

Joe Nelson | Kaaxúngu

Teikweidi/Brown Bear from Yakutat, child of the Kwaashk'i kwaan

Summary

Traditional Tlingit village upbringing; Proven leadership in policy-making and executive management roles in higher education, non-profit organizations, and ANCSA for profit corporations; Exceptional credentials. Gets the job done with a strong sense of purpose and humility. Committed to Southeast Alaska. Here to serve.

Education

Loyola Law School 2001
Juris Doctorate

UCLA 1998
MA, American Indian
Studies

UCLA 1996
BA, Political Science

Yakutat H.S. 1988
Diploma

Experience

2003 to present • Chairman since 2014 • Board of Directors • **Sealaska**
2006 to present • Board of Trustees • **Sealaska Heritage Institute**
2018 to present • Board of Directors • **Spruce Root**
2020 to present • Cochair • **Alaska Federation of Natives**

2012 to 2018 • Vice Chancellor of Enrollment Management and Student Affairs •
University of Alaska Southeast

2010 to 2012 • Dean of Enrollment Management • University of Alaska Southeast
2007 to 2010 • Director of Admissions • University of Alaska Southeast
2006 to 2007 • Associate Vice Provost • University of Alaska Southeast
2004 to 2006 • PITAAS Program Director • University of Alaska Southeast

2002 to 2016 • Board of Directors • Chairman 9 years, CEO ~1year • Yak-tat Kwaan
2004 • Assistant City Attorney • City and Borough of Juneau
2001 to 2003 • Associate Attorney • Simpson, Tillinghast, Sorensen, & Longenbaugh
1988 to 2007 • Self-employed • Commercial Fisherman • Yakutat, Alaska
1999 to 2000 • Staff Writer • Entertainment Law Review • Loyola Law School
1998 • Teaching Assistant • American Indian Studies • UCLA
1997 • Editorial Columnist • Daily Bruin Newspaper • UCLA
1994 to 1996 • Project Director • Retention of American Indians Now! • UCLA
1993 to 1994 • Apartment Manager • RST & Associates • Los Angeles, California

Key Skills

Strategy
Leading organizational
change
Building partnerships
Leading diverse groups
Delivering meaningful results
Public relations
Advocacy
Student success
Inclusivity

Results

Played an instrumental role in crafting the strategy and executing a successful restructure of a large Alaska Native Corporation.

Wear many hats, but they all serve the same purpose – strengthening Alaska, southeast Alaska in particular.

Established a \$21+M fund known as Seacoast Trust to fund the Sustainable Southeast Partnership.

Core member on many teams, committees, networks, e.g., Indigenous Guardians, Sustainable Southeast Partnership, Moananuiakea planning, SSP Healing Committee, UA Alaska Native Success Steering Committee

Built a strong and diverse team at the University.

Founding member of Alaska's Postsecondary Access Network.

Volunteer, Service, Membership

2014 to present

President since 2022 • Board of Directors • **Alaska Legal Services**

2018 to present

President since 2021 • Board of Trustees • **Outer Coast College**

2021 to present

Board of Directors • **Alaska Ocean Center**

2013 to 2017

Board member • Pres. 1 yr • Alaska Postsecondary Access Network

2006 to 2016

Board member • Juneau Lions Club

2013 to 2015

Board member • National Council on Alcohol and Drug Dependency

2010 to 2013 • Board member • Alaska Committee

2002 to present • Board member • **Alaska Bar Association**

Talks, Conferences, etc...

Too many

Publications

Article, *The Realities of a Tribal-Federal Relationship*, Cultural Survival Quarterly, Fall 2003

Note, *California High Court Strikes Down Indian Gaming in Hotel Employees International v. Davis*, *Indian Gaming: Who Wins?*, eds. Angela Mullis and David Kamper (LA: UCLA American Indian Studies Center, 2003)

Book Review, *Will the Time Ever Come?*, American Indian Culture and Research Journal, Vol. 25, 2001

Book Review, *The Living Tradition of Yupik Masks*, Oral History Review, Fall 1997