

Alaska Native Advisory Council

UAF Institute of Arctic Biology
Bonanza Creek Long-Term Ecological Research
Spring 2023

Three Current Members

- Eva Dawn Burk, UAF Natural Resources Management Graduate Candidate
- Tirzah Bryant, UAF Wildlife Biology B.S. '22
- Freddie R. Olin IV, UAF Rural Development B.A. '21

**Actively recruiting for more members: ideally with familial ties to the Interior*

Eva Dawn Burk Bio Sketch

Eva Dawn Burk is an enrolled member of the federally recognized tribe Nenana Native Village. Her research focuses on healing through food and culture by revitalizing local food systems using traditional Athabascan practices and incorporating sustainable agriculture.

Tirzah Bryant Bio Sketch

Tirzah is an enrolled member of the federally recognized tribe Loudon Tribal Council (Galena). Her undergraduate research focused on subsistence food sources in Interior Alaska with snowshoe hares. She plans to pursue a Master of Science degree in Wildlife Biology at UAF studying the Galena Mountain Caribou Herd.




Freddie R. Olin IV Bio Sketch

Freddie R. Olin IV is an enrolled member of the federally recognized tribe Tanana Tribal Council. His undergraduate research and current professional work focuses on climate change impacts to Alaska Native subsistence and climate change adaptation for Alaska Native land ownership in Interior Alaska. He will begin the UAF Rural Development Master of Arts degree program Spring 2024.

Mission



Collaborate with Alaska Native villages, students, researchers, and Elders to better understand how Long Term Ecological Research can better serve the needs of Alaska Native villages, hunters, fishermen, and gatherers throughout Interior Alaska.



Vision

Leverage partnerships for program and project funding opportunities whether academic research or agency-led ecological, environmental, and/or fish and game management, while maintaining an Alaska Native perspective, focus, and benefit.





Values and Principles

- *Village cooperation and responsibility to village*
 - *Respect for Elders and others*
 - *Fostering youth education and positive growth experiences*
 - *Respect for land and culture*
 - *Honesty and fairness*
 - *Respect for knowledge and wisdom from life experiences*
 - *Practice and respect for Alaska Native traditions*
 - *Honoring ancestors*
 - *Humor*
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Purpose

Each member has a unique set of personal, familial, and academic background experience, and as a new council our efforts will bring a diverse energy and value to the UAF Institute of Arctic Biology as a whole.



Collaboration and Project
Opportunities:

*Nenana Agriculture and Traditional
Food Security*

Interior Herd Caribou Habitat

*Gana-A'Yoo Forest Stewardship Plan
2024-2034*

Contact Information *for Collaboration*

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