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Announcing new Chief Human Resources Officer Memry Dahl

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I'm pleased to announce that UAA alumna Memry Dahl will serve as the system's new Chief Human Resources Officer. She will begin on April 13, will be based in Anchorage, and is committed to spending adequate time in Fairbanks and Juneau.

Memry currently serves as the Senior Director of Human Resources and Administration at Koniag, Inc, the Alaska regional corporation serving the Kodiak Island area. She also held HR leadership positions at the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium, The Aleut Corporation, and First Alaskans Institute. In addition to a bachelor's degree from UAA, she holds a master's in human resources management from the Keller Graduate School of Management at DeVry University and PHR (Professional in Human Resources) certification. Memry is Alaska Native and a shareholder of The Aleut Corporation.

She brings a strong foundation in human resources in complex organizations that have diverse business units operating under the same umbrella organization. This experience will serve her - and us - well. Working with university leadership and the HR team, she'll take a holistic approach to meeting our human resources needs and building a culture of empowered employees.

This selection is the result of a national search. The search committee* included representatives from each of our universities, the system office, faculty governance, and staff governance. I thank them for their work throughout the search process. They recommended two strong finalists for the position, and I firmly believe that Memry is the best fit for us.

I also want to thank David Bishko for his service as Acting CHRO since Steve Patin's departure last year. He's gained valuable insight on our operations and organizational culture in this role, which will serve us well as he returns his focus to serving as a business strategist for the system office and as he works with Memry through the transition.

Please join me in welcoming Memry Dahl to the University of Alaska team.

Sincerely,
Pat Pitney
University of Alaska President

*** Search committee**

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