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**Calista Golf Classic Receives \$252,000 in Contributions.**  
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## CONNECTING WITH OUR CULTURE

This summer, 10 Calista Region Youth attended a culture camp in Umkumiut, a seasonal hunting and fishing camp in the Calista Region. The camp was sponsored by the Alaska Humanities Forum and conducted by the Calista Heritage Foundation and Calista Elders Council. Culture Camps fulfill the Calista Heritage Foundation's goal of preserving the Region's traditions and passing them from generation to generation.

Camp students arrived in early June and faced a mix of sunny skies and the occasional sprinkle of rain during their visit. As is the case with most of rural life, culture camp activities were dictated by the weather and tides. Using the weather as a lesson, culture camps are an opportunity to teach life saving skills and increase the awareness and independence of camp students. Youth were taught how to set up camp, harvest food and stay safe; safety was a priority for camp leaders. The camp was also attended by 14 school teachers from regional school districts.

Subsistence activities often require battling the weather as well as retaining traditional knowledge and skill. During the camp, Youth practiced this by digging for razor clams and mussels. Students and teachers also went

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The Calista Golf Tournament in full swing.



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# BOARD MESSAGE

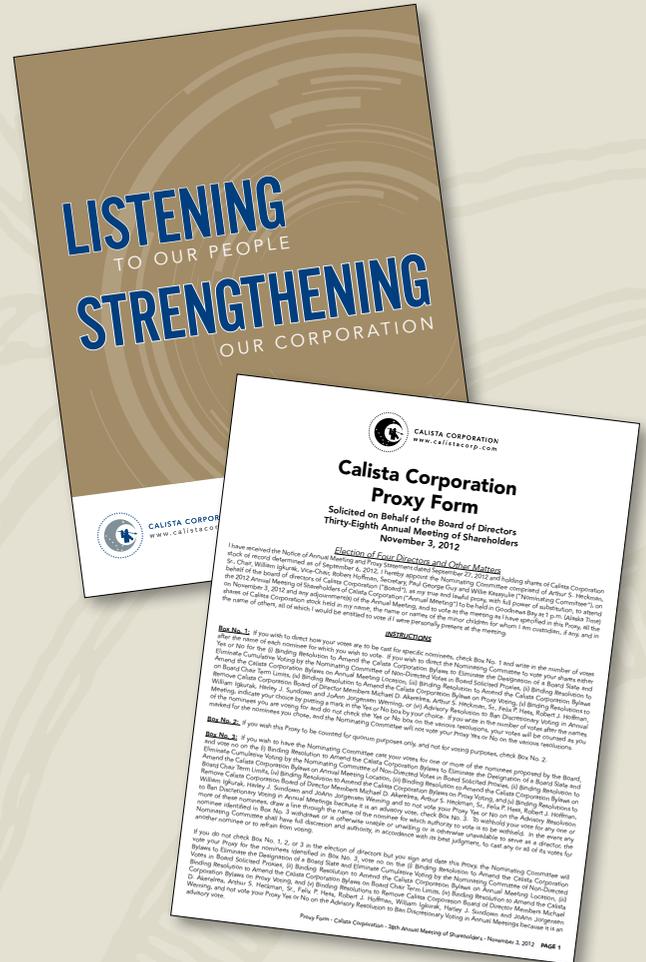
**Willie Kasayulie, Chairman of the Board**

The Annual Meeting is something we look forward to every year. It is an opportunity to see old friends and connect with the people we serve. But it is also an important time for our company. Our corporation's leadership is a reflection of our Shareholders. We are elected by the people of the Region to make important decisions that affect both the corporation and the lives of our Shareholders. Without your input it is hard to know how we can best serve you.

You should have already received the 2012 Calista Annual Report in the mail. The Annual Report contains important business information from the previous year about the corporation and its subsidiaries. This year, in an effort to help you gain a more in depth understanding of the materials, we have also included a sheet that explains how to interpret the financial statements in the Annual Report; this paper comes in both English and Yup'ik.

On or about August 22, proxy packets will be mailed out to all of our Shareholders of record as of July 22, 2013. This packet will contain the notice of Annual Meeting, proxy statement, ballot, proxy form and instructions, meeting agenda, early bird prize sheet, comment card and meeting minutes from last year.

**Voting is an important part of being a Shareholder. It is your opportunity to voice your opinions and help us shape the future of our corporation.**



*"It is both an honor and an obligation to have a voice in your corporation."*



# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**Andrew Guy, President & CEO**

In an ongoing effort to maintain an open dialogue between Calista Corporation and our Shareholders, we strive to find ways to make it easier to share important information. Every year, at the Annual Meeting of Shareholders, we address the accomplishments and milestones of the past 12 months and map a course for the upcoming year. This year's Annual Meeting will be held in Bethel on Saturday, September 28, 2013.

Traditionally, the Annual Meeting of Shareholders has been held in various, smaller communities in the Calista Region but last year, the Board of Directors voted Annual Meetings to be occasionally held in Bethel or Anchorage. Holding the Annual Meeting in a larger location makes it more affordable and more convenient for many Shareholders to attend. We are excited at the prospect of having an increased number of Shareholders in attendance. However, it is important we follow guidelines to ensure everyone's safety.

We will work to accommodate as many Shareholders as we can but the fire code only allows 350 people in

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the Kilbuck Elementary School gym. In order to make sure everyone is a part of the meeting, we will also be providing a livestream of the event in the school cafeteria to accommodate more Shareholders.

Please keep this information in mind and plan accordingly. Calista Annual Meeting registration begins at 10 a.m. and the meeting begins at 1 p.m. If you are hoping to attend the Annual Meeting, it would be best to arrive early to ensure you have a spot.

**We look forward to sharing yet another year of accomplishments and successes with you at this important event.**

# CONNECTING WITH OUR CULTURE

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salmon fishing, harvesting fish. They learned how to properly prepare this valuable resource, cutting filets and hanging them on drying racks. Additionally, they learned how to hang and mend fishing nets.

The catch was prepared and enjoyed with the Elders at the camp. Before each meal, Elders led Youth in a prayer to bless the food. Elders play an important role in culture camps. Each day, students enjoyed morning and evening sessions with the Elders; they shared their knowledge about ocean and winter survival, and told stories about hardships they endured.

It is critical for our students to connect with the Elders but it is also important they learn from each other. Camp was a time for the Youth to make new friends and share treasured experiences. While many camp attendees were shy at first, by the end of culture camp they all shared a common bond.



Campers enjoying traditional foods they helped prepare.

**Students left the culture camp with a greater understanding of how to survive in the world around them and a deeper appreciation for their roots.**

# EMPLOYEE FEATURE: CALISTA INTERNS

If you visit Calista Corporate Headquarters or one of its subsidiaries during the summer you may notice a number of new faces. Starting in June, a record 18 Calista Shareholders and Descendants began 10-week internships. We look forward to working with a new group of interns every year. It's an opportunity for our corporation to help grow the next generation of leaders.

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INTERN	HOME	COMPANY
Brandi Hale	Hooper Bay	Solstice Advertising
Caroline Hoover	Kasigluk	Calista Heritage Foundation
Caroline Lee	Anchorage	Calista, Legal Department
Charlotte Phillips	Chuathbaluk	Yulista Holding (in Anchorage)
Clarissa Tall	Chevak	Huntsville, Alabama
Dolores Westdahl-Beans	Anchorage	Calista Heritage Foundation
Gwendolyn Francis	Saint Mary's	Huntsville, Alabama
Jessica Schneider	Akiachak	Calista, IT Department
Josephine Hishon	Tuntutuliak	E3 Environmental
Nancie Grifka	Bethel	Calista, Communications Department
Payton McCann	Wasilla	Huntsville, Alabama
Sam Guzauskas	Anchorage	Huntsville, Alabama
Sharon Zeller	Anchorage	Calista, Accounting Department
Sheila Evan	Goodnews Bay	Huntsville, Alabama
Sydney Sherer	Anchorage	Yulista Holding (in Anchorage)
Thomas Brown	Kipnuk	Huntsville, Alabama
Tracy Asicksik	Bethel	E3 Environmental
Victoria Felgar	Graham	Huntsville, Alabama



Photos, Top: Intern Charlotte Phillips at Yulista Holding in Anchorage. Bottom: Board Treasurer Marcie Sherer (bottom left) and President/CEO Andrew Guy (back row, center) with Huntsville, Alabama 2013 interns.



# CALISTA GOLF CLASSIC RECEIVES \$252,000



## 14TH ANNUAL TOURNAMENT A SWINGING SUCCESS

In June, dozens of golfers dusted off the clubs and hit the green for their first round of the season. The Calista Golf Classic was held on June 19 at the Moose Run Golf Course in Anchorage. The tournament raises money for the Calista Heritage Foundation, a nonprofit providing scholarships to Shareholders and Descendants attending school.

In 2012, CHF awarded nearly \$360,000 in scholarships to students across Alaska. Since the scholarship program began 1994, more than \$3.2 million in scholarships have been awarded with \$1.2 million being awarded since 2010. Throughout the years, more than 1,500 Shareholder and Descendant students have benefited from CHF scholarships. In addition, most of the money given to students stays in state.

In 2012, the top five schools scholarship recipients attended were the University of Alaska Anchorage, University of Alaska Fairbanks,

Alaska Career College, University of Alaska Fairbanks – Kuskokwim Campus and Yuut Yaqungviat flight school in Bethel.

"Since 2003, the amount of scholarships awarded has increased each year," said CHF President/CEO Rea Bavilla. "This remarkable achievement is only possible due to the generous participation of businesses, organizations and individuals. We are extremely grateful as hundreds of students have earned and continue to earn pilot certifications, bachelors, masters and doctorate degrees, vocational training and more."

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### STAR ATTRACTIONS

This year, a pair of celebrities hosted the tournament. Stephen Qacung Blanchett, a Calista Shareholder, grew up in Bethel and is a member of the award-winning band Pamyua. Ariel Tweto is a popular star of the Discovery Channel television series "Flying Wild Alaska."



# IN CONTRIBUTIONS



*Photos: Top left to right: E3 employees volunteer at this year's annual Calista Golf Classic. Business professionals take a swing at prizes and enjoy a fun day on the course. President/CEO Andrew Guy's team enjoyed the sunshine. Intern Jessica Schneider (Akiachak) and other interns thank the donors at the Mardi Gras themed tournament.*

*Above: Calista interns and two employees take a break during orientation to pose for a picture.*

*Golf tournament photos courtesy of Roy Corral.*

## THANKS TO OUR 2013 CALISTA GOLF CLASSIC MAJOR SPONSORS:

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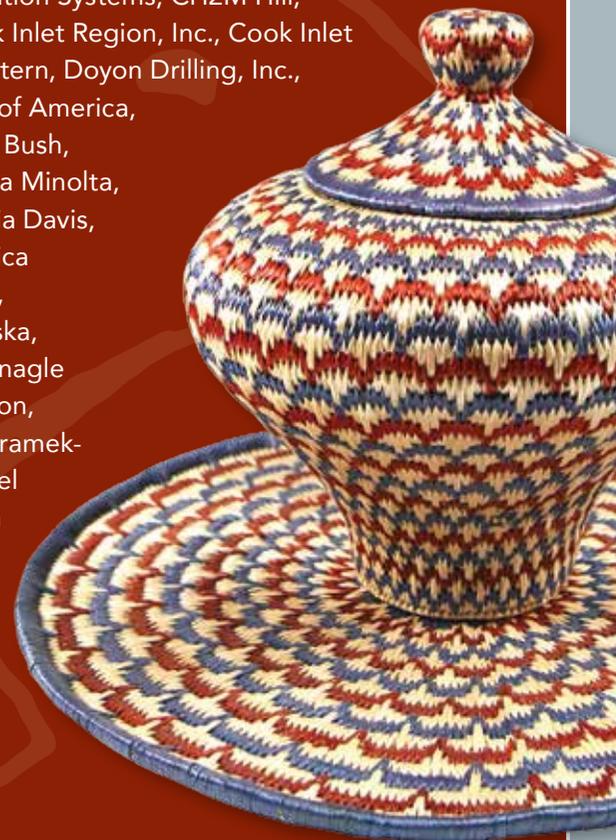
### Bronze

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# EMPLOYEE FEATURE: CALISTA INTERNS

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A Calista internship is unlike many other internship opportunities around the country. Not only do our interns receive housing during the paid internship, but they are also given real world working experience. Our interns manage projects, collect information and produce actual work.

Our diverse family of companies allow interns to work in a field similar to their chosen area of study. This experience can then be used to improve their education and help them secure future employment within that field.

Photos: Right: Interns in Huntsville, Alabama. Below, left to right: Tracy Asicksik, E3 intern. Huntsville, Alabama interns tour an aircraft during orientation. Brandi Hale, Solstice Advertising intern.



## BRICE MARINE UNVEILS NEWEST BARGE

In June, Calista Corporation's subsidiary Brice Marine introduced its newest articulated, shallow draft tug and barge set. After traveling all the way from Louisiana the "Alulaq" was christened during a ceremony at the Small Boat Harbor in Anchorage. Approximately 100 people were in attendance.

The vessel received a blessing by Father Michael Oleksa, a Russian Orthodox Elder. It was christened by June McAtee, the Lands and Natural Resources Vice President for Calista.

### ALULAQ INFORMATION

**Name:** "Alulaq" is Yup'ik for tiller; it also means to steer

**Flag:** United States

**Tug:** Triple Screw, 1,500 HP; 4 ft. light draft

**Barge Dimensions:** 180 ft. long x 50 ft. wide x 9 ft. deep

**Estimated Barge Capacity at ABS Loadline:** 1,200 tons

**Equipment:** The barge is equipped with wooden wear deck, rock fence and a RORO bow ramp

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## VILLAGE PROFILE: KIPNUK *QIPNEQ, MEANING "BEND"*

The village of Kipnuk has a rich history and remains strongly connected to its traditional roots. More than 90 percent of its 641 residents continue to speak Yup'ik, according to the 2012 U.S. Census records. Kipnuk, meaning "bend," reflects the village's location along the west bank of the Kugkaktlik River.

While Yup'ik people have inhabited the area for hundreds of years, the village was first established by the Bureau of Indian Affairs in 1922. Kipnuk is located in the Bethel Census Area about four miles from the Bering Sea and 83 air miles southwest of Bethel. The nearest villages include Cheforanak, Kwigillingok, Kongiganak and Tuntutliak. Kipnuk and nearby villages are primarily accessible by air. Locals use boats and skiffs to travel during summer and snowmachines during winter.

The average winter temperatures are relatively mild, typically staying between 6 and 24 °F. Summer temperatures hover between 40 and 60 °F. Kipnuk has a mild, marine climate with almost two feet of rain and nearly four feet of snow annually.

The town's largest employer is the Chief Paul Memorial School. The school houses grades kindergarten through twelfth and employs 14 teachers. Several residents hold commercial fishing permits, a major source of income, and additional seasonal job opportunities include construction.

Kipnuk residents do not have plumbing. A water tank holding thousands of gallons of water supplies the village with drinking water. Selling and importing alcohol is illegal and Elders in Kipnuk say without alcohol, people focus on their traditional roots. Most residents rely on subsistence practices for food including trapping, hunting and fishing. Elders work closely with the Youth, demonstrating important traditions and cultural practices.

With its remote location and vibrant heritage, the people of Kipnuk enjoy a traditional and rewarding lifestyle.

## LEADERS FROM THE REGION

### CHRISTOPHER LIU

Christopher Liu, a Descendant from Bethel, has big dreams for both himself and Alaska Natives. His ambition and curiosity drove him to attend college in an environment completely different from his hometown and it proved to be a valuable experience.

"When you leave the Bethel area, you get a deeper appreciation for where you grew up," Christopher said.

This spring, Christopher received a bachelor's degree with honors in cognitive science and a minor in neuroscience from Rice University in Houston, Texas. Attending an out-of-state university can be an expensive dream for any student but with the help of financial aid and a Calista Heritage Foundation scholarship, Christopher made it happen.

"I think it is very healthy for Yup'ik students to go to college elsewhere, but a lot of times the limiting factor is funding. Calista's scholarship program is a way of supporting that," Christopher said.

In June, he took a position as the special assistant to the president at the Alaska Federation of Natives (AFN).

*"I received CHF scholarships during all of my college years; I am greatly appreciative of it."*

"Working at AFN gives me new educational opportunities," Christopher said. "I get to learn how decisions are made."

Christopher grew up in Bethel, attending Ayaprun Elitnaurvik, the Yup'ik immersion school, before graduating from Mt. Edgecumbe High School in Sitka. Being able to speak Yup'ik is a big benefit for Christopher. He says he wishes more Calista Youth had an in depth understanding of the language.

"A lot of Yup'ik speakers just know enough to get by," said Christopher. "The language is so closely tied to our tradition, culture and humor, there is a need for more advanced teaching."

**In addition to learning Yup'ik, Christopher says Youth should pursue advanced education despite the financial obstacles. He encourages students to take advantage of scholarship opportunities through Calista.**



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## SHAREHOLDER RECORDS

### *Are You Up to Date?*

If you have moved recently it is important that you let Calista know your new address. Failing to update your address with Shareholder Records could result in you missing out on important information. Your current address allows us to send you Annual Meeting information, the Storyknife newsletter, distribution checks, data-gathering documents for stock transfers and proxy packets, and other corporation information. The majority of information Calista sends to Shareholders includes opportunities for benefits to both Shareholders and their Descendants. If your address is not correct, you may miss opportunities that could benefit your family.

When undeliverable Shareholder mail is returned to our office, we mark that Shareholder as having an unknown address. Unless we are notified by the Shareholder, Calista has no way to determine when a Shareholder's address changes.

You may have left a forwarding address with the U.S. Postal Service when you moved, but the Postal Service will not notify Calista of your address change. When your forwarding period expires, the Postal Service informs us that your mail is undeliverable and returns your Shareholder mailing to Calista.

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Please change my address as I have indicated above. I understand that you cannot make address changes without my permission and signature, which I hereby give of my own free will and without constraint. I further authorize Calista and its subsidiaries to share this information.

Shareholder Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Signature of Witness 1 \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Witness 2 \_\_\_\_\_

(Two witnesses are required if Shareholder signs with an "X.")



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