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Luke Atcherian, 11th grade student from Chevak, helps build a tiny house in Anchorage.

## CALISTA DONATES TO ALASKA EXCEL CAREER TRAINING

### INCREASED SUPPORT FUNDS MORE STUDENTS

Thanks to a significant donation from Calista Corporation, over 350 juniors and seniors from school districts in our Region are attending **Alaska EXCEL's** successful "school to life" training programs this year.

Nearly a decade ago, local teachers created Alaska EXCEL as a way to address worsening trends for high school graduation, teen suicide, and poverty in the Yukon Kuskokwim Region.

Since then, Alaska EXCEL has brought middle, junior-high and high school students to Anchorage for short, intensive programs that expose the students to a wide variety of career options and training in leadership, personal finance, communication and life skills.

On average, students who attend two or more Alaska EXCEL sessions have a **90 percent or higher graduation rate**, with many continuing their education after high school. Grants and donations from Calista and other organizations cover the cost of room and board, tuition, supplies, certificates/credits, and activities. Participating school districts—including the **Kashunamiut, Kuspuk, Lower Kuskokwim** and **Yup'it** school districts—cover student travel.

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## SHAREHOLDERS INSPIRE CULTURE AND STRENGTH

### 2022 CALISTA CORPORATION SHAREHOLDER AWARDS

Calista Corporation would like to honor the 2022 Shareholder Award recipients. Drawn from nominations submitted by fellow Shareholders, these awards recognize exceptional efforts by Shareholders and Descendants to uphold the cultural values of the Yukon Kuskokwim Region and its communities.

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- Andrew Guy,  
Calista Corporation President/CEO

"In this age of business, we must remember our cultures and traditions," said Calista Corporation President/CEO Andrew Guy. "**Cacetuukut** [juhts-DOO-goot] means 'We are unwavering, strong and brave' in Yup'ik. We are inspired by our Shareholders, and we are committed to work on their behalf."

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# BOARD MESSAGE: DIRECTOR ELECTIONS

Robert Beans, Board Chair

The Calista Corporation Board of Directors is accountable to you, the Shareholders. We are elected by you and represent you.

Only Shareholder votes can make an Annual Meeting valid. Only Shareholder votes can elect Directors. Quyana Cakneq for all Shareholders who voted this year.

Also, quyana to all candidates who ran to serve on the Calista Board leading up to the **48th Annual Meeting of Shareholders** held on June 3. And quyana to outgoing Board Director Wayne Don for his dedication and service to Shareholders and the Region.

**More than 12,000 Shareholders** voted this year during the 2022 Calista proxy voting season for

the Annual Meeting of Shareholders. Shareholders re-elected **P. George Guy** and **Johnnie Evan**, and newly elected **Jolene N. John**.

Each newly elected and re-elected director of Calista has taken the Calista Board oath before their service to Calista.

### Calista Board Oath:

*I, as a newly elected or re-elected director of Calista Corporation, do solemnly swear that I will fairly, impartially, and to the best of my ability, perform my duties to protect and preserve the assets of this Corporation, and I will faithfully adhere to the Code of Business Ethics and Conduct for Directors, so help me God.*



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Current Board Members Johnnie Evan (l) and P. George Guy (r) taking the Board Oath at the Calista Annual Meeting of Shareholders in Tuluksak on June 3, 2022.



Andrew Guy, President and CEO

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: QUYANA FOR VOTING

Andrew Guy, President and CEO

Quyana to our Shareholders for the **highest online Annual Meeting voting rate since online voting began in 2014. Nearly 8 in 10 Shareholders voted online**, and most voted within 3 minutes. The Yukon Kuskokwim communities with the highest voting rates this year were: **Akiak (80.5%), Pilot Station (76%), Quinhagak (73.1%), Napaskiak (71.8%) and Mekoryuk (71.8%)**. We work hard to make the proxy voting process effortless despite the connectivity issues we face in the Region.

**A record-breaking 78 percent of Shareholders voted online in 2022**, versus ~70% last year. **More than half of all Elders voted online**, a significant rate increase over last year.

As online voting rates have increased, so have requests to opt-in for electronic Annual Meeting materials. More than 2,100 Shareholders **opted to receive Annual Meeting materials electronically** this year, **saving ~1,300 pounds of paper**.

Shareholders voted to reelect **P. George Guy** and **Johnnie Evan**, and to elect a new director **Jolene N. John**. More than 12,000 Shareholders voted this year.

**Your vote empowers you.** Your votes count. Only Shareholder votes elect Directors. The Directors you elect set the goals for the corporation, and management works to fulfill those goals.

The votes you cast will not count if too few Shareholders vote—we must remind one another the importance of voting each year. If a majority of shares are not voted, the Annual Meeting will not proceed and additional time, cost and effort will be required to obtain quorum.

If quorum isn't met in time, there is a risk that Calista will need to print and mail voting materials again. Proxy prizes are only awarded if quorum is met. It costs **over \$100,000** just to print and mail Annual Meeting materials to Shareholders. **That's over 6 tons of paper.**

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**8 IN 10 SHAREHOLDERS VOTED ONLINE**



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"I love the fact that we get to learn new things every day," says **Thea Williams**, a senior from Akiak who attended two Alaska EXCEL sessions during the 2021-2022 school year, in which she and other students learning construction and other job-related skills by building a tiny house on an empty lot in South Anchorage.

### A FOOT IN THE DOOR

Alaska EXCEL's mix of programs is popular with students, who can earn a driver's license and gain high school credits and work-ready certificates, plus get their foot in the door for other career paths including emergency medical care, aviation, education, nursing, construction, hospitality and tourism.

"I'm excited to be able to see students going on and getting jobs and having a career that they are pleased with," says **Ray Tubbs**, who teaches Alaska EXCEL's construction specialty session.

"The kids I start with as freshmen are sometimes hesitant. Then after a couple years they are starting to teach other kids. To me, that's where the success is, when they start taking ownership and having confidence," Tubbs says.

### A VALUED PARTNERSHIP

These training programs that directly benefit Shareholders and Descendants align well with Calista Corporation's strategic goals for 2020-2024, which include **increasing Shareholder employment and education opportunities**.

Until four years ago, Calista mainly supported Alaska EXCEL by making staff available for mock interviews and job shadowing. Financial support began four years ago, and in 2021, Calista committed **\$50,000**, the largest amount so far.

"We were just thrilled. We have more students applying than ever before," says **Carol Wilson**, Alaska EXCEL's executive director.

One of the ways Calista's support will make a difference this year is allowing Alaska EXCEL to expand its summer internship program "to a whole new level," says Wilson. Twenty paid internships will be available this summer, funded by **Bilista Holding LLC, Donlin Gold, ASRC Energy Services** and the **Alaska Native Heritage Center**, she says.

"We are supporting Alaska EXCEL because we see the difference it is making for our Shareholders," says **Thom Leonard**, Calista's Vice President for Corporate Affairs, who also participates in Calista's donation committee.

Leonard says, "We are committed to providing job and training opportunities that are necessary for our younger generation to be successful in their daily lives and provide hope for their future."



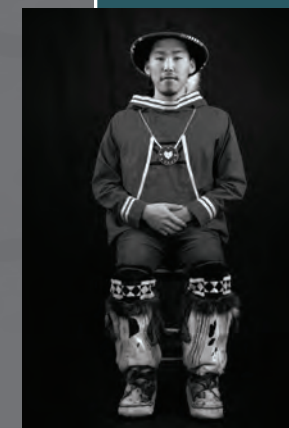
Thea Williams of Akiak helping to build a tiny house in South Anchorage



Ray Tubbs is the instructor for Alaska EXCEL's construction specialty session

## SHAREHOLDERS INSPIRE CULTURE AND STRENGTH 2022 CALISTA CORPORATION SHAREHOLDER AWARDS

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### CALISTA CULTURE BEARER: GOLGA OSCAR (KASIGLUK)

Golga Oscar is preserving culture through traditional arts and crafts and imparting that knowledge to others. He creates and teaches others how to sew traditional Yup'ik attire, traditional dance fans, headdresses, uluaq (Yup'ik knife) making, and even the proper use of the traditional skin scraper tool.

Golga attained his bachelor's degree in fine arts from the Institute of American

Indian and Alaskan Native Arts, and currently teaches Yugtun/Yuuyaraq for the Lower Kuskokwim School District in Kasigluk. He encourages his junior high and high school students to explore their indigenous identity despite western influences.



### AXEL C. JOHNSON DISTINGUISHED SHAREHOLDER: RALPH SARA (BETHEL)

Ralph Sara was born and raised in Bethel. He shares his own story of recovery from addiction as the host of the Anonymous Eskimo Recovery Podcast. Ralph's focus on the indigenous perspective, and his honest and sincere approach to talking about addiction and sobriety allows others know they are not alone in their struggles.

"In order to help our people struggling with alcohol or drug addictions, we must recover out loud," Ralph says. "Indigenous peoples need to know that they are not alone in their struggles. We can overcome and live a better life."

### CALISTA YOUTH/EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR: LEDWINA AYAPRUN JONES (SCAMMON BAY)

Ledwina Ayaprun Jones is Calista's Educator of the Year. She has lived and taught in Bethel for 50 years. She helped establish the Yup'ik immersion school in Bethel—her namesake, Ayaprun Elitnaurvik. "Love your students and the rest will fall into place," Ayaprun says.

Award recipients received an award plaque and financial reward. Recipients were also honored on June 3 at the 48th Annual Meeting of Shareholders for their contributions in upholding our cultural values.

### CALISTA ELDER OF THE YEAR: MARIE NAPOKA (TULUKSAK)

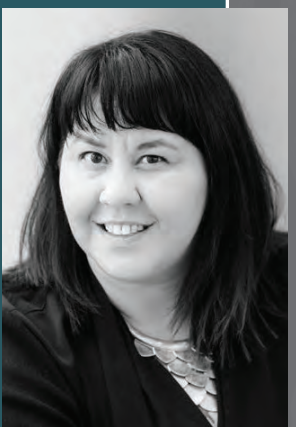
Marie Napoka has been a teacher at the Tuluksak School for about 40 years. Her daughter-in-law Kathy Napoka says, "She is a loving Elder who has love for her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She's kind to everyone she approaches." Marie periodically volunteers at the school to talk about the Yup'ik way of life and what to expect when living among the elements. She especially loves berry-picking.



### RAYMOND C. CHRISTIANSEN BUSINESS OF THE YEAR: MICHAEL FREDERICKS, SALT LLC

Michael Fredericks is the majority owner and president of SALT, a Native-owned, woman-owned small business. SALT aims to create environments for generations to thrive through strategic engagement and interior design. Her company worked on the Indigenous Place Names Project in Anchorage, a movement to bring Dena'ina culture to the modern built environment and place name signage.

Michael is currently working on the Aruqutet initiative, a program administered through Bethel Community Services Foundation to increase food security in the YK Region. Her team provides project management for the program, overseeing purchasing, logistics, and distribution of food.





# PROTECTING PUBLIC ACCESS AND SAFETY

## EASEMENTS ON CALISTA LAND TO BE RELOCATED DURING MINE OPERATIONS

One topic related to the **Donlin Gold Project** that doesn't get much attention—but is important—is how the public will travel through the surrounding area, when the project moves forward.

Fifteen public easements cross land owned by Calista Corporation and **The Kuskokwim Corporation** (TKC) in the direct vicinity of future mine operations. Even though public use is extremely low, the easements need to be rerouted or vacated (removed) during mine operations for the safety of mine employees and anyone else traveling on them.

"Relocating the easements aligns with our overall goals for Donlin Gold—to provide significant benefits to our Shareholders through safe and responsible mine development," says Calista Vice President of Land and Natural Resources Tisha Kuhns.

### PROPOSED EASEMENT PLAN

Calista, TKC and Donlin Gold need to work with the State of Alaska to determine how to provide alternate public access during mine operations.

The State of Alaska is involved because it has authority over public easements. For example, anyone who wants to create, reroute or vacate an easement needs approval from the **Alaska Department of Natural Resources (DNR)**, which gathers public input before issuing a decision.

A proposed plan has been developed which involves rerouting the easements—restoring some of them to their original location after the mine closes, and others to be permanently closed and relocated.

The **Calista Board of Directors** has approved the creation of new easements on Calista land to provide alternative public access, and DNR is expected to issue a public notice related to the easement plan for Donlin Gold this summer.

### PUBLIC INPUT

Calista invited all **Tribes** and **Village Corporations** in the Yukon Kuskokwim Region to participate in an informational call about the proposed easement plan. Before the meeting on May 11, Calista also distributed to the Tribes and Village Corporations detailed maps depicting the easements and how they can be rerouted to avoid mine operations.

During the call with Tribes and Village Corporations, Calista and Donlin Gold staff provided an overview and addressed questions related to the easements. A TKC representative also provided brief comments regarding the easement plan.

While the State of Alaska has decision-making authority on rerouting easements, Calista staff are available to discuss the topic with Tribes and other organizations. Anyone is welcome to request the easement maps, ask questions or request an additional meeting by contacting **Calista Land@calistacorp.com**.

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CALISTA LAND & NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT PRESENTS

# LANDS IN FOCUS

LOCAL HIRE ON THE YUKON DELTA WILDLIFE NATIONAL REFUGE

One of the most important programs at the **Yukon Delta National Wildlife Refuge** is a local hire program which aims to connect the refuge to the villages throughout our Region.

What's called **Resource Information Technicians**, or **RITs** for short, are locally hired positions similar to tribal liaisons.

"These employees bridge the gap between the agency and the people and organizations affected by our rules and regulations," says Yukon Delta NWR Manager **Boyd Blihovde**.

"We communicate with **60 communities** and want to do a good job at that," Blihovde says.

At one time, the vast 19-million-acre refuge had 10 technicians. Now it has three technicians and one of them is based in Bethel. Blihovde would like to build the program back to 10 positions, but that would require more funding.

Right now, Blihovde aims to fill **two RIT job openings**. Recruitment will continue through mid-June, and longer, if necessary, to fill the positions.

These are year-round jobs, working a minimum of 16 hours per week. The ideal candidates have strong cultural knowledge and speak Yup'ik, Cup'ik or Athabascan.



Refuge Information Technician David Therchik holding an emperor goose. Photo credit: USFWS.

"The RIT program was dreamed up and invented here, and it grew into a regionwide program. I think it is an example to the rest of the nation on how we should be working with tribal governments and organizations," Blihovde says.

Calista supports the RIT program, says Calista Vice President of Land & Natural Resources **Tisha Kuhns**.

"We strongly encourage our Shareholders who meet the job qualifications to apply. As

Shareholders, we can serve as caretakers of our land through direct employment or by joining advisory committees."

If you are interested in applying, call the refuge at **907-543-5131** or contact **Calista Land@calistacorp.com** for assistance in filling out an application.





# CALISTA CELEBRATES ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY

## ELDERS SHARE MEMORIES FROM CALISTA'S INCORPORATION



Scan to learn more.

From time immemorial, Elders have guided and instructed us on what we must do. In the 1960s, they encouraged young, English-speaking Alaska Native men and women to fight for our lands.

These young people helped negotiate and implement the **Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA)**, which created 12 regional corporations and over 200 village corporations, entitling them to 40 million acres of land and nearly \$1 billion in compensation for land lost in the settlement agreement.

The young Alaska Native men and women made sacrifices to work on the land claims—paying for their own travel and meals to participate in meetings.

Like many others, **Robert Nick** of Nunapitchuk left his full-time job, spending weeks and months at a time away from his young wife and small daughter.

"I always remember a gentleman from Kasigluk, who was looking right at me and said they tried their best to lead with what little education they had. And he looked at me closer, with wide-open eyes, and he said, 'You have all got more education than we have, and you can lead us from here on.' And that's what instilled in me that we need to stand up to this effort," Nick said in an interview this year.

### CALISTA'S FIVE INCORPORATORS

President Richard Nixon signed ANCSA on December 18, 1971, but the bill did not create Calista overnight.

After ANCSA passed, the **Association of Village Council Presidents (AVCP)** board met to discuss how to move forward. The board members at the time included **Robert Nick**, **Fred Notti**, then of Aniak, **Elizabeth Joe (Beans)**, then of Nightmute, the late **Philip Guy** of Kwethluk, and the late **Moses Paukan** and **William Tyson**, both of St. Mary's.

The AVCP board decided to create a separate, for-profit ANCSA corporation, called **Calista**, meaning "the worker," while retaining AVCP as the regional nonprofit corporation. In June 1972, five of the board members—Nick, Notti, Beans, Tyson and Guy—traveled to Washington, D.C. to serve as Calista's incorporators.

Each of these incorporators played an important role in our Region, before and after Calista's formation.

Nick, for example, became heavily involved in the 1960s' federal anti-poverty programs, helping form the statewide nonprofit **RurAL CAP**, as well as its related nonprofit in Bethel, **Yupiktak Bista**. He was also involved in the creation of the **Alaska Federation of Natives (AFN)** and the **Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corporation**.

Fred Notti owned a flight service at various times based in Bethel, Aniak and St. Mary's. To this day he is remembered for donating his time, his plane and fuel to pick up AFN delegates throughout Alaska for meetings on land claims legislation. He also served as Calista's first president.

Elizabeth Joe (Beans) worked in education. She was Calista's board secretary during the June 1972 meeting when the **U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI)** approved Calista's organizing papers, according to an interview with the late **Paul Dixon**, an AVCP consultant, published in the 2012 book "Mission of Change in Southwest Alaska" by Ann Fienup-Riordan.

William Tyson is remembered for his outreach to Yup'ik-only speaking Elders about ANCSA enrollment and land selections. "Some of them were hesitant to enroll. The Elders related to William very well, and I think because of that, and because they trusted William, they enrolled," recalled **Nelson Angapak**, who joined Calista in 1973 as a deputy director in the Land Department.

The late Phillip Guy provided leadership and education on land selections. He worked closely with villages to make sure they enrolled every eligible Shareholder. This was needed to select the maximum amount of land from the federal government.

### NEXT STEPS

When Calista's five incorporators traveled to Washington, D.C., the DOI officials told them they needed to revise their incorporation papers.

But because they had traveled together, the incorporators—Calista's first board—were able to work together quickly to revise the paperwork and approve the changes, obligating DOI to approve the amended materials without further delay.

According to Dixon, the Calista board approved the changes, sitting in the DOI offices, voting "yes" with their eyebrows, to the consternation of the federal officials, who then polled them one by one.

On June 1, 1972, **DOI Assistant Secretary Harrison Loesch** signed and approved Calista's articles of incorporation.

One more step was needed after the Washington, D.C. trip: the creation of the legal, for-profit corporation under state law. That happened on June 12, 1972, when the State of Alaska issued Calista's Certificate of Incorporation.



Calista Shareholders attending the first Annual Meeting in September 1974.

### ONLY THE BEGINNING

After its incorporation, Calista received an initial \$500,000 check for its share of ANCSA's \$1 billion financial settlement, using the money to open offices in Anchorage and Bethel. The remaining ANCSA payments were made in installments over a period of years.

In the first Annual Report to Shareholders, published in 1974, President Ray C. Christiansen of Bethel described "many long hours" of work to begin providing ANCSA benefits to Calista Shareholders, realizing that "land was the most important thing to our people."

"In the beginning the job to be done seemed so difficult that many of us felt we wouldn't be able to be where we are today," Christiansen wrote.

Calista had to enroll thousands of Shareholders, establish financial practices, and set business goals and objectives. This was on top of other urgent matters, such as helping the 56 new Village Corporations with their enrollment, budgets and land selections.

"I have a lot of memories of those years," Nick said. "No other law, no other event, throughout the history of Alaska, has had [such an] impact on its indigenous people."

"Sometimes when I try to put it into words, it's almost indescribable," he said.

"For the Shareholders of Calista, I wanted to share this, because even though I am no longer involved in these many meetings ... I still think of them almost daily, praying for them, praying that they succeed, that they live easier, that their education opportunities are more available, and their health issues attended to."



The incorporators of Calista Corporation met in Washington, D.C. at the Dept. of the Interior for ceremonies to approve the creation of the first three corporations on June 1, 1972. From left to right: Assistant Secretary of the Interior Harrison Loesch, Senator Ted Stevens, Elizabeth Beans, Paul Dixon, William Tyson, Fred Notti, Robert Nick and Phillip Guy. Photo Credit: Dept of Interior/Ted Stevens Foundation photo.



Robert Nick with his wife, the late Elena Nick, and his daughter Kristine



# GET READY FOR RANKED CHOICE VOTING

Q&A WITH MICHELLE MACUAR SPARCK OF **GET OUT THE NATIVE VOTE**



In the August 16 primary election for state and federal candidates, Alaskans will have their first opportunity to vote using the state's new ranked-choice voting system.

One of the people who is preparing Alaskans for this new way of voting is Calista Shareholder Michelle Macuar Sparck, who has a key role with Get Out the Native Vote (GOTNV), a non-partisan voter education effort affiliated with the Cook Inlet Tribal Council. Sparck is the CITC Director of Strategic Initiatives.

We recently interviewed Sparck, who is originally from Bethel, about ranked choice voting and the importance of voting to our Region.

## WHAT IS RANKED CHOICE VOTING?

It is the law right now for how we conduct elections in Alaska. Alaskans will pick their top choice, and then have the opportunity to rank their second, third and fourth choice. For any candidate to win, they need to get 50 percent plus 1 vote.

## WHAT IS YOUR ROLE WITH GET OUT THE NATIVE VOTE?

Our organization is educational and non-partisan, and hopefully a trusted resource for our community. We won't tell you who or what to vote for, but how to vote so that it counts. In August, we'll be hosting a polling station. Early and absentee voters from any district can come here and we'll walk them through the process.

### AUGUST 16:

- Voters will rank their top four candidates in the special election to fill out Congressman Young's two-year term
- Voters will pick their top choice (only one candidate per race) in the state/federal primary election

### NOVEMBER 8:

- Voters will rank their top four candidates for each race in the state/federal general election

## WHAT IS THE UPCOMING SCHEDULE FOR RANKED CHOICE VOTING THIS YEAR?

Remember the June 11 special primary election for serving out Congressman Young's term? In a special election on August 16, Alaska voters will use ranked choice voting to determine the winner among those top four vote getters.

The regular statewide primary for August 16 is separate from the special election, and there you are picking your one favored candidate per Gubernatorial/US Senate/US Congress/State House & Senate race. The top four vote getters here move on to the November 8 ballot, in which ranked choice voting will be engaged again.

## WHY DO CALISTA SHAREHOLDERS NEED TO VOTE?

The YK is a special place. It's like an incubator where communities grow bigger and mature in the services they need to provide. Our elected officials are the ones involved in funding for Tribal programs every year, they can affect everything we do. We're their boss, and if they don't hear from us, we may not get what we need.

With our population, we have the potential to have a huge pull, and that means coming out in force to vote.

### RANKED CHOICE VOTING BALLOT MARKING GUIDE

**CORRECT:**

Fill in one oval per candidate, in each column.

Ranking other candidates does not affect your 1st choice but you do not have to rank all candidates.

	1st Choice	2nd Choice	3rd Choice	4th Choice	5th Choice
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Candidate B	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Candidate C	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Candidate D	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Write in: TWX	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>

Optional Write-in: Write their name on the "write in line" and fill their oval in the column of your choice.

**WRONG:**

Do NOT rank a candidate more than once. Your vote only counts once for that candidate no matter how many times you rank that candidate.

	1st Choice	2nd Choice	3rd Choice	4th Choice	5th Choice
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Write in: TWX	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>

Do NOT give multiple candidates the same ranking. This is an overvote and counting stops at the point of the overvote.

	1st Choice	2nd Choice	3rd Choice	4th Choice	5th Choice
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Do NOT skip two or more sequential rankings. If you do, only the rankings before the skipped rankings will count.

	1st Choice	2nd Choice	3rd Choice	4th Choice	5th Choice
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**WHAT TO EXPECT**

1st choice results reported	Ongoing ballot counting	Counting rounds start
General Election Night	For eligible absentee and questioned ballots	15 days after Election Day Final unofficial results reported

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### RANKED CHOICE VOTING COUNTING GUIDE

**WHAT:** In all state and federal general elections, voters rank candidates in order of preference, instead of only choosing one.

**HOW:** Ballots are counted in rounds. If a candidate gets 50% + 1 vote in round one, they win. Candidates are eliminated until two candidates remain and the candidate with the most votes wins.

#### ROUND 1

Only your 1st choice ranking is counted.

Candidate	1st Choice
A	7
B	6
C	3
D	4

If a candidate gets 50% + 1 vote, they win.

If not, the counting goes to Round 2.

#### ROUND 2

The candidate with the fewest votes gets eliminated.

Candidate	1st Choice	2nd Choice
A	7	1
B	6	1
C	4	1

If you voted for that candidate, your vote goes to your next choice and you still have a say in who wins.

If more than two candidates are left, counting continues.

#### ROUND 3 (and beyond)

The candidate with the most votes wins.

Candidate	1st Choice	2nd Choice	3rd Choice
A	7	1	1
B	6	1	4

If two candidates are left, the candidate with the most votes wins.

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CALISTA EDUCATION & CULTURE, INC. PRESENTS

# YUP'IK TEACHING MOMENT



NERANGNAQSARAM NALLI (NUHG-AHNG-NUUK-SA-GHAM NAH-THLEE) "THE SEASON FOR SUBSISTENCE AND GATHERING"

Calista Education & Culture, Inc. (CECI) presents the *Yup'ik Teaching Moment* in our *Storyknife* newsletter. CECI highlights *Yuuyaraq*, the traditional/cultural way of being in our Region. Yup'ik Teaching Moment is provided by Mark John, CECI Cultural Advisor.

All over the Calista Region, spring, summer and fall are heavy subsistence hunting, fishing and gathering seasons. In preparation for the seasons, Elders and parents talk about being prepared with all you will need.

During the winter, men were told to prepare oneself by helping those who are elderly, the widows, and those who cannot do for themselves—receiving blessings from those they helped. Elders voiced the importance of preparing all gear necessary for each following season, saying the fish and animals are not going to wait for you when the season comes.

For women, the message was the same. They were told to prepare what they needed for the different types of food they would take care of and gather. It was vital for the area they cut and hung food

to be prepared and ready—so they could have the food preserved throughout the year.

Not sleeping too much and not being lazy were stressed. Those who rose early and worked hard would have it easier throughout the year.

Everyone had a role. Each member of the family was given a role that fit them. For the youth, that role changed as they grew. Older members always advised younger members to watch and learn as their parents and others did their part, so they can learn through observation.

**Nerangnaqsaram Nalli (NUHG-ahng-nuuk-sa-gham NAH-thlee) is Yup'ik for "the season for subsistence and gathering."**

Good luck to everyone in the coming seasons.





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All Valid Online Proxies Received By May 18, 5pm AKST

- **\$10,000 Prize** - Rhonda M. McKindy (Anchorage)
- **\$2,500 Prize** - Ida L. Nash (Chevak)
- **\$1,000 Prize** - Nicolette L. Barnes (Kenai), Thomas B. Charles (Las Vegas, NV), Carlton J. Johnson (St. Mary's), Blaine J. Mochin (Nunapitchuk), Theodora N. Sipary (Napaskiak)

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All Valid Proxies Received By May 25, 5pm AKST

- **\$10,000 Prize** - Robert F. White (Quinhagak)
- **\$2,500 Prize** - Dorothy E. Kiokun (Mekoryuk)
- **\$1,000 Prize** - Marjorie Mellick (Anchorage), Jeanette L. Hoffman (Aniak), Desa J. O. Charles (Bethel), Derick L. Evon (Manokotak), Aleck P. Leichty (Kotlik)

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- **\$5,000 Online Regular Prize** - Andrenia E. Rice (Eureka, CA)
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## PERSONAL DATA FORM - MAY/JUNE 2022

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

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

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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 \_\_\_\_\_

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