

# BAY REPORT

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## Inside Look

2025 Annual Meeting of Shareholders

2025 Shareholder of the Year Nominations Open



## FEATURE STORY

MAPPING WETLANDS AND BUILDING FUTURES IN BRISTOL BAY



## SAVE THE DATE

**July 4**

Independence Day  
BBNC office closed

**July 18, 5:00 p.m.**

Shareholder of the Year  
Nomination Deadline (see  
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**July 25, 5:00 p.m.**

BBF Career-Focused  
Vocational Education  
scholarship application  
deadline (see pg. 9)

**August 9, 12:00 p.m.**

Alaska Wild Salmon Day  
(Anchorage)

**August 15**

Deadline for address  
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September distribution

**August – September**

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Meetings (see pg 3)

**September 1**

Labor Day  
BBNC office closed

**September 5**

BBNC Settlement Trust  
distribution

**September 10, 5:00 p.m.**

Early Bird Proxy Voting  
Deadline

**October 1, 5:00 p.m.**

Proxy Voting Deadline

**October 4**

Annual Meeting of  
Shareholders and Career  
Fair (Anchorage)



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Many people living in Bristol Bay, particularly Elders and those with deep ties to the region, have a strong understanding of the lands and waters. This knowledge comes from lived experience and subsistence traditions that have been passed down for generations, shaping how we understand the plants, animals, and ecosystems that make Bristol Bay unique.



## Letter from the President

As important as traditional knowledge is, until very recently, there has been a lack of scientific data—especially on wetlands, rivers, lakes, and drainage systems—to help guide legislation and inform best practices. This type of information is critical to protecting and strengthening the natural systems that sustain our region. As home to the largest wild sockeye salmon run, understanding these ecosystems is key to protecting our way of life and ensuring these resources remain healthy for future generations.

That's why we're excited about a partnership with the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) focused on mapping the extensive wetland networks across Bristol Bay. With support from a multi-year grant, we're gaining a clearer picture of these vital areas—information that will help ensure their long-term health and responsible management.

You'll find more information on the next page, including highlights from a hands-on internship program tied to the grant. Two BBNC shareholders gained valuable experience using Geographic Information Systems (GIS) to support the wetlands mapping

effort—an investment in our future workforce and the technical skills needed in our region.

The partnership, and the internships in particular, reflect some of BBNC's top strategic priorities: shareholder development, responsible land and resource management, expanding economic opportunities, enriching our Native way of life, and upholding our "Fish First" value. It's one example of how we pursue opportunities that deliver value to both our businesses and communities.

We're also continuing to engage in local and statewide policy conversations that affect Bristol Bay. One issue we tracked closely during the recent legislative session in Juneau was the high cost and limited availability of fuel in Western Alaska. Rising energy prices and supply challenges are putting strain on families, communities, and businesses throughout the region. BBNC remains committed to working with policymakers to keep these and other critical issues in focus.

Looking ahead, we're on track for another strong fiscal year. More details will be available in our annual

report in August. As we reflect on our financial performance, it's worth noting that our success is the result of a steady, conservative approach to business—staying focused on our strategic priorities, adapting when needed, and building a team and leadership structure that supports stability and growth. This approach has served BBNC well for over 50 years.

Finally, as we head into summer, we want to wish you a safe and abundant season. The salmon forecast looks promising, and it's time to once again enjoy everything Bristol Bay has to offer—fishing, harvesting, and connecting—or reconnecting—with the land and each other. We hope each of you can take some time to pause and be grateful for the remarkable region we call home, and we encourage you to stay safe and look out for one another.

Thanks, as always, for your support.

Jason Metrokin  
President & CEO

## 2025 SHAREHOLDER OF THE YEAR NOMINATIONS

During the annual meeting, we will announce the names of four Shareholders of the Year (SOY) who will be honored as BBNC Elder of the Year, Citizen of the Year, Marie Paul Student of the Year, and Small Business of the Year! Scan the QR code to the right to learn more and to complete the online nomination form. Nominations may be made by individuals or organizations. The deadline is Friday, July 18, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. Alaska time.







# Mapping Wetlands and Building Futures in Bristol Bay

Every year, the five species of Pacific salmon that return to the Bristol Bay region contribute to our region's identity, economies, cultures, and subsistence lifestyles. Given the central role fish play in our regional identities, we depend upon preservation and conservation efforts to safeguard the ecologies that support them. Until somewhat recently, there was a significant data gap that would help us understand these habitats and the potential impact of threats such as climate change and invasive species. While the US government began mapping and reporting data about wetland habitats as far back as the 1980s, much of Alaska has remained unmapped, in large part because of a lack of human and financial resources and the challenges inherent in surveying Alaska's more remote habitats.

To fill these data gaps, BBNC has formed partnerships with the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service and the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation and others to map

millions of acres of wetlands in Bristol Bay. We recently employed two BBNC shareholders—Sander "Aiden" Johnson V of Dillingham and Cavelila Wonhola of New Stuyahok—in internships that provided them on-the-job training and experience in wetlands mapping using Geographic Information Systems (GIS). This sophisticated technology produces valuable information for the Alaska Wetlands Inventory and helps paint a detailed portrait of wetland ecosystems and changes in these habitats over time. This, in turn, allows us to responsibly steward the wetland and deepwater habitats that are so vital to our wild salmon populations.

Cavelila graduated from Chief Ivan Blunka School in 2015 and attended the University of Alaska Fairbanks (UAF). He obtained an Associate of Applied Sciences in Construction Management in 2022 and in the fall of 2024, he obtained a Bachelor of Arts in Yup'ik. Cavelila says he has learned a lot about GIS mapping thanks to

this internship opportunity and he's currently working on mapping the Nushagak and Mulchatna rivers. His experience in the program has allowed him to think about a future where he can put his GIS experience to work. Aiden is attending University of Alaska Anchorage (UAA) and wants to pursue a career in the geomatics, which is primarily concerned with the collection and analysis of geographic data. He says his experience as an intern has been extremely helpful for his future as a surveyor, especially as a user of AutoCad design software that is so integral to creating GIS data.

This partnership is exciting because it sits at the crossroads of several of BBNC's priorities. For one, it's an opportunity that fulfills our commitment to shareholder development. By providing young adults specialized training in GIS, it opens doors to new employment pathways and career opportunities. Additionally, any data about wetland habitats bolsters BBNC's land and resource management



initiatives and supports our Fish First value. Finally, it gets Alaska Natives from Bristol Bay directly involved in the critical work of land and water stewardship.

The internship program itself is supervised by shareholder Leilani Luhrs of Togiak, who has studied at UAF and supports BBNC and the National Wetlands Inventory through the Alaska Conservation Foundation. She notes that while hands-on GIS training is important in helping to fill data gaps and assess these complex habitats, the program also gives students a unique opportunity to collaborate with others, to gain perspective about our place in the world, and to advocate on behalf of lands, water, and wildlife.

Perhaps most importantly, Leilani notes, "these opportunities give our region and our people a seat at the table where decisions get made. Knowing that that's possible—that's what fuels my fire."

## 2025 BOARD SLATE SELECTED



*Leslie Canavera*



*Michelle Ravenmoon*



*H. Robin Samuelsen Jr.*



*L. Tiel Smith*

The BBNC Nominating and Governance Committee (Joseph L. Chythlook, Wassiliisia "DeeDee" Bennis, Greta L. Goto, and Hazel Nelson) reviewed all complete BBNC Board of Director applications, conducted interviews, and made recommendations for four seats to the full board.

Each year, four positions on the BBNC Board of Directors are up for election. This year, 14 shareholders submitted complete applications. The BBNC Board selected the following shareholders for the board slate of candidates: Leslie Canavera, Michelle Ravenmoon, H. Robin Samuelsen Jr., and L. Tiel Smith.

Shareholders seeking a position on the BBNC Board may have their name listed on the printed ballot to be voted at the annual meeting if they submit their name by Wednesday, September 24, 2025, to Executive Vice President and General Counsel Ethan Schutt by calling (907) 278-3602.

## AC COMPANY JOINS BBNC'S DISCOUNT PROGRAM

BBNC shareholders can now receive a 10% discount at Alaska Commercial (AC) stores in Dillingham, King Salmon, and Togiak—or on bush orders for nearby villages!

The discount is available once per quarter, on the first Wednesday after each BBNC distribution payment. For 2025, the remaining scheduled discount dates are September 10 and December 10.

To receive the discount, shareholders must present their BBNC shareholder ID at checkout. You can find your shareholder ID in the myBBNC mobile app under "My ID Card," or request a physical shareholder ID by contacting BBNC at [shareholders@bbnc.net](mailto:shareholders@bbnc.net) or (907) 278-3602.

Some exclusions apply. See full details and more discounts at: [mybbnc.net/benefits/shareholderdiscountprogram](https://mybbnc.net/benefits/shareholderdiscountprogram)



## INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS

BBNC's Shareholder Informational Meetings are designed to inform shareholders of the corporation's performance over the last fiscal year and allow them the opportunity to engage with board members and staff.

To the right is the list of proposed 2025 informational meeting locations. The time and place of each meeting will be published in the proxy material and posted on the BBNC website at [bbnc.net](https://bbnc.net) at the end of June. Informational meetings will run August through September.

Chignik Bay  
Dillingham  
Ekwok  
Kenai  
Naknek  
Newhalen  
Manokotak  
Seattle  
Togiak

# ANNUAL REPORT AND PROXY MATERIALS

BBNC will be electronically delivering an annual meeting packet to voting shareholders over 18 who have an email on file and have opted-in for electronic communications on the myBBNC portal at mybbnc.net.

Those who have not opted-in to receive electronic communications at mybbnc.net will receive a paper annual meeting packet.

Here's what you can look for in August:

**1. Annual Report:** This report details the financial activities of the corporation for the 2025 fiscal year, ended March 31, 2025.

**2. Notice of Annual Meeting and Proxy Statement:** This is an official announcement of the 2025 BBNC Annual Meeting of Shareholders, which explains the purpose of the meeting. The proxy statement explains the issues that are expected to come before the shareholders at the annual meeting, including an important vote on descendant enrollment, and instructions for completing and returning your signed BBNC proxy and ballot for the BBNC Settlement

Trust or an online proxy and ballot prior to the annual meeting.

**3. BBNC Proxy and BBNC Settlement Trust Ballot:** Shareholders will receive a BBNC proxy and ballot for the BBNC Settlement Trust as well as an electronic PIN to vote online instead of by mail. By submitting your proxy online through BBNC's online voting system at bbncvote.net, you'll be eligible for special online voting cash prizes!

**4. Return Envelope:** The postage-paid envelope to be used to return your paper proxy and ballot.

To learn more about descendant enrollment online, please visit [bbnc.net/de](http://bbnc.net/de).

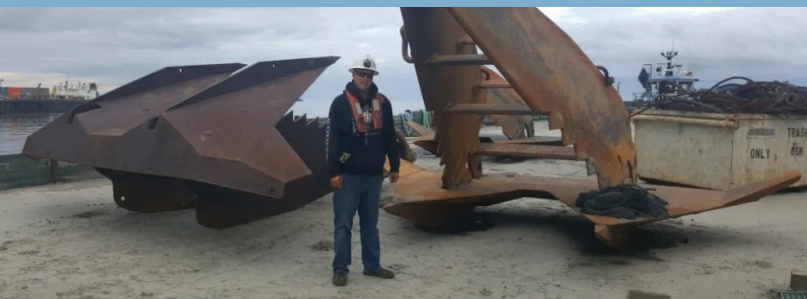
# ANNUAL MEETING

The 2025 Annual Meeting of Shareholders and Career Fair is scheduled for Saturday, October 4, 2025, at 10:00 a.m., in Anchorage, Alaska. BBNC will provide more details about the annual meeting in proxy materials which will be delivered in mid-August.

The meeting will be held for the purpose of electing four directors to three-year terms ending in 2028, voting on a shareholder resolution regarding the adoption of BBNC's Third Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation for the purpose of enrolling missed enrollees and descendants, as well as reviewing the corporation's performance for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2025.

Additionally, the 2025 annual meeting will be broadcast live on the web! This live broadcast will allow shareholders to watch the annual meeting in real time on October 4. More information will be available in your proxy material and in the fall newsletter.

## SHAREHOLDER-OWNED BUSINESS OF THE QUARTER



BBNC shareholder Captain Justin Ryan founded North Point Marine Surveyors LLC in King Salmon, bringing over 25 years of maritime experience to his work. He provides year-round marine surveys for drift boats, tenders, and a variety of vessels across Bristol Bay.

With deep roots in the region, Justin is committed to helping ensure the safety, reliability, and compliance of vessels that power our local fishing communities.

Learn more at: [northpointmarinesurveyors.com](http://northpointmarinesurveyors.com)

## NDT AND RADIATION SAFETY TRAINING



BBNC, in partnership with EVR Services and Kakivik Asset Management, recently supported eight shareholders in completing Non-Destructive Testing (NDT) and a 40-hour Radiation Safety Training.

Over the course of four weeks, participants completed 120 hours of hands-on instruction in Ultrasonic Level 1, Magnetic Particle, and Liquid Penetrant NDT methods. This training prepares them for careers as NDT evaluation technicians.



## STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

BBNC is excited to announce three new hires and eight promotions at our corporate office!

### NEW HIRES:



**Anna Mae "Dotchie" Bartholomew**  
Shareholder Records Specialist



**Tasha King**  
Administrative Services Specialist



**Dax Skratz**  
Records Technician

### PROMOTIONS:

- **Shaun Andrew**, Senior Specialist, Entity Operations and Governance
- **Lisa Andrus** – Senior Manager, Records and Information Management
- **Carmell Engebretson** – Vice President, Communications
- **Nicole McVittie** – Senior Paralegal
- **Jacque Mills** – Corporate Accountant, Payroll and Shareholder Distributions
- **Casey Sifsof** – Senior Director, Shareholder Development
- **Polly Watson** – Vice President, Operations
- **Kala Wilson** – Senior Manager, Communications

We are very grateful for our dedicated employees and look forward to the contributions they will continue to make for BBNC and its shareholders!

## ALASKA'S LIMITED ENTRY SYSTEM: A STRATEGIC FISHERIES UPDATE

It's been 50 years since Alaska enacted the Limited Entry Act to stabilize the fishing economy, conserve resources, and prioritize access for Alaskans—especially rural residents who depend on fisheries for their economic and cultural well-being.

The system initially prioritized those most dependent on fishing, but soon permits became transferable and freely bought and sold. This change raised concerns and has had lasting impacts on rural and Alaska Native communities.

Since then, many rural residents and Alaska Natives have lost a significant number of permits. This loss contributes to rural out-migration and reduces opportunities for young, small-scale, low-income, and Indigenous fishermen. As permits leave communities, so do the economic benefits tied to them.

The Alaska Legislature is now reviewing whether the limited entry system is still meeting its goals. Share your thoughts on how to support sustainable, locally rooted fishing livelihoods for the future by contacting Everett Anderson at [eanderson@bbnc.net](mailto:eanderson@bbnc.net).

## CREATE/UPDATE YOUR STOCK WILL!

Did you know that by having a stock will on file, YOU choose where your shares go rather than having them distributed according to state law? You'll also be entered to win up to \$500 every quarter! You'll also be entered to win quarterly cash prizes by having direct deposit on file.

The next deadline to win is **August 15!** Easily update your direct deposit and ensure you have a stock will on file by logging into your myBBNC account at [mybbnc.net](http://mybbnc.net).

If you have any questions or need to create or update your stock will, please contact Shareholder Services at [shareholders@bbnc.net](mailto:shareholders@bbnc.net) or (907) 278-3602.

### Summer Stock Will Winners:

- \$500** – John Rickteroff
- \$250** – Moxie A. I. Moxie
- \$250** – Elena S. Olsen
- \$250** – Alex H. Togiak
- \$250** – Casey M. Zharoff
- \$100** – Evon W. Moore
- \$100** – Keith W. Fayer
- \$100** – Jasper N. Blair
- \$100** – William E. Woods
- \$100** – Freddie J. Bragg

### Summer Direct Deposit Winners:

- \$500** – Glendora L. Chunak
- \$250** – Benjamin D. Jones
- \$250** – Lynda S. Roehl
- \$250** – Darrell P. Kalmakoff
- \$250** – David V. Delkittie
- \$100** – Mary N. West
- \$100** – Mary L. Nelson
- \$100** – Na'Le'Na C. Largay
- \$100** – Michelle N. Malachoff
- \$100** – Ashley J. M. Martin



## SSS Advances Global ISR Training and International Partnerships

STS Systems Support, LLC (SSS) continues to expand its global presence through specialized Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance (ISR) and Air-to-Ground Integration (AGI) training, delivered in partnership with the Air Force Security Assistance Training Squadron (AFSAT). These efforts are strengthening international defense capabilities and deepening strategic alliances around the world.

SSS currently supports active task orders in Saudi Arabia, Ghana, Senegal, Tunisia, and Uzbekistan. In Uzbekistan, instructors Matt Wingate and Yuji Smith (MSO), along with Don Kochka and Chris Libke (ISR), are delivering tailored geospatial intelligence and sensor operator training tailored for the PC-12 platform. Their instruction emphasizes real-world

applications, including imagery analysis and aircraft systems operations.

In Saudi Arabia, John Lasley, Phill Uribe, and Grant Harrison are supporting the Royal Saudi Air Force Weapons School. Their contributions to large-scale multinational training exercises are enhancing U.S.–Saudi collaboration and boosting interoperability among coalition partners.

SSS has also developed and deployed new courseware for Tunisia and Ghana. Instructor teams are preparing to launch advanced training missions to Tunisia, Ghana, and Senegal, where they will provide instruction in joint ISR operations and specialized ISR skills. These deployments build on past successes and reflect a growing demand for higher-level training from international partners.



Plans are also underway to expand training efforts to Taiwan, Japan, Jordan, and Mauritania. Continued partner requests for advanced instruction—particularly from Tunisia and Uzbekistan—highlight the sustained impact of SSS's training programs in building long-term regional security, strengthening interoperability, and aligning with U.S. strategic objectives.



## BRISTOL GENERAL CONTRACTORS AWARDED CONTRACT FOR DEFENSE RENOVATION PROJECT

Bristol General Contractors, LLC, was awarded a contract by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Fort Worth District to complete renovation and replacement work in support of the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) at the Red River Army Depot in Texas. The project supported the relocation of the DLA Distribution Red River, Texas (DDRT) Box Shop and essential repairs to Building 593.

The contract scope included the full replacement of all 24 wood trusses in a 91,000 square-foot World War II-era warehouse, along with structural shorting to support the truss replacement.

The comprehensive renovation also featured a new EPDM roofing system, full sprinkler system installation, and upgrades across all major building systems. These included new CMU masonry, metal stud and drywall construction, architectural finishes, and modernized electrical, mechanical, and plumbing systems.

This effort enabled the relocation of DLA's Box Shop from Building 437 into the north half of Building 593—improving operational efficiency and supporting the depot's critical logistics function.



DLA Distribution Red River, Texas played a vital role in supporting our nation's defense, providing tailored distribution services and logistics for repair parts and secondary items used in tracked and wheeled vehicles, aircraft and major weapon systems. The success of this renovation reflected Bristol's commitment to delivering quality infrastructure in support of national defense readiness.

## GEORGE POTZGO NAMED VGS'S EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER

Vista Global Solutions (VGS) proudly recognizes George Potzgo as its Employee of the Quarter for his exceptional work on the Defense Health Agency's Ready Reliable Care (RRC) contract, particularly in developing the Patient Experience Branch's new website.



In less than 30 days, George made a major impact as a subject matter expert, bringing technical expertise, a customer-first mindset, and strong problem-solving skills that elevated the project.

He led the design and development of a SharePoint-based site tailored to the branch's needs—ensuring it was functional, intuitive, and user-friendly. Even when migration delays occurred, George kept the project on track through clear communication and risk management.

His iterative design approach invited regular feedback and resulted in minimal revisions and high praise. George also provided thorough documentation and led training sessions to support the platform's long-term success.

George's adaptability, technical expertise, and collaborative spirit exemplify VGS's values, and we thank him for his contribution.

## ALASKA GROWTH CAPITAL

Alaska Growth Capital (AGC), a proud member of the BBNC family of companies, is deepening its impact in the Bristol Bay region. As a mission-driven Native Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI), AGC is committed to strengthening rural economies across Alaska—primarily through loans in partnership with the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).

Over the past decade, AGC has provided critical financing to support local businesses, including loans to village stores and Alaska Native Corporations (ANC) across the state, resulting in more than \$22.8 million in loans to ANCs that support the creation of 339 jobs and retention of another 907. Additionally, AGC has issued over \$4.2 million in loans to village stores, helping create 30 new jobs and retain 97 in rural communities.

AGC is honored to support economic growth and resilience throughout Alaska, especially in Bristol Bay. To learn more, please visit [alaskagrowth.com](http://alaskagrowth.com) or call (907) 339-6760 to connect with a loan officer.

## BBF BOARD

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Camai,

Spring in Bristol Bay is a time of transition—when everything greens up and the region prepares for another fishing season. It's also a time of possibility. We celebrate new beginnings, especially for the graduates who are stepping forward to shape our future.

On behalf of the Bristol Bay Foundation (BBF), congratulations to the class of 2025 and to all graduates across our region. Your accomplishments reflect not only your hard work, but the support of families, teachers, and communities who walked with you. Reaching this milestone is never easy—especially now, as we navigate economic uncertainty, policy shifts, and changes across our industries. Your perseverance is something to be proud of.

As you look ahead, know this: our region needs your ideas, your energy, and your leadership. We need people willing to listen, learn, and give back. The future of Bristol Bay depends on your vision and your willingness to lead with heart.

At BBF, we're here to support that journey. This summer, we'll gather at Neqa in Bristol Bay at Kulik Lodge—an event that helps sustain our scholarship and cultural heritage programs. We're also celebrating this year's Higher Education and Career-Focused Vocational Scholarship recipients and invite all of you to stay connected and share your voice.

As you move into this next chapter, remember the strengths you carry—and the responsibility we all share to care for our families, our communities, and this place we call home.

We are proud of you. And we can't wait to see what you do next.

With gratitude,  
Aleesha Towns-Bain  
Bristol Bay Foundation President and CEO



## CULTURAL HERITAGE GRANTS AVAILABLE

BBF remains committed to celebrating and preserving our region's cultural heritage. We are pleased to offer two small grant opportunities:

### 1. PINIQ' (STRENGTH) GRANT

### 2. NATIVE PLACE NAMES GRANT

Most grants are under \$8,000, with a quick review process—typically less than a month. Requests above \$8,000 are considered at our quarterly board meetings.

Application details are available at [bristolbayfoundation.org](http://bristolbayfoundation.org). If you have questions or need help with the application, please reach out to Joanie Fullwood at [joanie@bristolbayfoundation.org](mailto:joanie@bristolbayfoundation.org).



## SUPPORT THE SPIRIT OF GIVING IN BRISTOL BAY

Looking for a meaningful way to give back? When you support BBF, you help create educational opportunities for local students and strengthen the cultural heritage that connects our communities. Every donation is tax-deductible and truly makes a difference. Your generosity helps ensure a brighter future for Bristol Bay.

Learn more or make your gift at [bristolbayfoundation.org/contribute](https://bristolbayfoundation.org/contribute). Thank you for investing in our students, our heritage, and our shared future.

## SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION AND OPPORTUNITIES

BBF is committed to supporting BBNC shareholders and direct descendants as you pursue your education and career goals.

### HIGHER EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Higher Education scholarship program supports students working toward two-year, four-year, or graduate degrees, as well as those taking individual college or cultural/language classes. The next deadline is **Friday, December 5, 2025**.

All BBNC shareholders and direct descendants are encouraged to apply, regardless of residency or blood quantum. Applications are available online at [myBBNC.net](https://myBBNC.net), with paper applications available upon request.

Scholarship recipients may also access Ikayurnga Emergency Aid (once per year) and free, confidential virtual mental health and wellness services through Uwill.

For questions or assistance, please contact Joanie Fullwood at [joanie@bristolbayfoundation.org](mailto:joanie@bristolbayfoundation.org) or (907) 265-7810, or visit [bristolbayfoundation.org](https://bristolbayfoundation.org).

Take the next step—apply today!

### CFVE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Career-Focused Vocational Education (CFVE) program provides funding for in-depth training, certifications, and licenses in a variety of trades and careers, including piloting, maritime, cosmetology, and more. The next deadline is **Friday, July 25, 2025**.

## HELP SHAPE OUR LANGUAGE FUTURE

The Bristol Bay Indigenous Language Strategic Plan is taking shape, and your voice is needed! BBF and Raven's Group are gathering input from community members, Elders, parents, teachers, and learners to guide the future of Dena'ina, Sugpiaq/Alutiiq, and Yup'ik language revitalization.

Please take a few minutes to complete our short, confidential survey by scanning the QR code below—even if you're not currently involved in language work. Every perspective matters. As a thank you, you'll be entered into a prize drawing!



This fall, we'll also host Zoom-based dialogue sessions to continue the conversation. Stay tuned for more details! Thank you for helping us keep our languages strong for future generations!

## CFVE PROGRAM SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Congratulations to the Career-Focused Vocational Education (CFVE) quarter one scholarship recipients!

**Berns, Saelah**  
*Esthetician License*

**Echuck, Sandi**  
*Instrument Rating/  
Commercial Pilot*

**Brown, Tatiana**  
*Medical Coding and Billing  
Specialist*

**Hakala, Jett**  
*Commercial Pilot*

**Hakala, Hunter**  
*Commercial Pilot*

# CONGRATULATIONS 2024–2025 GRADUATES!

BBF extends its congratulations and best wishes to these 2024–2025 graduates of all levels! Has one of your loved ones recently graduated? Send us an email at [bbf@bristolbayfoundation.org](mailto:bbf@bristolbayfoundation.org) and we'll be sure to recognize them on our social media pages.

## MASTER AND DOCTOR GRADUATES:



**Agnus, Lydia Cagluaq**  
*Master of Rural Development*



**Bragg, Lucy**  
*Master of Business Administration*



**Dray, Mariah**  
*Master of Horticulture and Natural Resources*



**Dray, Sydney**  
*Master of Sports Management*



**Hensch, Larissa**  
*Master of Space Systems Engineering*



**Hodgson, Jodi**  
*Master of Business Administration*



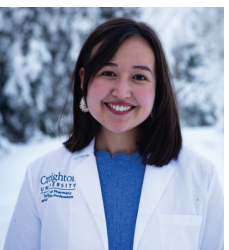
**Kendall, Shoshone**  
*Master of Public Administration*



**Lockuk, Elena**  
*Master of Business Administration*



**Oertwich, Annalise**  
*Master of Education*



**Ross, Sara**  
*Doctor of Occupational Therapy*



**Shade, Vivian**  
*Master of Rural Development*

**Agnelli, Damica**  
*Master of Criminal Justice*

**Masterman, Lorraine**  
*Master of Education*

## BACHELOR GRADUATES:



**Akelkok, Carla**  
*Rural Development*



**Bell, Mariana**  
*Arts*



**Belleque, Alethia**  
*Creative and Professional Writing*



**Burton, Libby**  
*Business Management*



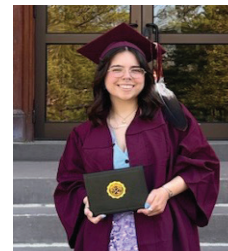
**Denking, Justin**  
*Baylor Biology*



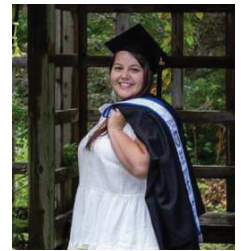
**Dye, Justin**  
*Supply Chain and Logistics Management*



**Kairaiuak, Tava**  
*Environmental Science and Resource Management*



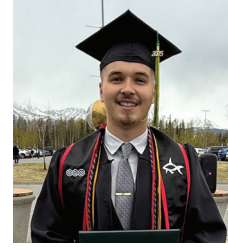
**LaRocque, Morgan**  
*Communication, Arts, and Literature Education*



**Larson-Blair, Samantha**  
*Nursing*



**Lawhead, Diondra**  
*Mechanical Engineering*



**Lawhead, Donald III**  
*Business Administration*



**O'Domin, Oxcenia**  
*Business Administration*



## BACHELOR GRADUATES CONTINUED:



**Oliveri, Kimberly**  
*Business Administration*



**Thorson, Raini**  
*Health Sciences*

**Dubose, Holly**  
*Business*

**Isaacson, Cole**  
*Instrumentation and Industrial Automation Technology*

**Garner, Kaylin**  
*Exercise Science*

**Gates, Ethan**  
*Sociology and Cinema and Media Studies*

**Johnson, Hayden**  
*Political Science*

**Mafle'o, Taylor**  
*Business Technology and Analytics*

**Requa-Fielding, Antonio**  
*Nursing*



**Rosario, Desarae**  
*Elementary Education*



**Watson, Polly**  
*Business Administration*

**Skonberg, Abbigale**  
*Legal Studies*

**Smith, Jessica**  
*Informatics and Healthcare Administration*

**Sorensen, Sorin**  
*Nursing*

**Stroman, Amanda**  
*Business Administration*

**Thompson, Madison**  
*Biochemistry*

**Williams, David**  
*Elementary Education*

**Wilson, Jewel**  
*Biology/Anthropology*

**Wonhola, Cavelila**  
*Yup'ik*

## ASSOCIATE AND CERTIFICATE GRADUATES:



**Sutton, Kalena**  
*Associate of General Studies*



**Johnson, Lydia**  
*Practical Nursing Certificate*



**Beard, Jean**  
*Associate of Political Science*

**Anelon, Brittany**  
*Associate of Nursing*

**Moore, Barbara**  
*Associate of Human Services*

**Nguyen, Kira**  
*Associate of Construction*

**Towns-Bain, Jessica**  
*Alutiiq Language Occupational Endorsement Certificate*

## 2025-2026 SCHOLARSHIP AWARD RECIPIENTS

Congratulations to students receiving a BBF scholarship for the upcoming academic year!

**Adams, Elise**  
*Nursing*

**Agli, Dwayna**  
*Radiologic Technology*

**Akelkok, Trevonna**  
*Diagnostic Medical Sonography*

**Alsworth, Emma**  
*Teachers Education*

**Amason, Eli**  
*Political Science*

**Anderson, Alysha**  
*Human Services*

**Anderson, Keyaana**  
*History Secondary Education*

**Andrew, Laci**  
*Mechanical Engineering*

**Andrew, Jordan**  
*Psychology*

**Andrew, Camryn**  
*Communication*

**Anelon, Rachael**  
*Associate of Earth Sciences*

**Askoak, Sabre**  
*Nursing*

**Aspelund, Laura**  
*Doctor of Medicine*

**Ayojiak, Tristen**  
*Kinesiology*

**Baker, Hanna**  
*Exercise Science*

**Baker, Beau**  
*Computer Science*

**Bartman, Elena**  
*Associate of Accounting*

**Bartman, Simeon**  
*Film and Performing Arts*

**Baumgarte, Garret**  
*Mechanical Engineering*

**Bavilla, Alessandra**  
*Public Health*

**Belleque, Alethia**  
*Creative Writing*

**Belleque, Jacob**  
*Business Administration*

**Berns, Dahlia**  
*Accounting*

**Bitton, Joyce**  
*Veterinary Technology*

**Blue, Rytter**  
*Business Finance*

**Boss, Jonathan**  
*Dietetics*

**Caldwell, Zanya**  
*Natural Sciences*

**Capo, Teresa**  
*Organizational Leadership*

**Catalone, Kaliah**  
*Interdisciplinary Studies*

**Chaney, Graelin**  
*Pre-Nursing*

**Chesley, Taralynn**  
*Art Therapy and Food and Drug Administration*

**Chythlook, Ella**  
*Violin Performance and German Studies*

**Chythlook, Grant**  
*Cello Performance and Math*

**Clouse, Kiley**  
*Public Health*

**Cox, Kaya**  
*Radiologic Technology*

**Cruz, Isabelle**  
*Biology*

**Cruz, Sage**  
*Mechanical Engineering*

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<b>Dean, Billie</b> <i>Clinical Psychology</i>	<b>Fogg, Toriana</b> <i>Clinical Psychology</i>	<b>Hill, Gabriella</b> <i>Juris Doctor</i>	<b>Lopez, Kaylee</b> <i>Nursing</i>
<b>DeSoto, Tanner</b> <i>Computer Networks and Cybersecurity</i>	<b>Foss, Hayden</b> <i>Civil Engineering</i>	<b>Hill, Kaylee</b> <i>Diagnostic Medical Sonography</i>	<b>Lowe, Peter</b> <i>Psychology</i>
<b>DeSoto, Madison</b> <i>Dental Hygiene</i>	<b>Fowler, Jordan</b> <i>Computer Science</i>	<b>Hill, Kaleb</b> <i>Financial Planning</i>	<b>Luckhurst, Keona</b> <i>Theatrical Design</i>
<b>Dike, Isaac</b> <i>Business Administration</i>	<b>Fradley, Isabelle</b> <i>Psychology</i>	<b>Hiratsuka, Nizhoni</b> <i>Psychology</i>	<b>Luhrs, Leilani</b> <i>Rural Development</i>
<b>Dinon, Katherine</b> <i>Medicine</i>	<b>Fradley, Noelle</b> <i>Nursing</i>	<b>Hoseth, Analouise</b> <i>Wildlife Conservation and Advocacy</i>	<b>Madriaga, Marsha</b> <i>Human Resources Strategic Management</i>
<b>Doherty, Abby</b> <i>English and Liberal Arts</i>	<b>Fratis, Khaila</b> <i>Elementary Education</i>	<b>Hoseth, Demetry</b> <i>K-12 Physical Education</i>	<b>Manson, Maxwell</b> <i>Computer Science</i>
<b>Doherty, Willa</b> <i>Security and Emergency Management</i>	<b>Frausto, Kiana</b> <i>Associate of Arts Communication</i>	<b>Ivy, Dylan</b> <i>Mechanical Engineering</i>	<b>Marsh, Jerami</b> <i>Drafting Technology</i>
<b>Domas, Katie</b> <i>Undeclared</i>	<b>Geltzer, Maya</b> <i>Nursing</i>	<b>Jacko, Zachary</b> <i>Business</i>	<b>Meraz, Colette</b> <i>Social Work</i>
<b>Downey, Steven</b> <i>Finance</i>	<b>Gilliam, Milo</b> <i>Associate of Nursing</i>	<b>Johnson, Megan</b> <i>Master of Business Administration</i>	<b>Metrokin, Tate</b> <i>Business</i>
<b>Downey, Tristan</b> <i>Nursing</i>	<b>Glenn, Jack</b> <i>Mechanical/Aerospace Engineering</i>	<b>Johnson, Tierra</b> <i>Business Administration</i>	<b>Millett, Charlee</b> <i>Family Nurse Practice</i>
<b>Dray, Cadence</b> <i>Business Management</i>	<b>Goldsberry, Mecca</b> <i>Undeclared</i>	<b>Jones, Joella</b> <i>Nursing</i>	<b>Monk, Raymond</b> <i>Undeclared</i>
<b>Duman, Cecilia</b> <i>Accounting/Bookkeeping</i>	<b>Gonzalez, Emily</b> <i>Business Administration</i>	<b>Jones, Benjamin</b> <i>Electrical Engineering</i>	<b>Mork, Gus</b> <i>Business</i>
<b>Duman, O'Rhea</b> <i>Nursing</i>	<b>Gruber, Ava</b> <i>Biomedical Engineering</i>	<b>Kalua'u, Hailey</b> <i>Veterinary Technician</i>	<b>Moxie, Moxie</b> <i>Business Management</i>
<b>Dunn, Naomi</b> <i>Art</i>	<b>Gust, Sasha</b> <i>Civil Engineering</i>	<b>Karasek, Skylar</b> <i>Undeclared</i>	<b>Myers, Evan</b> <i>History</i>
<b>Ekamrak, Ina</b> <i>Yup'ik Language Proficiency</i>	<b>Handy, Emmy</b> <i>Business Administration</i>	<b>Kiljoha, Mariah</b> <i>Associate of Human Services</i>	<b>Nelson, Crystal</b> <i>Undeclared</i>
<b>Elkins, Marissa</b> <i>Integrated Marketing Communications</i>	<b>Hansen, Sharon</b> <i>Kinesiology</i>	<b>King, Quinn</b> <i>Undeclared</i>	<b>Nelson, Mary</b> <i>Accounting</i>
<b>Ellison, Emma</b> <i>Pre-Sciences</i>	<b>Hensch, Amber</b> <i>Computer Science</i>	<b>Knutsen, Cassidy</b> <i>Marine Biology</i>	<b>Nelson, Kiara</b> <i>Computer Science</i>
<b>Ellison, Isabell</b> <i>Structural Mechanics</i>	<b>Hernandez, Tanya</b> <i>Nursing</i>	<b>Koenig, Xande</b> <i>Environmental Science</i>	<b>Nelson, Nastasha</b> <i>Undeclared</i>
<b>Evanoff-Stickman, Tristan</b> <i>Undeclared</i>	<b>Hernandez, Layla</b> <i>Biomedical Sciences</i>	<b>LaRocque, Reese</b> <i>Biology, Psychology</i>	<b>Nguyen, Kira</b> <i>Applied Business Management Construction</i>
<b>Evans, Liam</b> <i>Computer Science</i>	<b>Herrmann, Kaison</b> <i>Undeclared</i>	<b>Leonetti, Audrey</b> <i>Environmental Conservation and Management and Native American Indigenous Studies</i>	<b>Nicht, Michael</b> <i>Music</i>
	<b>Heyano, Taryn</b> <i>Elementary Education</i>		<b>Nicht, Kay</b> <i>Theater</i>
	<b>Hicks, Tawnee</b> <i>Environmental Science</i>		



**Nicolet, Christopher**  
*Pharmaceutical Sciences*

**Nixon, Bralyn**  
*Elementary Education*

**Nordrum, Lilly**  
*Marine Biology and  
Environmental Sciences*

**Norris, Virginia**  
*Associate of Applied  
Science*

**Nudlash-Barger, Kristian**  
*Construction  
Management*

**Oertwich, Alyssa**  
*Elementary Education*

**O'Hara, Caleb**  
*Finance*

**Oliveri, Kimberly**  
*Master of Business  
Administration*

**Olsen, Tyson**  
*Associate of  
Paramedicine*

**Olympic, Bryce**  
*Aviation Maintenance*

**Orloff, Larissa**  
*Business Administration*

**Osborne, Chase**  
*Engineering Physics*

**Pauk, Kaitlyn**  
*Associate of Nursing*

**Pedersen, Erin**  
*Interdisciplinary Studies*

**Pelagio, Amaya**  
*Medicine*

**Pelagio-Williams, Gavin**  
*Biochemistry*

**Peter, Dez mari**  
*Dental Hygiene*

**Peters, Braxton**  
*Mechanical Engineering*

**Peterson, Sydnie**  
*Psychology*

**Pelta, Aidan**  
*Aviation Technology*

**Phelps, Meadow**  
*Business Marketing*

**Pickering, Kevin**  
*Biology*

**Poulsen, Morgan**  
*Undeclared*

**Rahman, Nadia**  
*Statistics*

**Reigh, Adalgisa**  
*Undeclared*

**Reimers, Destiny**  
*Rural Development*

**Rice, Jalissa**  
*Biology*

**Richards, Shelbee**  
*Communications/Pre-  
Law*

**Riddle, Grayson**  
*Mechanical Engineering*

**Rush, Brittany**  
*Social Work*

**Rychnovsky, Kelsea**  
*Childhood Education*

**Sabzalian, Jahan**  
*Exercise Physiology*

**Sampson, Miquela**  
*Business Management*

**Schroeder, Tiera**  
*Clinical-Community  
Psychology*

**Schroeder, Torin**  
*Environmental Science*

**Seidl, Kaelynn**  
*Nursing*

**Shangin, Halie**  
*Psychology*

**Shanigan, Savannah**  
*Master of Social Work*

**Shavings, Tabitha**  
*Criminology and Crime  
Analysis*

**Shaw, Isabelle**  
*Sonography*

**Sifsof, Kylee**  
*Diesel On-Highway*

**Simon, Malinda**  
*Radiologic Technology*

**Skonberg, Abbigale**  
*Legal Studies*

**Smith, Daniel**  
*Undeclared*

**Smith, Samuel**  
*Software Engineering*

**Smith, Seth**  
*Journalism and Public  
Communication*

**Smith, Teagann**  
*Health Science*

**Smith, Lauren**  
*Kinetic Imaging*

**Standifer, Frankie**  
*Associate of Community  
Health*

**Stanford, Isha**  
*Human Development and  
Family Sciences*

**Stroman, Amanda**  
*Business*

**Stromme, Michele**  
*Master of School  
Counseling*

**Suydam, Bella**  
*Undeclared*

**Sweat, Melissa**  
*Certificate of Aviation  
Maintenance*

**Taylor, Charles**  
*Biology*

**Taylor, Emily**  
*Environmental Systems  
Engineering*

**Tennyson, Katie**  
*Culinary Arts*

**Thompson, Nivek**  
*Mechanical Engineering*

**Trefon, Kelly**  
*Human Services*

**Tugatuk, Kaydence**  
*Early Childhood Education*

**Tunguing, Sophia**  
*Nursing*

**Twigg, Sarah**  
*Doctor of Language  
Pathology*

**Van Wingerden, Karisse**  
*Geomatics*

**VanWingerden, Delaney**  
*Sonography*

**Wallace, Jillian**  
*Accounting*

**Wassillie, Crystal**  
*Nursing*

**Watson, Polly**  
*Master of Business  
Administration*

**Watson, Lila**  
*Business Administration*

**Watson, Robert**  
*Accounting*

**Wetter, David**  
*Human Resource  
Management*

**Whitcomb, Abbey**  
*Doctor of Veterinary  
Medicine*

**Whiteberg, Rachael**  
*Psychology*

**Williams, Rachel**  
*Art, Media, and  
Technology*

**Wilson, Floyd**  
*Computer Information  
Systems*

**Winger, Andrea**  
*Elementary Education*

**Winger, Michele**  
*Business Administration*

**Woods, Elayne**  
*Chemistry*

**Woods, Preston**  
*Environmental Biology*

**Woolston, Charlotte**  
*Film Production*

**Wysocki, Brody**  
*Dietetics*

**Yako, Kailyn**  
*Biochemistry*

**Zimin, Grace**  
*Undeclared*

**Zimin, Aurelia**  
*Culinary Arts*



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58, Togiak, AK

**Betty D. Agoney**  
36, Anchorage, AK

**May N. Alexie**  
85, Nondalton, AK

**Nicky J. Anelon**  
60, Iliamna, AK

**John J. Antone**  
82, Anchorage, AK

**Leah M. Blue**  
69, Anchorage, AK

**Christopher R. Bowen**  
38, Anchorage, AK

**Sylvia R. Bravo**  
68, Kodiak, AK

**Barbara J. Brodersen**  
89, Skagway, AK

**Charles R. Burke Jr.**  
86, Mogadore, OH

**Morgan T. Chmiel**  
71, Anchorage, AK

**Gust Chocknok Sr.**  
83, New Stuyahok, AK

**Vickie R. Clark**  
61, Wasilla, AK

**Jenice T. Cox**  
23, Dillingham, AK

**Georgia N. Farnsworth**  
73, Anchorage, AK

**Stanial R. Ferraro**  
56, Davenport, WA

**Triston J. Hansen**  
25, Dillingham, AK

**Ludwig O. Hansen II**  
56, Anchorage, AK

**Nancy L. Hood**  
78, Santa Rosa, CA

**Albert K. Itumulria**  
88, Manokotak, AK

**Ricco G. S. Joseph**  
45, Nondalton, AK

**Alexan Main**  
80, Ketchikan, AK

**Vincent J. McCloskey**  
35, Anchorage, AK

**Ocolena Micolie**  
79, Dillingham, AK

**Margaret V. Miller**  
90, Shelton, WA

**Senafont K. Nanalook**  
37, Togiak, AK

**Esther V. Neketa**  
38, Anchorage, AK

**David M. Parks Jr.**  
36, Iliamna, AK

**Viola T. Paul**  
71, Naknek, AK

**Ledia Petersen**  
71, Aleknagik, AK

**Jett Reyes**  
82, Eugene, OR

**Tina O. Shade**  
39, Anchorage, AK

**James J. Shangin**  
79, Perryville, AK

**Sidney J. Smith**  
82, Anchorage, AK

**Samuel Trefon**  
72, Anchorage, AK

**David C. Twigg**  
93, Holly Springs, NC

**Morris E. Webster**  
73, Tacoma, WA

**Timothy T. Wonhola Sr.**  
78, New Stuyahok, AK