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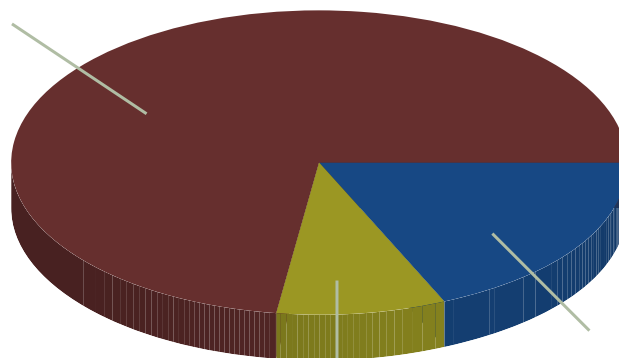
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CALISTA CORPORATION DECLARES AKILISTA DISTRIBUTION AND WELCOMES NEW SHAREHOLDERS

AKILISTA DISTRIBUTION INCREASES 15 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

SPRING DISTRIBUTIONS:

\$53.9 MILLION



ELDER DISTRIBUTIONS:

\$6.5 MILLION

AKILISTA DISTRIBUTIONS:

\$13.8 MILLION

TOTAL DISTRIBUTIONS:

**31 TOTAL
\$74.2 MILLION**

2019 AKILISTA DISTRIBUTION:

\$2.97 MILLION

2019 DISTRIBUTIONS:

**2 TOTAL
\$9.47 MILLION**

IDITAROD WINNER PETE KAISER

FINDING A PLACE ON THE TEAM TAKES PATIENCE & PRACTICE

Excerpt from Calista Shareholder Pete Kaiser's inspiring 2019 AFN Keynote Speech.

Our elders are the gateway to knowledge in history. They hold and preserve wisdom that cannot be obtained from any book or website. They are the door to our past for the future of our state.

Some of us will find our place in the team at a young age. Others will take longer to mature and need more time to hone and perfect their skill set before they are ready to rise. Some of them will find a place in the team only to move into a greater position of power as they get older and more experienced.

Take my lead dog Morrow, for example. At seven years old, Morrow won the Golden Harness Award last winter, which is the most prestigious canine award in sled dog racing, as a young adult dog.

Morrow barely made the team in her first Iditarod attempt. She was sent home early from only the second checkpoint. Over the years, she kept at it and slowly developed more skills, becoming a regular part of our race team during last year's Iditarod.

Morrow spent most of the race in the middle of the team. With 300 miles left, she showed more signs of enthusiasm and energy than some of my other leaders, so I put her up in the lead. I felt like this was her opportunity to shine, and she knew it.

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Calista Corporation's Board of Directors approved the 2019 Akilista distribution. This year marks the largest Akilista distribution in Calista's history.

- 2019 Akilista distribution total: \$2.97 million
 - ↑ 15 percent increase from 2018
- 1,600 new Shareholders
- Over 31,400 Shareholders total
- \$1.8 million economic impact in YK Delta

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BOARD MESSAGE: STRATEGIC DECISIONS

Robert Beans, Board Chair

All significant actions and decisions are reviewed, considered, and discussed by Calista's Board of Directors. The recent Akilista Distribution is one example of the Calista Board of Directors looking to benefit your future—the future for our Shareholders.

The Akilista Fund began as the Calista People's Fund. It was established in 1994 with less than \$500,000. The Akilista Fund currently exceeds over \$72 million. Sources include funds from ANCSA Section 7(i) and the Southwest Alaska Land Acquisition of 2001, along with retained interest, dividends, and gains generated by Akilista Fund investments.

The first distribution occurred in 2014. It took 20 years to mature—and funding could have been distributed to pay immediate expenses—but the Akilista Fund was important to create a distribution stream that was not reliant on operations.

Reporting to more than 31,000 Shareholders today, the Board makes intentional decisions that are believed to be the most beneficial to all of Calista's Shareholders.

Similarly, early leaders from Calista and the YK Delta selected land in the Donlin area for its gold resource potential during the land selection process of the

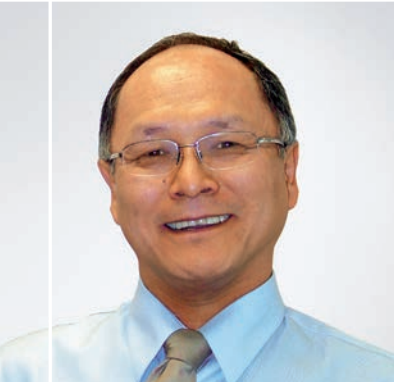
Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of December 18, 1971. Doing so provides the Calista Board with direct and active input into any potential development.

Although the Western concept of land ownership, during that time, was a relatively foreign idea to Alaska Natives, our leaders knew its importance to our collective future. The newly formed Calista Land Department reported directly to the Board during the land selection process.

Your future as a Shareholder is taken into great consideration when the Board of Directors reviews every decision to benefit the lives of our kids and our grandkids for generations to come. Qu yana Cakneq.

Robert Beans, Board Chair

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: STAY CONNECTED

Andrew Guy, President and CEO

You, the Shareholder, requested the capability to connect with your corporation in more ways than one, and we respond with a continually growing list of services. Digital services not only save costs, they also make it more efficient for Shareholders from across the globe to reach us.

Digital services include the **Storyknife eNewsletter**, providing up-to-date information on our website and social media channels, direct deposit of distributions—and to encompass it all—the Shareholder portal known as **MyCalista**.

Your presence in our offices in Bethel and Anchorage is appreciated to clarify any questions you may have. Although if you simply need to **update your address**, it's just a click away on MyCalista.com or by calling the Shareholder Services team.

Eight in 10 new Shareholders use email, and seven in 10 Shareholders prefer to reach Calista via mobile device rather than desktop computer. You can connect with us on the web at **www.calistacorp.com**, by social media on **Facebook @CalistaCorporation**, and most importantly, through your own account on **MyCalista.com**.

With a **MyCalista** account—free and secure for all Shareholders—you can view your distribution history,

request a check replacement and view your Calista stock details.

The recent Akilista Distribution was distributed via **direct deposit** to 30 percent of Shareholders. This reduces the amount of paper used, days waiting for the check, saves a trip to the bank, and the cash charge that comes when cashing it where you may not have a bank.

If you don't feel comfortable on a computer, or you may need some assistance, our **Shareholder Services** team can help guide you. Stay connected, make your voice heard, and we'll continue to build a bridge from our traditional way of being to our modern capabilities.

Andrew Guy, President and CEO

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LEIGH RIPKE, ENA HOLDING

FORMER INTERN WORKS IN CALISTA'S REAL ESTATE ARM BEFORE GRADUATING

Leigh Ripke works at Ena Holding—Calista Corporation's real estate holding line—as an Office Assistant, but her career with Calista began four years ago with her first internship.

Leigh was born in Bethel and raised in the Mat-Su Valley. Her mom is from Chefnak and her dad is from Oregon. Growing up, Leigh had the chance to visit her mom's side of the family every other year in Chefnak.

She loves berry-picking with her grandparents and listening to her grandma's stories that help guide her.

“I like to sit and have tea with my grandma while she talks about her past,” says Leigh. “My grandma's stories tell me how to be and how to treat people so I can be a better me.”

Leigh's favorite berries are the tundra blueberries because they taste more natural.

“People say the berries sold in the store are grown naturally, but the blueberries from the Region are wild and they just have more flavor,” Leigh says.

Leigh is currently pursuing a bachelor's degree in Business Management at UAA. She has interned at **Yulista Aviation**—a Calista subsidiary—in Huntsville, Alabama for four years in a row.

“I've always had great colleagues and upper-management,” Leigh says. “I really like the company—they make me want to work for them.”

Her internships at Yulista Aviation brought a new experience each year. Managers sought to form a well-rounded background for her by allowing her to work in different roles. Her first year was the most memorable and fulfilling. She started the internship as an undeclared college student, but the internship opened her eyes to the future.

“I had a great supervisor that I saw as a mentor,” Leigh says. “One day she asked me what I wanted to major in, but I didn't know because nothing inspired me at the time. She asked me to look into a business major because it's versatile and you can do a lot with it. Business was applicable at the time, and that experience helped solidify my major.”

Leigh gained a well-balanced view of Yulista's operations through functions like budgets and inventory.

Leigh currently works at Ena Holding as an office assistant, but she's gaining real estate experience from working on small projects with staff. Leigh has gained experience in researching property taxes and creating budgets.

“I've learned how to spend forecasted expenses using year-to-date expenses as a guide and creating real estate spreadsheets. These are things I don't have prior experience with, but their guidance is helping me excel at it,” says Leigh. “I initially thought I'd just be running errands. It's harder than expected, but I enjoy the challenges.”

In all her experiences, Leigh knows it will pay off in the long run.

“The most rewarding thing about the internships is that it lets you test drive a career,” Leigh says. “So many employers want you to have experience, but how do you get that going to school full-time? These Calista internship opportunities are invaluable for building up your resume once you graduate.”



Leigh Ripke, Ena Holding Office Assistant & former Yulista Intern

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LEADERS FROM THE REGION

PERCY AVUGIAK, ALASKA NATIVE ARTIST



Alaska Native Artist Percy Avugiak presenting his mural at the University of Alaska Fairbanks. Photo Courtesy of UAF.

“DON’T GIVE UP ON YOUR PASSION. FOR ME, IT STARTED WITH PORTRAITS AND LANDSCAPES, BUT WHATEVER YOU LIKE DOING, THERE’S SO MUCH TO LEARN WHEN YOU’RE STARTING OUT.”

— Percy Avugiak, Alaska Native Artist

Alaska Native Artist Percy Avugiak created a mural at the Rasmuson Library at the University of Alaska Fairbanks—a vibrant depiction of diverse Alaska Native cultures, cultural celebration and UAF’s inclusivity that brings together all Alaskans. The mural was revealed in September.

“I grew up with a very subsistence lifestyle—and still continue that to this day, and a lot of my paintings are about celebrating and dancing,” Percy says. “Many paintings are also about the stories behind the traditional songs.”

The Calista Shareholder’s first mural was in Bethel at 8 feet by 43 feet. This recent mural for UAF was 6 feet by 12 feet. Percy’s artwork is meant to reintroduce the art of our ancestors and explore the diversity of Alaska, no matter the size.

Percy was born in Bethel and raised in Chefornak to Yup’ik and Iñupiaq parents. Since graduating from UAF with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree, he has continued his passion of painting Alaska animals, subsistence activities and cultural scenes.

Percy even creates traditional Yup’ik masks, wood and ivory carvings, jewelry making, acrylic paintings, and drawing. His earliest painting depicts children—inspired by his own kids—and paintings of landscapes.

“I feel relaxed when I’m working on landscape paintings because it reminds me of home, places I’ve been to, and things I’ve grown up seeing,” Percy says.

Although he is an accomplished artist with continually commissioned work, Percy says his passion is the key to developing who you are as an artist, or even just as a person.

“Don’t give up on your passion. For me, it started with portraits and landscapes, but whatever you like doing, there’s so much to learn when you’re starting out,” Percy says.

One of his first paintings was very personal but also a hot seller at events. Titled “New Fangs Toothpaste,” it depicts a squirrel brushing the teeth of a wolf with its mouth wide open.

“It shows a squirrel and a wolf with a toothpaste tube called New Fangs Toothpaste,” says Percy. “That was to encourage my kids to brush their teeth—I kept the original in the bathroom when they were little.”

Some of Percy’s friends saw the First Fangs painting and now it’s sold on prints and postcards. Percy’s passion for art goes beyond his business and his family life. He wants it to inspire the next generation.

“When someone sees my paintings, they’ll know it’s mine—because of how much time I’ve spent on this,” Percy says. “If you keep at it, you can find your own unique style or way to work.”

SHAREHOLDER PROMOTED

TISHA NEVIQ’AQ KUHNS TO VP OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Calista Corporation is pleased to announce the promotion of Shareholder Tisha Neviq’aq Kuhns to vice president of Land and Natural Resources.

“This promotion has been quite a humbling event for me,” Tisha says. “With our ever-growing Shareholder enrollment numbers, it’s essential to think of every angle and every person of the Calista Region.”

Tisha is responsible for managing lands and resources to meet Calista’s goals for financial success and sustainable development. She herself is an active participant in the subsistence lifestyle.

“My goal is to provide guidance, engage, and understand the voice of our people,” Tisha says. “I will strive to be a great servant leader and assist in building Calista’s resource economy while living as an example to our youth.”

She provides technical advice on economic minerals, land use and stewardship, and coordination with industry and government agencies.

“Tisha is leading her department with passion,” says Andrew Guy, Calista Corporation President/CEO. “The entire Calista team is looking to her to fulfill a key mandate of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act and sustainably develop our Region’s natural resources.”

Tisha joined Calista in 2016 as a staff geologist after working with the Donlin Gold project for 12 years in geology and water quality baseline management.



Tisha Neviq’aq Kuhns,
Calista Corp. VP of Land and Natural Resources

“AS A SHAREHOLDER WHO LIVES A SUBSISTENCE LIFESTYLE, I AM EXCITED TO CONTINUE DEMONSTRATING HOW SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND SUBSISTENCE CAN SUPPORT ONE ANOTHER.”

— Tisha Neviq’aq Kuhns, Calista Corp. VP of Land and Natural Resources

Tisha is a Calista Shareholder born and raised in Bethel and Homer, Alaska.

Tisha earned her Bachelor of Science in Geology from Southern Oregon University in Ashland, Oregon. She is currently enrolled in Alaska Pacific University’s graduate-level Alaska Native Executive Leadership Program. She was also recently elected to serve on the Alaska Miners Association Board.

“As a Shareholder who lives a subsistence lifestyle, I am excited to continue demonstrating how sustainable development and subsistence can support one another,” Tisha says. “I can’t wait for next fishing season where I go to fish camp with my mother, my father and my children—and pass on that long tradition. Fish camp is my happy place, and that’s where I’m fully grounded.”

AFN 2019 CITIZEN OF THE YEAR LYMAN HOFFMAN



Alaska Senator Lyman Hoffman receives the AFN Citizen of the Year Award in Fairbanks.

Earlier this year, Calista Corporation recognized State Senator Lyman Hoffman of Bethel as its Axel C. Johnson Distinguished Shareholder of the Year.

We couldn't be more pleased that the Alaska Federation of Natives board of directors selected Senator Hoffman as the 2019 Citizen of the Year.

The Citizen of the Year award is given to an Alaska Native person who has demonstrated strong commitment, dedication, and service to the Alaska Native community and to Rural Alaska.

Senator Hoffman is recognized as the longest-serving member in the history of the Alaska Legislature. He was born in 1950 and raised in Bethel.

He has championed funding for rural education and has defended the Power Cost Equalization (PCE) Fund. PCE is critical to the viability of electrical utilities throughout rural Alaska. He has served a total of 32 years in the House and Senate combined. He was also previously the City Manager of Bethel from 1977 to 1985. He and his wife Lillian have two children and two grandchildren.

AFN 2019 PARENTS OF THE YEAR MARY & ULRIC ULROAN

Chevak parents Mary and Ulric Ulroan received AFN's prestigious 2019 Parents of the Year Award. The Ulroans have six children and three grandchildren.

AFN gives the Parents of the Year award to parents who exhibit qualities and values important to the continued physical, social and cultural survival of Native people. These values can include sharing and teaching of culture, love of children, respect for Elders, spirituality, cooperation, and responsibility and involvement in the community.

Mary and Ulric went to college together in 2000 while they were raising three children and obtained teaching degrees in 2006 from the University of Alaska. It is important to them to work, pray, and eat dinners together as a family, and they encourage their children to excel in academics and sports.

The Ulroans have taught their children the subsistence way of life and to work together, traveling to Mountain Village each summer to help Mary's mother Lena catch, cut and smoke salmon.

Calista was pleased to fund the Ulroans' airfare and lodging to Fairbanks to receive this award.



Mary & Ulric Ulroan with family, receiving the AFN Parents of the Year Award in Fairbanks. Courtesy of AFN/Jacqueline Cleveland.

IDITAROD WINNER PETE KAISER

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All her years of patience and practice led to this magical moment, and Morrow led us up the Bering seacoast to victory.

Morrow's story is one of hard work, determination, doubt, perseverance and the ability to overcome obstacles and help her team achieve success that was bigger than herself.

I have no doubt that everyone in this room, whether they know it or not, shares all these same qualities. If you haven't found your place in the team yet, keep at it and be ready for your opportunity.

So now, I know why I am here today. My journey and success is the story of a community, region and state that lifted up one of their own. A story of loving and supportive parents, a wife and kids that stand by my side along with my sister and her family, caring friends, great role models, and loyal sponsors. A story of hard work, determination, and a willingness to overcome challenges and obstacles unique to the rural communities that we live in.

Embrace your community. Be proud of where you come from. Dream big, work hard towards your goals, and realize that there are no shortcuts to anywhere worth going.

My most talented dog gets nowhere alone, but as a team, great feats can be accomplished. We must all do our part in our community to raise healthy confident children, ambitious, determined and respectful teens and young adults, adults who are held to the highest standards

to ensure our communities keep moving in the right direction, and elders who feel safe, respected and noble.

Let's bring our best team to the starting line and race towards a bright future for our great state. Thank you.

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— Pete Kaiser, 2019 Iditarod Winner



Pete Kaiser, 2019 Iditarod Winner. Courtesy of AFN/Jacqueline Cleveland

WORKING AT DONLIN GOLD

DARYL MCKINDY, CALISTA SHAREHOLDER FROM ANIAK

Calista Shareholder Daryl McKindy from Aniak has worked for the Donlin Gold Project since 2007 as a heavy equipment mechanic. Daryl and his wife Gina have four girls. They lived in Aniak until 2015, when Gina accepted a job in her hometown of McGrath and the family moved upriver. Between hitches at Donlin, Daryl has worked for the Division of Forestry in McGrath, providing wildland firefighters in Southwest Alaska with equipment, food and supplies.

Daryl recently talked to Storyknife about what it's like to work at the Donlin camp and how he balances work and home life.

TELL US A LITTLE ABOUT GROWING UP AND FINDING WORK IN ANIAK.

I was born in Bethel but was raised and grew up in Aniak. There is a lot of hunting and fishing—I like it. The fishing is abundant, and we have moose hunting. You can travel on the ice roads to surrounding villages.

In 1985, while I was still in school—probably 17 or 18 years old—I started working for the city sewer project as a laborer. One day the project manager asked me if I wanted to excavate. Calvin Simeon—he was the same age and we graduated together—he was the backhoe operator hired before me. He taught me after I got hired.

Later I worked at the Aniak shop that distributes, repairs and sells Yamahas and outboard motors. I did that for 15 years, and after that, started working for the school district, where I branched off into automotive mechanics and building maintenance.

HOW DID THE JOB COME UP WITH DONLIN?

I didn't know much about Donlin at the time. It was a job opportunity that came up. A way to make money to support our family and pay for fuel and everything else we need. I sent in an application, did an interview. After I passed the physical and drug test, they said yes, and I said yes, too.

For the first two weeks, I was doing camp maintenance. After that, supervisor Joey Evan of Lower Kalskag asked if I wanted to work in the mechanical shop. Right away, I said yes. That was my field.

HOW DID YOU GET USED TO WORKING AT A REMOTE SITE ON A TWO-WEEK ROTATION SCHEDULE?

It was really good. A lot of the people working there, I already knew from other villages after working for the school district.

It took a while for Gina to get used to the two-week on, two-week off schedule. After the first two months, it got easier. When you are home, you leave your work behind. It's nothing but family time. At work, it's nothing but work, educating yourself on the job and moving forward with the work that you have.

TELL ME ABOUT A PART OF THE JOB THAT YOU ENJOY A LOT.

When you move a drill rig, you need heavy equipment, water, drill equipment, and helicopters for air support. The part I like is making a drill deck. We make our deck from the bottom up, setting a foundation and cribbing it up to make it all level and the direction they need to drill. Then you are building up the deck and supporting it with wood for the drill to sit on, and a support with four posts in the center, so the rig doesn't move. It takes a couple days. The rig starts moving in



Daryl McKindy, Calista Shareholder from Aniak working at Donlin Gold

pieces. The team sets the platform down, comes back, gets the motor, comes back, gets the tower, then gets the tools, equipment, fuel, water and the geo shack. Then we get the drillers and geologists in place so they can have a happy day of drilling.

WHAT IS YOUR ADVICE FOR SHAREHOLDERS WHO ARE INTERESTED IN WORKING AT DONLIN BUT UNSURE ABOUT WORKING AWAY FROM HOME?

The biggest thing is that you have to dedicate yourself for the work you need to do and be aware of it, both you and your spouse. If you can get through the first two hitches, you are pretty well set after that.

I feel like the camp is a good place. They are really nice people who work out there. There's housing, showers, a TV room, pool room, a small gym. We have health medics and safety people. We have a safety meeting once a week, for an hour. That's the time when you get to voice your opinions about how to make things better around the workplace.

WHAT'S YOUR ADVICE FOR YOUNG SHAREHOLDERS WHO WANT TO FIND WORK IN THE CALISTA REGION?

No matter where you are working in the state of Alaska, finish your education through high school. Get your math, reading and vocational skills while you are in school and it's still free. The work will always be around—when you start your education, try to finish it first.

Also, I encourage them to get used to traveling for work. I had to travel for work. Most of the time, work is not at home. All the jobs close to home will be filled up until people retire or leave.

Always be ready for change. Be safe, go home with five fingers and toes. Don't be afraid to speak up and ask questions or ask for help.

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— Daryl McKindy, Calista Shareholder working at Donlin Gold

ELDERS RECREATE TRADITIONAL INFANT BIRDSKIN PARKA

BIRD SKIN PARKAS HAD DISAPPEARED WITH ADVENT OF MODERN CLOTHING

Sewing atasuaq, traditional baby parkas, was almost a lost skill until a Yup'ik Elder helped revive it. And the result? An atasuaq, sewed with bird skin, from the coastal village of Toksook Bay. Ann Fienup-Riordan unrolls a package wrapped in muslin. She's an anthropologist who has documented Yup'ik life in Western Alaska for decades. The parka is roughly two feet long, just big enough to fit a nine-pound baby. The bird skin facing the outside feels like toughened leather, with the feathers tucked inside and peeking around the collar and hood.

“It's made out of qengallek, king eider skins, and four allgiar skins, which are long-tailed ducks,” Fienup-Riordan said.

This used to be common in Yup'ik communities, where every child started life surrounded by bird skin and cuddled in feathers; there are Elders alive today who were snuggled in bird-skin parkas as infants. But over generations, the tradition disappeared as cloth diapers and commercial baby clothes became more easily available at local stores.

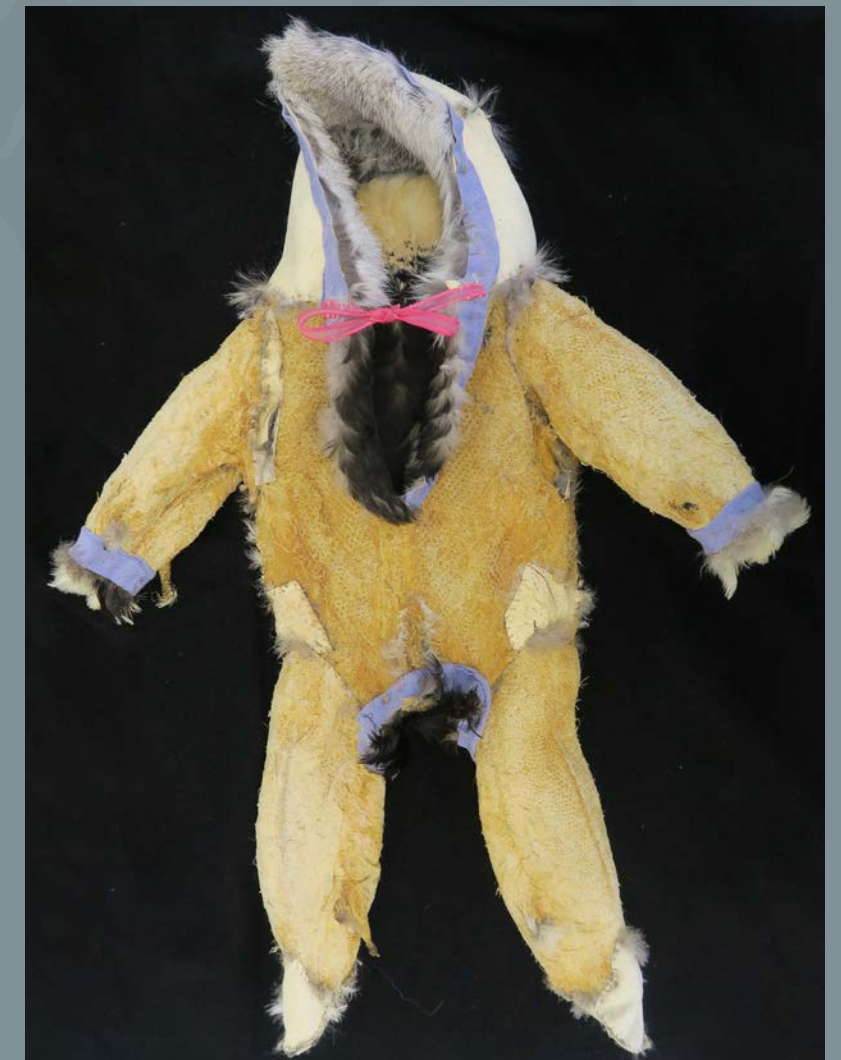
Making this parka and reviving the almost extinct tradition took the efforts of many people. It began with the memories of an Elder from Nightmute, Albertina Dull, who began her life in a bird-skin parka made by her mother, and later used it for her own children.

To make a new one, a hunter in Chefornak, a nearby coastal village, sent over some of the skins. The rest came from Toksook Bay. Fienup-Riordan said that the idea of making the traditional bird-skin parka arose during an education collaboration between Calista Corporation and Yup'ik Elders. That's when Dull remembered the baby parkas from her childhood. Dull said that the parka was easy to make. She only speaks Yugtun, but KYUK translated her replies.

“It's easy to make an atkuk because we are Yup'ik. Because we are Yup'ik, we never throw away anything that has skin, like birds. Keep them all, then wash them. After washing, when they are all good, we make atkukus out of them,” Dull said.

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— Albertina Dull, Calista Shareholder from Nightmute



There was one problem. At 101 years old, with poor eyesight, Dull couldn't sew the baby parka that she saw so clearly in her memories. “My eyesight is no longer good anymore, but I can instruct,” Dull said.

That's how Fienup-Riordan and the others started making this parka.

“Since she could describe it, and we'd never seen one, we decided to go ahead and make one. And so last spring, we started to work the skins,” Fienup-Riordan said.

They scraped the fat off the skins and washed them with Dawn soap before hanging the skins to dry. Then, to soften the skins, they rubbed them in a circular motion. All this Dull told them to do by memory, Fienup-Riordan said.

“For instance, when you are scraping the skins, the way she described it was, ‘you hold the skin and you scrape toward the head, and then move gradually down the body, always toward the head.’ Now, if you picked up a greasy skin you wouldn't know that, but she knew that,” Fienup-Riordan said.

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ELDERS RECREATE TRADITIONAL INFANT BIRDSKIN PARKA

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The next step was sewing. A couple of women in Toksook Bay went to work, following Dull's instructions. The result is a tiny parka worn by a baby until it starts crawling. The tanned skin faces the outside, and the feathers line the inside to keep the infant warm. Blue cloth is stitched around the armholes and the opening in the crotch area. Pink ribbons tie the hood together. Fienup-Riordan thinks that it may be the first such parka made in Western Alaska in nearly 80 years, but the women in Toksook Bay plan to make more.

"Our joke is that we should have a BYOB party: bring your own bird!" Fienup-Riordan said.

Dull says that the more parkas made, the better they'll look.

"When we first make something, when we didn't know how and our moms first taught us how, they're very ugly at first. Our first tries are very ugly, but they improve. As we learn more, our work improves," Dull said.

It's unclear where this, the first bird-skin baby parka in almost a century, will find a home. Fienup-Riordan hopes that home will be in Bethel.

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Nellie Jimmie and Albertina Dull work on sewing the parka in Toksook Bay; anthropologist Ann Fienup-Riordan brought the baby birdskin parka to Calista Education and Culture, Inc.

CALISTA EDUCATION AND CULTURE, INC.

(CECI) is Calista's nonprofit arm. CECI manages the scholarship and burial assistance programs, and forms education programs that follow the Yup'ik way of being known as **Yuuyaraq**. CECI awarded **336 scholarships in 2018** to students with ties to the YK Delta totaling **over \$287,000**. Burial Assistance benefits totaled \$53,200 in 2018—a one-time payment up to \$500 to the family of a Shareholder or Descendant who recently passed. Visit CECI at CalistaEducation.org.



CALISTA CORPORATION DECLARES AKILISTA DISTRIBUTION AND WELCOMES NEW SHAREHOLDERS

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Calista also recently issued shares to over 1,600 eligible enrollment applicants. These new Shareholders are eligible for the Akilista distribution. This expansion brings Calista's total to over 31,400 Shareholders, compared to about 13,500 two years ago.

Distributions are by share. The average Shareholder owns about 100 shares. This year saw an increase of about 1 cent per share over last year—even after adding thousands of new Shareholders.

The total number of shares increased from about 2.7 million last year to over 3.3 million. As a result, this fall distribution is a little over \$0.88 per share. All Shareholders recorded and identified as of October 25 received this distribution.

Direct deposits and checks were mailed the week of November 18, 2019.

The Akilista distribution is based on the average market value of the Akilista investment portfolio for the prior three years. The first Akilista distribution occurred in 2014.

"Calista distributions relieve costly food and energy bills," says Calista Board Chair Robert Beans. "The distribution's economic impact for the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta is about \$1.8 million, since about 65 percent of our Shareholders live in the Region."



Nelson Narat Angapak received the Howard Rock Alaska Native Leader Award at the First Alaskans Institute's Smokehouse Gala in November. He has served on the board at AFN, and served as President and Vice President of Calista Corporation from 1980 to 1988, and worked in Calista's land department for more than 10 years. Nelson's persistent efforts have been a key component to the passage of a lands bill in March that ensures Alaska Native Vietnam veterans can select their 160-acre Native allotments.



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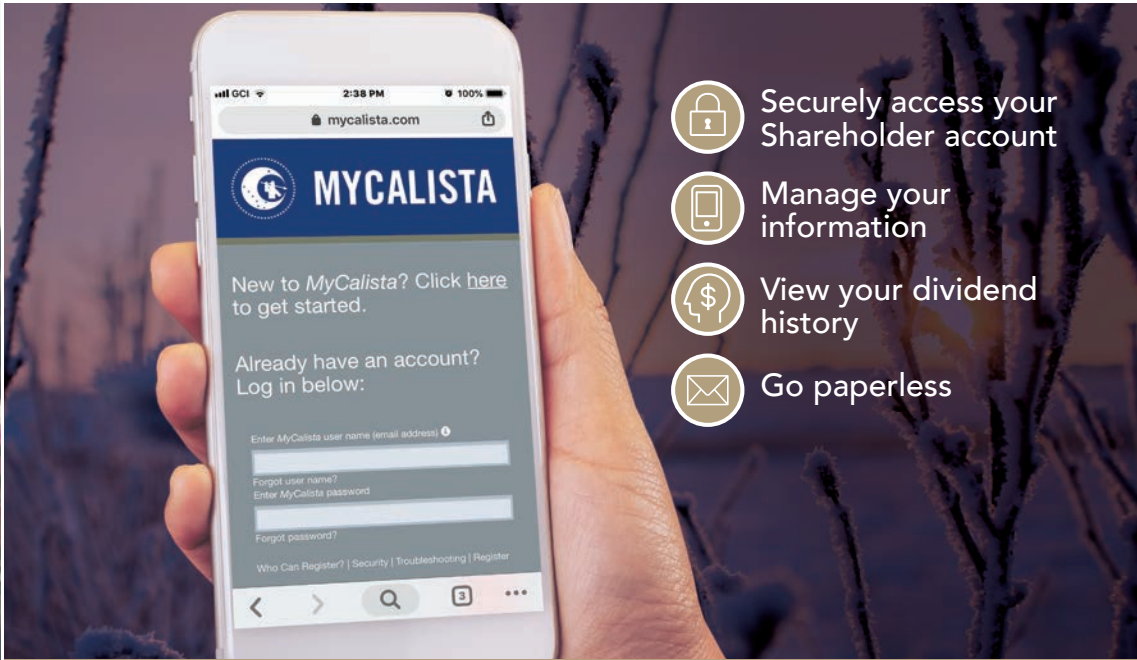


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Please change my address as I have indicated above. I understand that you cannot make address changes without my permission and signature, which I hereby give of my own free will and without constraint. I further authorize Calista and its subsidiaries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

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