by emailing Shareholder Services at shservices@ahtna.net.



AHTNA CAREERS – HIRING NOW!

We are here to support you in your career goals, whatever they may be. The primary goal of Shareholder Enrichment is to maximize shareholder potential by developing and engaging shareholders as they pursue meaningful career and life goals. You just have to take the first step and call the Shareholder Enrichment team at (907) 822-3476 (Glennallen) or (907) 868-8250 (Anchorage).

Ahtna Only Accepts Online Applications

All current Ahtna job openings are posted on the Ahtna website at www.ahtna.com/careers.

Ahtna is dedicated to being an Employer of Choice, and we take great pride in recruiting exceptional talent. We seek out candidates who understand Ahtna's commitment to increasing shareholder assets and value while also providing outstanding service to our clients. As Ahtna team members, employees actively shape a company culture that supports innovation, dedication and high performance.

Ahtna Offers a Variety of Benefits to Our Eligible Employees

- Professional Training & Growth Opportunities
- Competitive Wages
- Competitive Benefits Package, including 401(k) Retirement Plans, Health Insurance and Welfare Programs
- Health Savings Account Program
- Flexible Spending Account Programs
- Paid Leave & Holidays

HOT DOGS AND HOT JOBS

Shareholder Enrichment hosted "Hot Dogs and Hot Jobs" recruitment events on April 30th. Shareholders, shareholder spouses, and shareholder descendants were invited to stop by the Glennallen or Anchorage office to grab a hot dog and a job. Hiring was done on the spot for hot jobs!



FOREST CARBON INTERN COMPLETES BEAR GUARD TRAINING

Forest Carbon Intern Nicole McIntyre, daughter of Danna Finnesand and Chris McIntyre, recently passed Bear Guard Training the week of June 27th.

Training begins with Health Safety and Environmental (HSE) protocols and requirements of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Students are taught animal behavior, risk assessment, and protective methods, including the use of bear spray, sound devices, electric fences, firearm deterrent cartridges, and lethal force. Training includes two firearm qualification sessions where safety, decision making, tactical shooting,

and accuracy are formally evaluated. Training culminates with a field exercise where students play the part of a Wilderness Safety Leader (WSL) on duty guiding workers through field work.

In addition to the WSL training portion, students must also successfully complete wilderness first aid, including CPR, AED and pathogen protection. Emphasis is on long-term patient management, communication with base, and the use of improvised splints and litters for patient movement. Students are required to practice cleaning small wounds and conduct an evacuation of a simulated injured worker in the program.

COMMUNITY NEWS

KATIE JOHN DAY CELEBRATION

A small gathering was held in Mentasta to celebrate Katie John Day on May 31.



ELDER BIRTHDAYS

Wishing all of our Elders a birthday filled with happiness and a year filled with joy. Happy Birthday from the Ahtna Board of Directors and staff!

JULY

Barry L. Dunlop Sr.
Billy J. Williams Jr.
Carl Pete
Catherine M. Lincoln
Chaille Yasuda
Charles Smelcer
Christine Craig
Dianne Fier-Navratil
Dorothy Locke
Edna A. Beliew
Edward Lee Billum
Elizabeth Kruzick
Frank J. McConkey
Franklin Jordan
Helga Wiebe
Jenny Sanford
Lemmie L. Charley
Leona Lydean Blankenship
Lloyd Henry Thomas

Lorraine Nicklie
Lucille Lincoln
Lucille Thomas
Marlene Ann Macy
Mary Gober
Patricia Cronin
Richard Miller
Roberta Neeley
Sharon Tyone
Vivian E. Greybear
Wayne Bell I

AUGUST

Ada M. Wilson
Annie Nelson
Arline Moberg
Barbara Fier
Bradley Sinyon
Carolyn Craig
Charles Craig

Dale Myers
Darlene Fay Stemp
David Nicklie
Elizabeth Orczewska
Eveline Frank
Irene Davis
Josephine Faye Puff
Joyce Clark
Margaret K. Horton
Michael Routt
Mildred Thomas
Richard Wheelles
Ronald Craig
William Major
Wilson Justin

SEPTEMBER

Annie John
Christine Duke
Laura Hobson
Linda Jenkins-Nephew
Martin Finnesand
Roy Turner Jr.
Shirley A. Collins
Susan Jones
Victor Fleury

CONDOLENCES

In loving memory of our shareholders who have passed

BRUCE TIMOTHY HEATON

ELSIE NICKLIE

ERNEST B. CRAIG

LILLIAN HOLLEY

MARLENE JOHNSON

RANDY JERRY PEDRO

SMITTY GENE JR.

STACIE N. CHARLEY

TIMOTHY LEE STEVENS

VERA M. A. DOUGLAS

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

📺 = video conference between Anchorage & Glennallen

*Due to COVID-19, the below events are subject to change or cancellation.
Please check the website at www.ahna.com/events for the most current information.*

AUGUST

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| Aug 4 | AN Executive Committee Meeting, 9 am, Anchorage | Aug 10 | Caribou Hunting Opens | Aug 20 | Moose Hunting Opens |
| Aug 5 | Land & Customary & Traditional Committees, 10 am | | | | |

SEPTEMBER

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| Sep 5 | Labor Day (Ahtna offices closed) |
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OCTOBER

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| Oct 7 | AI Board Meeting, 9 am, Glennallen | Oct 8 | Joint Successor Village Organization Meeting, 9 am, location TBD | Oct 20-22 | AFN Convention, Anchorage |
| Oct 7 | Settlement Trust Board Meeting (following AI Board Meeting), Glennallen | Oct 10 | Indigenous Peoples' Day | Oct 24 | Shareholder Committee, 1 pm |
| | | Oct 14 | Class L, Gifting, Diploma Deadline | | |



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