

## SUMMARY

Strategic and culturally grounded leader with extensive experience in Alaska Native governance, senior-level program management, and regional community development. Demonstrated success in leading cross-sector initiatives, overseeing operations, and advancing policy rooted in Unanga̋ values. Adept at building high-performance teams, evaluating programs for sustainability, and aligning organizational goals with community priorities. Recognized for fostering trust, bridging traditional knowledge with modern governance, and driving Indigenous-led systems change.

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## CORE COMPETENCIES

- Strategic Planning & Regional Coordination
  - Policy Development & Implementation
  - Tribal Governance & Intergovernmental Relations
  - Program & Grant Management
  - Budgeting & Fiscal Oversight
  - Cultural Competency & Indigenous Values Integration
  - Public Relations & Media Development
  - Community Engagement & Consensus Building
  - Proficient in Microsoft Office, Publisher, Canva, and data tracking platforms
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## KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES

- **Effective Tribal and Community Engagement:** Over a decade of direct service to Alaska Native communities through program leadership, advocacy, and cultural initiatives.
- **Leadership & Relationship Building:** Proven record in building strong coalitions, navigating political structures, and leading with cultural integrity and trust.
- **Exceptional Communication Skills:** Skilled in public speaking, facilitating stakeholder meetings, and writing grants, reports, and culturally aligned outreach materials.
- **Technology & Project Management:** Proficient in Microsoft Office Suite, Canva, Publisher, and engagement tracking platforms. Experienced with remote coordination and reporting systems.
- **Calm Under Pressure:** Thrives in high-stakes settings; able to juggle competing priorities, adapt quickly, and maintain professionalism in dynamic, cross-sector environments.
- **High Emotional Intelligence & Cultural Sensitivity:** Leads with respect, self-awareness, and an understanding of Indigenous trauma, history, and resilience.

## EDUCATION

### University of Alaska Fairbanks

**B.A. Rural Development**, Concentration: Community Health & Wellness | May 2022

**Mt. Edgecumbe High School**, Sitka AK, High School Diploma | 2010-2006

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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### Director of Regional Strategy and Policy

*The Aleut Corporation, Anchorage, AK*

**Oct 2025 – Present**

- Leads regional collaboration and strategic initiatives that strengthen partnerships among tribal, municipal, and nonprofit organizations—advancing shared priorities like economic development, community resilience, and reduced duplication of services.
- Drives programs supporting shareholder and community well-being, including workforce development, cultural preservation, and access to resources—resulting in increased engagement and measurable community impact.

### Victim Services Investigator

*Aleut Community of St. Paul Island Tribal Government, Anchorage, AK*

**May 2025 – Oct 2025**

- Led investigations and response planning for services involving tribal members affected by trauma and crime.
- Applied culturally appropriate and trauma-informed practices rooted in Unanga values.
- Supported interdepartmental policy development and regional collaboration.

### Wellness Project Coordinator

*Aleutian Pribilof Islands Association, Inc. (APIA), Anchorage, AK*

**Aug 2023 – May 2025**

- Directed the CDC-funded “Good Health and Wellness in Indian Country (GHWIC)” initiative across 13 tribal communities.
- Designed and implemented culturally relevant wellness campaigns and community health assessments.
- Facilitated tribal network meetings, developed internal and external communications, and ensured compliance with federal grant reporting requirements.

### Cultural Community Liaison

*Aleutian Pribilof Islands Association, Inc. (APIA), Anchorage, AK*

**Mar 2021 – Aug 2023**

- Coordinated between tribal governments and APIA’s Cultural Heritage and Victim Services Programs.

- Supported program development and outreach for urban Unanga̋ cultural events and trauma recovery initiatives.
- Served as a strategic connector between rural communities and organizational leadership.

**Mayor & Council Member**

*City of Cold Bay, Cold Bay, AK*

**Oct 2014 – Oct 2016 & Oct 2022 – Aug 2023**

- Oversaw municipal governance and chaired council meetings for a rural Alaska community.
- Collaborated with stakeholders to address infrastructure, policy, and fiscal needs.
- Assisted with city budgets, capital improvement plans, and public engagement strategies.

**Library Director**

*City of Cold Bay, Cold Bay, AK*

**Oct 2016 – Aug 2023**

- Managed library operations, staff, and volunteer engagement.
- Developed and delivered public programming aligned with community interests and educational goals.
- Maintained grant compliance and prepared monthly council reports.

**Commercial Salmon Fisherman Deckhand**

*F/V Brandy C. Nelson Lagoon, AK*

**Seasonally 2010-2017**

- Participated in all aspects of commercial salmon fishing operations, including gear preparation, net setting, and catch handling.
- Maintained vessel equipment and ensured safe deck operations in challenging weather and sea conditions.

**TRIBAL & COMMUNITY AFFILIATIONS**

- Tribal Member, Native Village of Nelson Lagoon
- Shareholder, Aleut Corporation
- Long-term resident and cultural advocate for Unanga̋ communities
- Board Director Southwest Alaska Municipal Conference 2018-2020
- Advocate for Unanga̋ cultural preservation, youth engagement, and Indigenous leadership development