41<sup>st</sup> Annual

# Business Leader of the Year Banquet *honoring*

of Denali State Bank

Saturday, April 15, 2017

Steve Lundgren

6 p.m. Cocktails 7 p.m. Dinner Westmark Hotel Gold Room Fairbanks, Alaska

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Steve Lundgren is President and CEO of Denali State Bank, a locally-owned community bank. Steve's career in the financial services industry is a true success story spanning over three decades, during which he has served the Fairbanks business community as a leader, mentor, and influencer.

Steve began his career in Oregon as a management trainee at a small savings and loan after graduating from Oregon State University. After working locally for Alaska USA FCU, Steve accepted a position at Key Bank working

with Mike Milam, who would become a lifelong friend. After nearly 15 years at Key Bank, Steve was offered a position at Mt. McKinley Bank, where he worked for six years before moving to Denali State Bank.

He has been a progressive leader in the local banking industry and is also well recognized nationally. He's the Alaskan representative on the American Bankers Association Community Bankers Council, and he's past president of the Alaska Bankers Association, representing all seven banks that operate within the state of Alaska.

Steve serves on the board of directors, is a past board chair, and currently chairs the Finance Committee of the Greater Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce. He's a member and past president of the Fairbanks Sunrisers Rotary Club, and a former board chair of Fairbanks Economic Development Corporation.

He also has a long history of supporting the military. He's a member of the Alaskan Command Civilian Advisory Board, and he currently serves as National Treasurer of the Air Force Association, headquartered in Washington, D.C. Steve is also the Alaska vicechair and Northern Alaska region chair for the Alaska Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve.

Steve served for many years on the Fairbanks Chamber's Military Affairs Committee, and the fruits of his efforts are apparent in the announcements regarding military expansion. He was active in promoting Eielson AFB during the threats of closure or realignment, as well as promoting the F-35s introduction to Eielson AFB. Steve understands the economic impacts on the community and the needs for housing, financing, and community services that adding several thousand new residents will entail. In the year 2000, Steve received the prestigious Jim Messer Award, given by the Fairbanks Chamber at the Military Appreciation Banquet to an individual who best promoted military/ community relations over the years.

He is a remarkable advocate for education. He serves on the UAF Advocacy Committee and in this capacity, has provided testimony to the UA Board of Regents and other legislative bodies in support of the university's mission. Steve provides support and mentorship for university students and local young professionals. Steve is proud that 16 of his 80 employees at Denali State Bank have degrees from UAF, many from the School of Management, and others are currently attending school at UAF.



# 6 p.m. No-Host Cocktails

7 p.m. Welcome

Claire Everts Zachary Morris

Invocation

Nancy Hanson

Dinner

8 p.m. *Opening Remarks* 

UA President Jim Johnsen UAF Chancellor Dana Thomas SOM Dean Mark Herrmann

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Aaron Cottle, SOM Student Lorna Shaw, Sumitomo Pogo Mine (BLOY 2014)

Guest Speakers

Bill Bailey, Alyeska Pipeline Service Company Dan Gavora, Doyon Utilities (BLOY 2013)

Pin Presentation

Bob Hajdukovich (BLOY 2016)

Acceptance Remarks

Steve Lundgren

Door Prizes

Sara McBride

Llosing Remarks

Aaron Cottle

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Four main disciplines comprise the School of Management: Accounting, Business Administration, Economics, and Homeland Security and Emergency Management. SOM offers both undergraduate and graduate degrees. Faculty in these programs work together as an integrated team to provide challenging and fulfilling education to our students in order to produce stellar Alaska business graduates.

# Degrees Available

## Undergraduate

Accounting Business Administration Economics Homeland Security and Emergency Management

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Master of Business Administration Master of Security and Disaster Management M.S. in Resource and Applied Economics Ph.D. in Natural Resources and Sustainability

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Accounting Economics Emergency Management Finance General Business Leadership Management & Organizations Marketing Military Science & Leadership (ROTC) Military Securities Studies Occupational Endorsement in Homeland Security Sports Management

# Business Leader of the Year Committee

## **Committee Co-Chairs**

Claire Everts

#### **Decoration Committee**

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## **Door Prize Committee**

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# Community Nomination Letters

Nominations for the Business Leader of the Year are taken year round with the deadline in November. Candidates are chosen on merits of their leadership, business accomplishments, community involvement and educational support. It starts with one simple nomination and often additional letters are provided to support the nomination.

**Betsy Campbell**, AVP and Denali State Bank Branch Manager, nominated Steve Lundgren and the following community members submitted letters of support:

Rebecca Dean, Sportsmedicine Fairbanks

Jim Dodson, Fairbanks Economic Development Corporation

**Dan Gavora**, Doyon Utilities and 2012 Business Leader of the Year

**David Hale**, Hale & Associates and 2013 Business Leader of the Year

**Luke Hopkins**, Community Member and Former Mayor of Fairbanks North Star Borough

Derek Miller, Institute of Northern Engineering

Rick Schikora, Warwick & Schikora, CPAs

"The reaction of many of the past recipients has been – why me? There are plenty of deserving members of the community. Steve's reaction will be no doubt be the same. Folks who go about doing good things don't do it for the recognition or awards. Like Steve, they do it or the good of the community."

~ RICK SCHIKORA, WARWICK & SCHIKORA, CPAs



**Steve Lundgren** 2017 UAF School of Management Business Leader of the Year

Steve and the Denali State Bank board, management & staff appreciate the opportunity to live, work and play in the Greater Fairbanks community. We're grateful for the opportunity to support our University and the School of Management students.



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# Leaders make change reality.

Thank you, **Steve Lundgren,** for your service to Alaska.

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# We've crunched the numbers and concluded:

Steve Lundgren is #1

GCI congratulates Steve Lundgren on being selected as the 2017 UAF Business Leader of the Year!

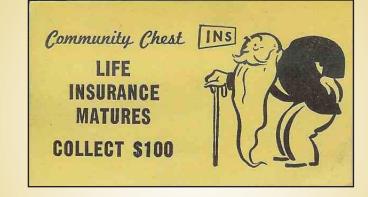






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Steve Lundgren Business Leader of the Year





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#### **Congratulations Steve.**

#### Congratulations Steve Lundgren!

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"Steve seizes all opportunities to build Fairbanks and its businesses. He is laser focused on keeping Fairbanks dollars in our community. He is a remarkable advocate for education and mentoring students."

~ REBECCA DEAN, SPORTSMEDICINE FAIRBANKS

#### Steve,

You are always a joy to work with, and your contributions to this community are vast and never-ending! **Congratulations!** 

#### Congratulations:

Mayor Karl W. Kassel and FNSB Administration



# **Congratulations Steve!**

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1978	Joseph Usibelli, Sr.	1998	Margaret Russell
1979	Ron Nerland*	1999	Rhonda Boyles
1980	Wally Burnett*	2000	George E. Gordon*
1981	Ray Kohler*	2001	Steve Frank & Linda Anderson
1982	Marc Langland	2002	Bart LeBon
1983	Judy Robertson Divinyi	2003	John Hill
1984	Lawrence Heiner	2004	Michael Cook
1985	Jeff Cook	2005	Ginger Stock-McKenzie
1986	William Green*	2006	Jim Lund
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1993	Jim & Jinx Whitaker	2013	David Hale
1994	Larry Doll	2014	Lorna Shaw
1995	Gary Wilken	2015	Andy Warwick
1996	Norm & Angie Kruckenberg	2016	Bob Hajdukovich

\*Deceased

The UAF School of Management would like to **THANK YOU** for sharing this evening with us.

It is a great pleasure to honor **Steve Lundgren** as the **41**<sup>st</sup> **RECIPIENT** of the

Business Leader of the Year