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Eliza Meier, Calista Shareholder and Proxy Prize Winner, with her grandson.

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ELIZA MEIER, LEADER FROM THE REGION

Eliza Meier won a \$1,000 proxy prize through the 2020 Calista Corporation Annual Meeting of Shareholders—she donated that money to a friend’s family in need of funeral funds.

“The family appreciated the donation since they were lacking funds. During this unfortunate pandemic, good deeds are needed. Stay safe,” says Eliza Meier.

We commend Calista Shareholders like Eliza whose values match some of our own Core Values. She exemplifies dedication and teamwork to her friends and family, and especially matches our Core Value of Service.

Eliza’s decision to donate even has its own backstory. It began with a call from Calista to inform about her proxy prize winnings from voting online in the Annual Meeting.

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**NAME:**

Alice Samuelson

**COLLEGE:**

University of Alaska Fairbanks

**MAJOR:**

Pre-Nursing

**CAREER PATH:**

Registered Nurse

**HOME VILLAGE:**

Napaskiak

**FAVORITE SUBSISTENCE**

**ACTIVITY:** Fishing

While many Calista Corporation interns worked remotely last year due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Alice Samuelson of Napaskiak had the unique experience of working from her small Kuskokwim River village.

A University of Alaska Fairbanks sophomore, Alice was awarded an internship with Calista’s Shareholder Services Department and assigned to work in the Bethel office.

“As the start date came closer, I started to realize that might not work well due to the pandemic,” she says.

In fact, Alice only spent a week at the Bethel office in training and orientation before the office closed for the safety of employees and the public.

**“I WOULD RECOMMEND THIS INTERNSHIP TO STUDENTS LOOKING TO BE WELCOMED INTO A STRONG, COMMITTED COMMUNITY.”**

– Alice Samuelson of Napaskiak

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## BOARD MESSAGE: BOARD NOMINEE SOLICITATION ANNOUNCEMENT

Robert Beans, Board Chair

The Calista Corporation ("Calista") Board of Directors is seeking the nomination of Shareholders for the four (4) Director seats up for election at the Calista Annual Meeting of Shareholders on July 1, 2021. This solicitation is for Shareholder nominees wishing to be included in the Calista Corporation Board Proxy process.

The director seats open for election are **Administrative Unit 1** (Chevak, Hooper Bay, Paimiut, Scammon Bay), **Administrative Unit 2** (Alakanuk, Bill Moore's Slough, Emmonak, Hamilton, Sheldon Point (Nunam Iqua)), **Administrative Unit 3** (Chuloonawick, Kotlik, Mountain Village, Pitkas Point, Saint Mary's) and **Administrative Unit At-Large** (Any Shareholder). Nominees must hold a voting Calista share associated with a village listed in the unit, be at least 18 years of age, promise to fully comply with the Calista Code of Business Ethics and Conduct for Directors upon election, and meet the other eligibility requirements in the Nominee Packet. Each Director will hold office for a term of three (3) years.

You can get a Nominee Packet from Calista after 8 a.m. on Wednesday, February 24, 2021 by telephoning Calista's Anchorage office at the contact information

**DEADLINE FOR CALISTA'S RECEIPT OF COMPLETED NOMINEE MATERIALS IS 5 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31, 2021**

below or by e-mailing packetrequest@calistacorp.com. It is recommended that you request the Nominee Packet as soon as possible after they are available. This will allow adequate time for the packet to be sent to you and time for you to read and complete the required paperwork and send it back to Calista.

The Nominee Packet includes, among other items: (1) Checklist for Nominees; (2) Calista Corporation Bylaws; (3) Calista Corporation Election Policies and Procedures; (4) Calista Corporation Code of Business Ethics and Conduct for Directors; (5) State of Alaska Information for Shareholders of ANCSA Corporations; (6) ANCSA Proxy Regulations; (7) Nominee Disclosure Questionnaire; (8) Nominee Agreement; and (9) Nominee Personal Statement Form.

**The deadline for Calista's RECEIPT of completed nominee materials is 5 p.m. on Wednesday, March 31, 2021.** The materials must arrive at Calista's Anchorage office by mail, fax, or electronic transmission on or before the deadline.

## CALISTA CORPORATION SHAREHOLDER RESOLUTION SOLICITATION

Shareholders who are individual or joint record owners of at least 0.25 percent of the outstanding shares of Calista may request a Resolution Packet in order to submit a resolution for adoption or a proposal for other Shareholder action (Shareholder Resolution) at the July 1, 2021 Annual Meeting of Shareholders. Each Shareholder Resolution must include the name, address, number of shares, signature, and date of signature of each Shareholder submitting the Resolution. Shareholder Resolutions must also include the name and contact information for at least one Proponent and a supporting statement of 500 words or less. The Proponent shall be a Shareholder. The Proponent shall be responsible for ensuring that the Resolution complies with the Calista Election Policies and Procedures and all other applicable laws.

Shareholders may obtain a Resolution Packet from Calista after 8 a.m. on February 24, 2021 by telephoning Calista's Anchorage office at the contact information below or by e-mailing packetrequest@calistacorp.com.

Resolutions which would require an amendment of the bylaws or articles of incorporation in order to be given effect, or which are in the form of such an amendment, shall be treated as a proposal for such an amendment, and must meet applicable requirements in order to be adopted.

The Board may reject a proposed Resolution if the Proponent has already submitted three (3) other proposed Resolutions to be considered at the same meeting or if a similar Resolution has already been submitted for the same meeting. The Board may reject as invalid a Resolution that contains false or misleading information or if the subject matter of the proposed Resolution is not appropriate for action by the Shareholder. If the wording of a proposed Resolution that is otherwise valid is confusing

or lacks clarity, the Board may direct the General Counsel to revise the wording of the proposed Resolution to clarify the meaning. The Board may reject an otherwise valid Shareholder Resolution if: (i) the same or a similar Resolution has been submitted and voted on by the Shareholders at either of the prior two (2) annual meetings or any special meeting within the two (2) years before the scheduled date of the meeting for which the Resolution is submitted, and (ii) the vote of the Shareholders in favor of the previous Resolution was (A) less than one-third (33.33%) of the total outstanding shares of Calista if the Resolution was to amend the Bylaws or other matters requiring more than a majority of those present at the meeting, or (B) less than one-third (33.33%) of the shares voting in person or by proxy at the meeting in question if the matter requires a majority of those present at the meeting to be enacted.

The Resolution Packet includes, among other items: (1) Checklist for Shareholder Proposing Resolution for Annual Meeting; (2) Calista Corporation Shareholder Resolution Review Standards; (3) Calista Corporation Bylaws; (4) Calista Corporation Election Policies and Procedures; and (5) ANCSA Proxy Regulations.

**The deadline for Calista's RECEIPT of proposed resolutions is 5 p.m. on Friday, March 26, 2021.** The proposed Resolution must arrive at Calista's Anchorage office by mail, fax, or electronic transmission on or before the deadline.

If you have questions about the Annual Meeting election and Shareholder Resolution process, contact the Calista Legal Department at the Calista's office noted below.

**5015 Business Park Blvd., Suite 3000, Anchorage, AK 99503  
Phone 907-275-2800; Toll Free 800-277-5516; Fax 907-275-2929**



Andrew Guy, President and CEO

**"THE COVID VACCINES ARE HIGHLY EFFECTIVE AND NECESSARY TO ENSURE HEALTHY COMMUNITIES AND TO PROTECT OUR FAMILIES AND OUR ELDERS."**

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: LET'S CONQUER COVID

Andrew Guy, President and CEO

COVID-19 does not discriminate. It doesn't care where you live. It doesn't care how important it is for you to gather with friends and family. For many months, the number of cases per 1,000 people in our Region [Bethel, Bethel Census and Kusilvak Census areas] has been a significantly higher rate compared to Anchorage. For now, we need to take precautions. Every act we take adds up.

Wear a mask to protect your family and our Elders, wash your hands often, and keep your gatherings very small or hold off until a later date.

A COVID-19 vaccine is available to some Alaskans, and soon to all Alaskans. It is important for us to conquer this pandemic. Many of our communities have been hit hard by COVID-19.

As Alaska Native people we are fortunate to receive the vaccine earlier than many across the state. Our ancestors paid for this privilege in advance, claiming our right to medical care. Getting your vaccination and keeping our communities healthy honors the sacrifices made by our ancestors.

A recent Centers for Disease Control study showed Alaska Native and American Indians are nearly four times more likely to get the coronavirus than non-Native people.

The COVID vaccines are highly effective and necessary to ensure healthy communities and to protect our families and our Elders.

We are asking you to get vaccinated. Our future depends on it. Many of our lives, especially the lives of our Elders, depend on it. If we all do our part, we will conquer COVID. Quyanana.



Calista Corporation is part of the Conquer COVID Coalition, made up of Alaskan businesses, Alaska Native organizations, healthcare organizations, community leaders and everyday Alaskans working to defeat the pandemic.

**LEARN MORE AT  
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*Storyknife caught up with Alice this winter for a Q&A about her internship experience in Napaskiak.*

**Q: What were your internship goals? Were you able to achieve them or did you end up doing something completely different?**

**A:** My original goals were to learn to work on a full-time schedule, to extend my job skills, and to build ties with leaders in our Region. I achieved a lot of that but as the internship progressed, my goals shifted more toward helping people find the assistance they needed.

**Q: Tell us a little bit about how your internship went after returning to Napaskiak.**

**A:** The two Bethel employees had been working from home for a while already, so I was not worried about working out of the office. I helped find Shareholders whose contact information was missing, attended weekly virtual meetings, shadowed employees, and joined the interns by Zoom every Tuesday to hear from a featured speaker. During those sessions, we learned about business, culture, education, and just life in general.

Though many days were smooth and enjoyable, I dealt with many challenges throughout the summer. Some days in my village, we would have power outages that lasted hours. Other days, my internet would randomly stop working, which was very frustrating. But because of

the issues I faced, I learned more than I would have without. I learned how the internet and technology are not always reliable, and backup is necessary to ensure that things are done.

**Q: What were some good things that happened during the internship and being able to spend the summer at home?**

**A:** While I was home for the summer, I did not miss out on anything. I was able to help my family with subsistence activities such as fishing and berry picking. I had the privilege to hop on a boat just minutes after clocking out from work. That was the best thing about working from home.

**Q: Did you feel like you got support from Calista during this internship and would you recommend other students apply?**

**A:** I received a ton of support from my department and the internship team. I always felt like I was part of a very strong community. If I had any questions or felt lost, I always had someone willing to help.

I would recommend this internship to students looking to be welcomed into a strong, committed community. I wish nothing but success on each student, employee, and person reading this. I want to thank Calista for this amazing opportunity and for giving me the knowledge I have today. Quyanana!

# PROXY PRIZE WINNER DONATES TO FAMILY IN NEED ELIZA MEIER, LEADER FROM THE REGION

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"It was uncanny. I had won the prize money. It was so surprising! Then UAA called about donations, and I thought 'I can do that.' That got the gears turning, but later I spoke with my son and he suggested donating it to my friend from my Legion of Mary family, so I did," says Eliza.

Eliza is born and raised in Tununak. She went to boarding school in St. Mary's and is a retired teacher aide and tutor who has worked in Tununak, Bethel, Platinum and Anchorage, teaching Yup'ik and tutoring students. Her formative years of growing up in Tununak always bring her back and ground her.

"I really love subsistence. Everything works together," Eliza says. "You have to know which animals to subsist in each season."

Eliza loves what most people do, fishing and berry picking, but living in Anchorage has opened her up to utilizing that same 'live off the land' mentality in searching for morel mushrooms.

"Before starting the fishing season, I've gone out with my sister to Funny River and Swan Lake in the Kenai Peninsula to find morel mushrooms since that's where they had the fires," she says.

Besides picking berries, she also likes to make jam and will try to smoke her fish in Anchorage to be more adventurous, she says. Eliza's late husband Chris thrived in the new experiences with her.

"We were a team, inseparable," she says. "And how important it was to have plans to reach our goals of adventuring upon subsistence foraging."

Eliza's hunger for new experiences led her to teach and tutor in many villages in the YK Delta and Anchorage.

"My love of adventure for each of those places always tied back to subsistence—connecting with my nieces, aunts and uncles in Newtok and Platinum with their subsistence is just a couple examples," she says. "Mountain Village was all about the water, because you had to fetch your own water at the well."

In Bethel, Eliza's fond memories are linked to fishing at the Johnson River for pike fish. In Newtok, it's the fishing and harvesting seal. Her cousins in Newtok would hunt for seal and share with her.

"I like to recycle. My mom and I—when I was growing up—we'd always recycle the jars for seal oil," Eliza says. "In Newtok, I had a whole collection of jars, and I save those jars for one lady in the village. She would always remind me, 'I really appreciated those jars.'"

Her love of subsistence and new experiences is a theme in her family that continues to this day.

"All our three children and one grandson love adventure as well," Eliza says. "They are following in our footsteps."

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- Eliza Meier, Calista Shareholder and Proxy Prize Winner

## VOTE ONLINE AND OPT-IN FOR ELECTRONIC ANNUAL MEETING MATERIALS

Did you know? If you **vote online**, you'll get **immediate confirmation** your proxy votes were received by the Inspector of Elections. This option is not available for valid paper proxy votes.

"It didn't take long to go through and finish the **online voting process**. I had questions about the candidates—I was grateful to have access to the individual history of each candidate in my email," says Eliza Meier, Calista Shareholder and Proxy Prize Winner.

"The step-by-step voting process was not time consuming at all and **very user friendly!** Thank you for convenient access to vote online," Eliza says. "I even told my three children about online voting and the chance to win a proxy prize!"

Want to receive **Annual Meeting materials electronically?** Shareholders like **Eliza Meier chose electronic delivery and reduced paper use by over 1,300 pounds** in 2020.

Save Trees for Maqis! Opt-in at [www.CalistaCorp.com/ElectronicDelivery](http://www.CalistaCorp.com/ElectronicDelivery)

# YULISTA CARES DONATES OVER 1,200 BACKPACKS NATIONWIDE IN 2020

## STUDENTS IN KWETHLUK AND NAPASKIAK RECEIVED SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Employees of **Yulista Holding LLC**—a Calista Corporation subsidiary—successfully delivered **1,220 backpacks and school supplies** across the nation in 2020! Yulista and its family of companies packed and shipped the donations out of the Huntsville, Alabama location.

"Knowing the impact that those supplies make in the lives of the parents, students and teachers who receive them is truly satisfying," says Mary Muse, head of the Yulista CARES campaign.

**Yulista CARES** is an employee driven community service initiative. It stands for: **Community, Appreciation, Relations, Employee Support.**

Mary Muse and her devoted crew adapted to the challenge to meet the donation goal once again. Unable to personally deliver the backpacks to Alaska's schools, the mission objective remained on course.

**Yulista CARES successfully sent over 500 backpacks to Shareholders in Kwethluk and Napaskiak.** In its seventh year, the Yulista team championed a campaign to deliver backpacks full of school supplies for the children and teachers in the Calista Region, along with schools and programs in their own communities.

"I spoke with one elementary school principal who expressed many thanks. She was moved by the frequent tears from parents and students who receive the backpacks and supplies—especially for those who transfer mid-year," Mary says. "Frequently, the parents in these areas don't have work-from-home flexibility. They struggle to manage work and the kids schooling from home."

Yulista didn't stop there. Backpacks were also sent to Hawaii, New Jersey and Texas—Yulista subsidiary locations—something that they had never done.

"Many parents in our communities have also been laid off due to COVID," Mary says. "These parents need assistance now more than ever."

Calista thanks the amazing Yulista CARES team for their generosity to our communities in the YK Delta and across the nation. This **grassroots, employee-led program** left no doubt that these backpacks would be distributed by any means. Even through a tragic pandemic.

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Students in Napaskiak receive backpacks from Yulista CARES.



Yulista CARES members donate backpacks in their community.

# CALISTA EDUCATION AND CULTURE, INC. PUBLISHES TROVE OF TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE

## THREE NEW BOOKS FEATURE PRE-PANDEMIC INTERVIEWS WITH CALISTA ELDERS ON ANIMALS, FISH AND PLANTS

A trio of new books from Calista Corporation's educational non-profit provide a new, closer look at the relationship between Yup'ik people and the natural world of the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta.

For over 20 years, the **Calista Education and Culture Inc. (CECI)** research team has been interviewing Elders about their traditional knowledge and publishing books based on those interviews.

This new set of books focus on animal and plant knowledge from Elders across the delta, and the fish knowledge passed on by Elders in three Kuskokwim River villages: Napaskiak, Napakiak and Oscarville.

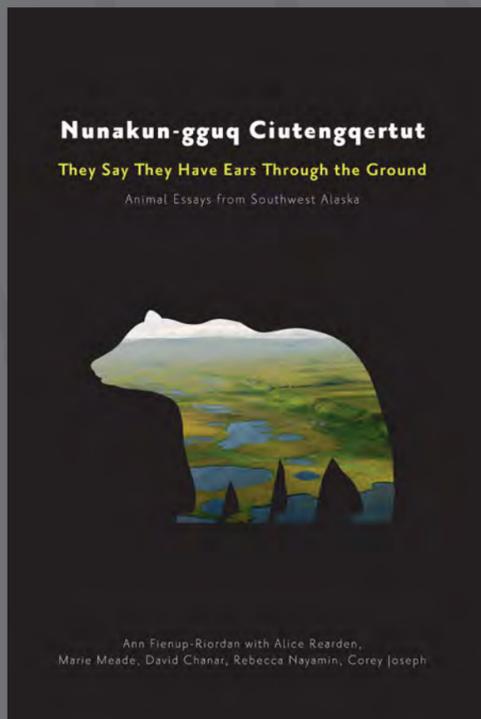
When asked who should be able to see this work, the Calista Elders Council board of directors said the traditional teachings should be open to everybody, including today's youth, who learn by reading, and the rest of the world as well, according to CECI Cultural Advisor Mark John.

"By sharing this information, they felt that the western world will be able to understand who we are and what we do and as a result, be able to respect who we are," says John, who leads the research team.

The CECI research team is prolific, producing one or two books nearly every year since 2003. The team's research and writing are largely funded by scientific organizations such as the National Science Foundation and other supporters.

Due to the pandemic, the research team was unable to hold its regular meetings with Elders last year. So instead, the team used the time to finish these three books, says CECI anthropologist Ann Fienup-Riordan.

To find out how to purchase these books, please visit [www.calistaeducation.org](http://www.calistaeducation.org).



## NUNAKUN-GGUQ CIUTENQERTUT / THEY SAY THEY HAVE EARS THROUGH THE GROUND: ANIMAL ESSAYS FROM SOUTHWEST ALASKA

By Ann Fienup-Riordan with Alice Rearden, Marie Meade, David Chanar, Rebecca Nayamin, and Corey Joseph (University of Alaska Press)

These essays focus on some of the most important species (including moose, bears, seals, salmon, and birds) and how relations with these species have both changed and remained the same over the past two decades. In a place where hunting and fishing are still part of day-to-day life, these views of animals remain very much in action. Hunters are advised that if they are over-confident and brag, they will not catch; animals will hear them and they will get nothing. Conversely, what one gives away will be replaced. And if you are compassionate, others will wish for your future success. This book was supported by a National Science Foundation grant.

★ Available Now!



## KUSQUQVAGMIUT NEQAIT / FISH AND FOOD OF THE PEOPLE OF THE KUSKOKWIM

By Ann Fienup-Riordan, Alice Rearden, and Marie Meade (Alaska Native Language Center)

Based on conversations with Yup'ik men and women living in the Kuskokwim River communities of Napaskiak, Napakiak, and Oscarville, this bilingual book details traditional knowledge surrounding the harvest and use of the six species of whitefish, as well as salmon, pike, burbot, and blackfish, on which people relied so heavily in the past and continue to harvest to this day. For Kuskokwim residents, successful harvesting of fish requires practical skills, including knowledge of fish migrations, when and where to set nets, and how deep to set them. Men and women must also act appropriately, both in the village and in the wilderness, to ensure a successful harvest. This book was supported by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service and Rasmuson Foundation.

★ Available in February!

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- Mark John, Cultural Advisor, Calista Education and Culture, Inc.



## YUNGCAUTNGUUQ NUNAM QAINGA TAMARMI / ALL THE LAND'S SURFACE IS MEDICINE: EDIBLE AND MEDICINAL PLANTS OF SOUTHWEST ALASKA

By Ann Fienup-Riordan, Alice Rearden, Marie Meade, Kevin Jernigan, and Jacqueline Cleveland (University of Alaska Press)

Close to 100 men and women from all over southwest Alaska shared knowledge of their homeland and the plants that grow there. They speak eloquently about time spent gathering and storing plants and plant material during snow-free months, including gathering greens during spring, picking berries each summer, harvesting tubers from the caches of tundra voles, and gathering a variety of medicinal plants. The book is intended as a guide to the identification and use of edible and medicinal plants in southwest Alaska, but also as an enduring record of what Yup'ik men and women know and value about plants and the roles plants continue to play in Yup'ik lives. This book was supported by the National Science Foundation.

★ Available this Spring!

# BLM ENACTS PLAN FOR FEDERAL LANDS IN CALISTA REGION

## REVISED PLAN ADDRESSES CALISTA CONCERNS

The **U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM)** recently decided to enact a new management plan for 3.58 million acres of federal land in the eastern half of the Yukon-Kuskokwim Region.

“Calista supports BLM’s decision to enact the plan because it strikes a fair balance between environmental protection and economic opportunity,” says Tisha Kuhns, Calista Corporation Vice President for Land and Natural Resources.

The **Bering Sea-Western Interior Regional Management Plan (BSWI)** covers a massive area—13 million acres of BLM-managed lands in the Doyon, Calista and Bering Strait regions that aren’t in refuges managed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Calista had serious concerns about how an earlier version of this management plan would impact our Shareholders and Tribes, even though the BLM held 57 meetings with Tribes and other stakeholders while developing the plan. The plan had not been updated since 1981

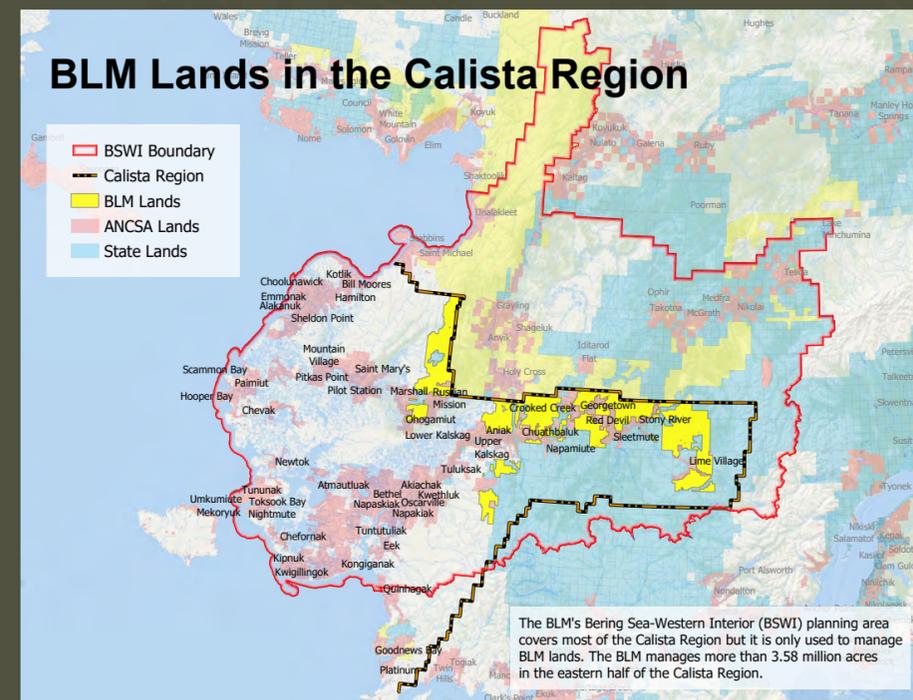
and Calista along with Tribes were invited to provide input during the revision process.

In September 2019, Calista sent letters to Tribes and Village Corporations in the Region, encouraging them to exercise their right to consult with BLM.

Calista was concerned that the draft version of this plan would have limited access to traditional activities in our Region and would have blocked attempts to create socio-economic infrastructure in our villages.

Over the past year, BLM put a significant amount of effort into revising the draft BSWI plan to address our concerns as well as those raised by other stakeholders in our Region.

To find out more about the plan, go to: <https://www.blm.gov/programs/planning-and-nepa/plans-in-development/alaska/BSWI>



“CALISTA SUPPORTS BLM’S DECISION TO ENACT THE PLAN BECAUSE IT STRIKES A FAIR BALANCE BETWEEN ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY.”

- Tisha Kuhns, Calista Corp. VP for Land and Natural Resources



Calista Corporation interns volunteering at the 2019 CECI Golf Tournament.

# SHAREHOLDER INTERN POSITIONS AVAILABLE SUMMER 2021

## INTERNSHIP PROGRAM DATES MAY 27 - AUGUST 6

Whether you are in college or technical school, an internship with **Calista Corporation**, its subsidiaries, and our nonprofit **Calista Education and Culture, Inc.** will open new doors.

“I received a ton of support from my department and the internship team. I always felt like I was part of a very strong community. If I had any questions or felt lost, I always had someone willing to help,” says **Alice Samuelson of Napaskiak** who interned with Calista’s Shareholder Services and Enrollment team last year.

**Calista is accepting applications for the 2021 Summer Internship season from now until March 19. Applicants must be:**

- A Calista Shareholder or Descendant
- Attending a university or recently graduated from a technical or trade school with an accumulated GPA of 2.0 or higher
- At least 18 years old by May 27, 2021

“I ALWAYS FELT LIKE I WAS PART OF A VERY STRONG COMMUNITY.”

- Alice Samuelson of Napaskiak

Calista’s 10-week paid Summer Internship Program for Calista Shareholders and Descendants provides an educational strategy for students to connect their academic preparation with hands-on work experiences.

**Summer Internship Program dates will be May 27 to August 6.** An internship can apply work experience to classroom learning and add value to your resume.

“I would recommend this internship to students looking to be welcomed into a strong, committed community,” Alice says. “I want to thank Calista for this amazing opportunity and for giving me the knowledge I have today. Quyanala!”

Recruitment for internship positions is currently open. **The application period will run until March 19**, so complete your application today. Please share far and wide!

**Go to [www.calistacorp.com/internships](http://www.calistacorp.com/internships) to apply.**

Contact **Calista Workforce & Shareholder Development** with inquiries at **907-275-2808** or [shareholderdevelopment@calistacorp.com](mailto:shareholderdevelopment@calistacorp.com).

# CALISTA DISTRIBUTIONS REACH \$11 MILLION ANNUALLY FOR THE FIRST TIME

## 2020 DISTRIBUTIONS RECAP

Through its Settlement Trust, Calista Corporation's record setting year of distributions complements the ever-growing number of Shareholders at more than 33,000 Shareholders in 2020. **Calista's 2020 distributions totaled \$11 million**—an increase from the \$10 million in total distributions the year before.

Calista's Shareholder enrollment total reached over 33,000. Only a few years ago, Calista had 13,500 Shareholders. Our leaders are happy to see the next generation benefit from Calista's growth.

"Calista continues to thrive with a Shareholder base that continues to grow," says **Andrew Guy, Calista Corp. President/CEO**. "Through new business opportunities and financial discipline, we can continue to provide opportunities to our next generation of leaders."

### SPRING DISTRIBUTION

Calista's first and longest-running Shareholder distribution is the **Spring Distribution**—with a combined total of **\$60.9 million** over 15 total distributions. The 2020 Spring Distribution was **\$6.9 million**—up from \$6.5 million the year before. The Spring Distribution is based on the average Shareholders' Equity of the prior three years. Shareholders' Equity is reported in the Annual Report each year.

With the formation of the **Calista Corporation Settlement Trust** in 2018, all 2020 distributions made **through the Trust will be non-taxable for Shareholders**.

### AKILISTA DISTRIBUTION

Calista's newest Shareholder distribution is the **Akilista Distribution**, typically issued in November. The Akilista distribution has provided a combined total of **\$16.9 million** over the past 7 years.

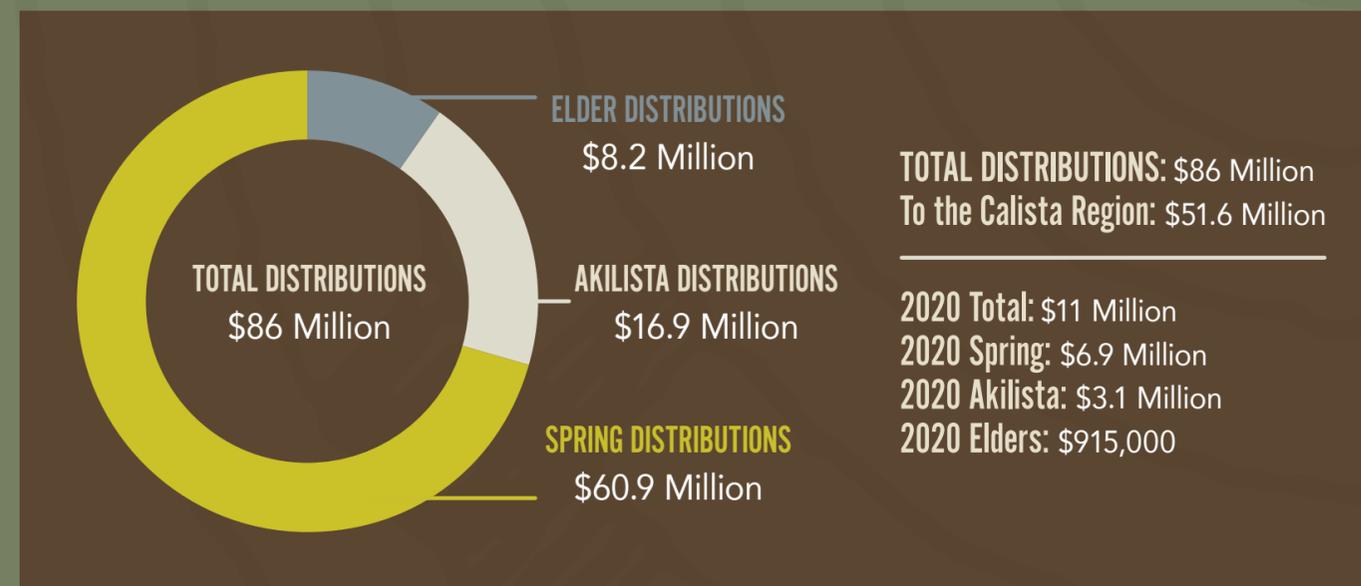
The 2020 Akilista Distribution totaled **\$2.97 million—a 15 percent increase from 2018**. The distribution's economic impact for the Yukon-Kuskokwim Region was about \$1.87 million in 2020.

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 ELDERS' BENEFIT

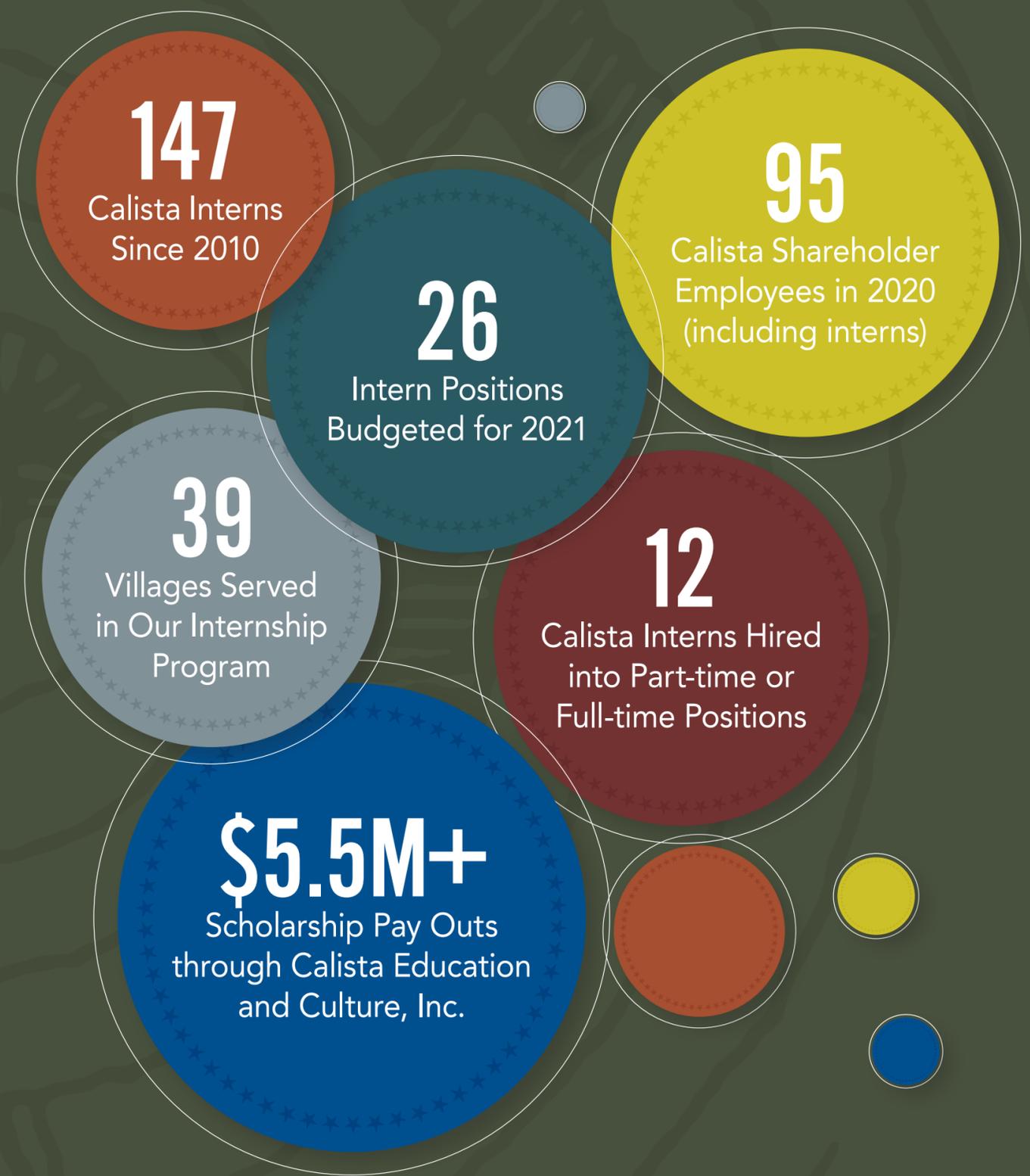
2020 marked the 13th straight **Calista Elders' Benefit Program Distribution**—totaling **\$915,000**. This distribution provided \$350 each to every original Shareholders at least 65 years old—an increase of \$25 more for each Elder than the year before. This year marks a total **\$8.2 million to Calista Elders** over the past 13 years.

At the Annual Meeting of Shareholders in 2007, Shareholders voted to create an Elders' Benefits Program, and the Board has authorized an Elders' Benefit distribution each year since 2008.



Since inception, Calista has declared more than \$77.8 million in dividends and distributions and \$8.2 million in Elders' Benefit Program distributions to Shareholders. That's a total of \$86 million to benefit Shareholders and \$51.6 million of that to Shareholders in the YK Region. Over 60 percent of Shareholders live in the Region.

# SHAREHOLDER DEVELOPMENT BY THE NUMBERS



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From Calista Shareholder Margaret Warren:

“Receiving materials by email made it so easy to read through the Annual Meeting information and attend the meeting virtually. Thank you, Calista!”



### PERSONAL DATA FORM - JAN/FEB 2021

Shareholder Name \_\_\_\_\_

New Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Last 4 SSN \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Year \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like Calista to send you new Will forms?  Yes  No

Calista Shares \_\_\_\_\_

Village Corporation Shares \_\_\_\_\_

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.

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

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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