

36th Annual

Business Leader of the Year Banquet

honoring

Dan Gavora

of Doyon Utilities



Friday, March 30, 2012

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

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Dan Gavora

Dan moved to Alaska with his parents when he was less than a year old. Growing up in Fairbanks, he learned the value of local involvement at an early age. Dan's parents instilled in him a strong work ethic and a sense of community caring that serves him still today. Dan's father, Paul Gavora, was the very first UAF Business Leader of the Year recipient in 1977, demonstrating the legacy of the Gavora family in Fairbanks.

Dan's career began in the retail grocery business, where he worked his way up to various management positions. For the nearly 10 years prior to joining Doyon Utilities, he provided direct oversight as the President/CEO of Fairbanks Sewer & Water, the second largest water and wastewater utility in Alaska. Dan is currently the President/CEO of Doyon Utilities, LLC. Doyon Utilities owns and operates the privatized utilities at all three Army posts in Alaska. Dan was instrumental in developing the proposal that resulted in Doyon Utilities receiving the award for the utilities. This Army privatization is the largest privatization ever awarded by the US government. Dan also serves as Board Chairman for Denali State Bank and is a member of the Alaskan Command's Civilian Advisory Board.

Dan clearly "walks the walk" when it comes to community involvement. He has routinely taken leadership roles including chairing the United Way Campaign where his fundraising efforts established a new record for the Fairbanks community. He has also been a staunch supporter of the community Golden Days celebration, encouraging businesses to become more involved in the summer extravaganza. His companies actively contribute to the American Heart Association's Heart Walk and employee participation has been exceptional due to his leadership. In recognition of Dan's strong community contributions, he has been honored by the Greater Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce as its 2004 George Nerbhas Award recipient for outstanding community involvement.

Dan is an avid supporter of the UAF scholarship program. In 1999, he was on the corporate Board of Directors that made the first \$10,000 contribution to the Chancellor's matching grant program. Gavora employs UAF graduates and has several employees currently enrolled at UAF.



Business Leader of the Year Banquet

6 p.m. *No-Host Cocktails*

7 p.m. *Welcome*

ASB President Bobby Desrochers

Invocation

Nancy Hanson

Dinner

8 p.m. *Opening Remarks*

ASB President Bobby Desrochers

SOM Dean Mark Herrmann

UAF Chancellor Brian Rogers

Guest Speakers

Andy Warwick

Jo Heckman

Rudy Gavora

Pin Presentation

Kyong Hollen

Award Presentation

Bobby Desrochers

Paul Gavora

Acceptance Remarks

Dan Gavora

Auction

Dr. Cary S. Keller & Bart LeBon

Door Prizes & Closing Remarks

Suzie Avant & Kyla Stark

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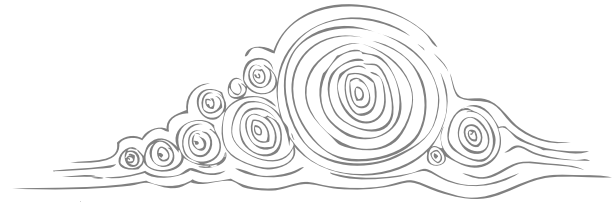
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Business Leader
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-Jyotsna "Jo" Heckman, UA Board of Regents



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-Brett Hodson, Corix

"Dan Gavora is a consummate professional who represents every aspect of what we expect in a business leader."
-Cam Carlson, UAF School of Management



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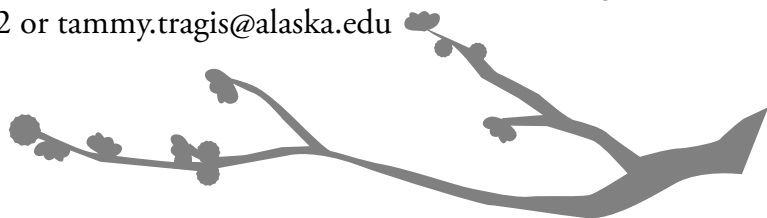
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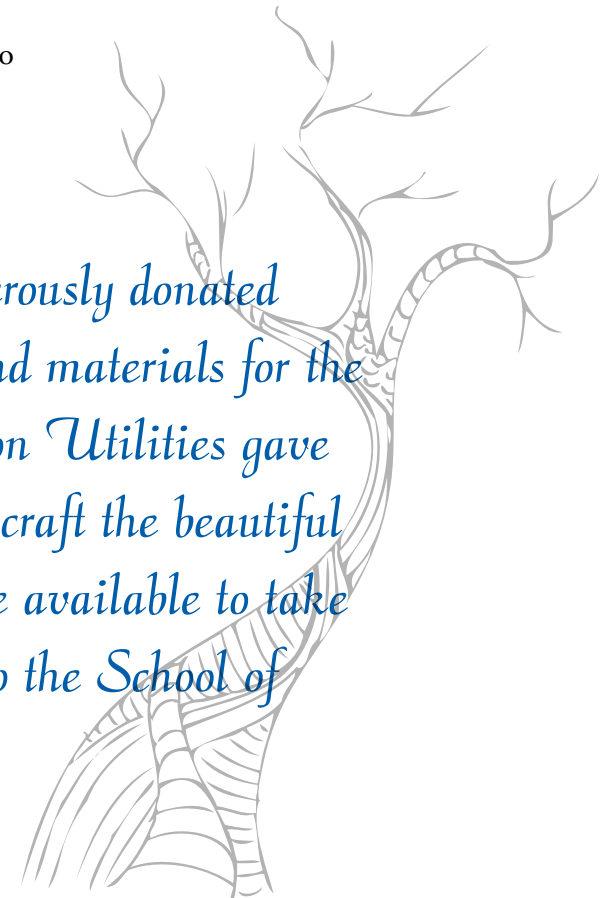
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1986	William Green*	2004	Michael Cook
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1990	Ralph Seekins	2008	Jyotsna "Jo" Heckman
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1992	Gary Roth	2010	Bernie Karl
1993	Jim & Jinx Whitaker	2011	Kyong Hollen
1994	Larry Doll		

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