

2022

UAF Business Leader

of the Year Award

honoring

Joe Usibelli Jr.

of Usibelli Coal Mine

Friday, November 18th, 2022

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Letter from the Dean



Dear Friends & Colleagues,

On behalf of the College of Business and Security Management faculty, staff and students, I am honored to welcome you to the 2022 UAF Business Leader of the Year dinner and award ceremony. UAF and CBSM are sincerely appreciative of each and every one of you. We are thrilled to host one of the premier statewide events. When Joe was originally nominated in 2020, over 30 letters of support were submitted by his peers, co-workers and past award recipients. He was chosen by the CBSM selection committee for his steadfast leadership, business expertise, educational support and community engagement.

This year has been full of momentous events, from changing our name from School of Management to the College of Business and Security Management, a new dean, reaching all-time high enrollment, and recognizing Joe Usibelli Jr. tonight in person. We certainly did not get here alone. The CBSM family includes everyone within our Golden Heart City, alumni, community connections and friends across the state and globe. Together we have paved the way for higher educational opportunities in our state and beyond.

Thank you for joining us this evening. You are joined by many of the decisive and influential leaders from the Fairbanks community and around the state. Many are also alumni, donors, committee members, and supporters of CBSM. I am honored for your friendship and support, and excited to see what the future holds for our students.

Sincerely,

Cam Carlson
Dean

UAF Business Leader of the Year

----- Social Hour -----

Presenting of Colors	UAF ROTC Color Guard
National Anthem	UAF Student
Invocation	Tina Graham
Welcome Remarks	CBSM Dean Cam Carlson
Raise Your Glass	JW Harnish & N C Machinery

----- Dinner -----

CBSM Support	Ivy Packee Lisa Cassino & Jim Culley
Guest Speaker	John Burns
Pin Presentation	Jim Dodson
Award Presentation	Gavin Meggert & Ashley Plys
Acceptance Remarks	Joe Usibelli Jr.
Raffle	CBSM Students
Closing Remarks	Gavin Meggert & Ashley Plys

----- Thank You for a Great Night! -----

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Joe Usibelli Jr.



A lifelong Alaskan, Joe Usibelli Jr. is the president of Usibelli Coal Mine, where he has worked for over 40 years. He graduated from the University of Alaska Fairbanks in 1981 with a degree in civil engineering and a minor in business. Joe worked at UCM while pursuing his education, and after graduation, advanced through various positions with the company, including superintendent and vice president of operations. He became president in 1987 at the age of 28. Joe is only the third leader of UCM following his father, Joe Sr., and his grandfather, Emil.

UCM has flourished under Joe's leadership, producing many benefits for the Alaska economy. More than 500 jobs in Interior Alaska are connected with the mining, distribution, and consumption of Usibelli coal. UCM also spends over \$70 million annually with more than 400 different suppliers, service-providers, and organizations.

Joe has built a solid record for environmental stewardship at the mine. Nearly one million trees have been planted as part of UCM's effort to restore mine lands to natural habitat, a program the company started years before reclamation was required by law. UCM received the "Environmental Stewardship Award of Excellence" from the Northwest Mining Association in recognition of its environmental record.

The safety of employees has been a top priority for Joe. At his direction, the company joined the "CORESafety" program. This initiative of the National Mining Association seeks aggressive reductions in the rate of injuries. In 2019, UCM surpassed all previous safety records when it achieved more than 1,000 consecutive days of operations without a single employee injury resulting in lost work time. This is a remarkable achievement for a company that operates heavy machinery, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, in all weather conditions.

Joe cultivates a family-friendly workplace, allowing time for employees to care for sick family members and participate in activities during work hours, such as parent-teacher conferences and youth sports. UCM has a high employee retention rate. One third of UCM's full-time employees belong to the second, third, and even fourth generations of their families who have worked at the company.

Support for education has been a hallmark of Joe's leadership, with a particular focus on the University of Alaska Fairbanks. More than \$6.5 million has been donated to the university from UCM, the Usibelli Foundation, and the Usibelli family to support student scholarships, faculty incentives, capital projects, event sponsorships, and the Alaska Nanooks athletics program, among other programs. In 2017, the University of Alaska honored the Usibelli family with its "Philanthropist of the Century Award."

Joe's commitment to education also extends to local K-12 schools. For many years, UCM provided five annual scholarships for graduates from the Tri-Valley School in Healy. In 2019, Joe greatly expanded the program by directing that every graduating senior from Tri-Valley would be awarded a scholarship of at least \$500, and that all children of UCM employees would receive a \$1,000 scholarship. Every year, Joe speaks at the Tri-Valley School graduation ceremony. On the last day of school, he's often operating the grill, barbecuing hamburgers.

In addition to leading UCM, Joe has been active in other business initiatives, including Aurora Energy, LLC, Usibelli Investments, LLC, and Usibelli Development, Inc. – as well as several family-owned business interests, including Aurora Denali Lodge, Black Diamond Resort, and Usibelli Vineyards. Joe was named the William A. Egan Outstanding Alaskan of the Year by the Alaska Chamber in 2012 and was inducted into the Alaska Business Hall of Fame in 2013. Joe and his wife Marilyn are lifelong residents of Healy, along with their daughter, Lexi, who is a UAF business administration student.

Joe joins a legacy of father and son Business Leader of the Year recipients, including Paul (1977) & Dan Gavora (2012), Cliff & Rob Everts (both 2018) and Joe Usibelli Sr. (1978).



Community Nomination Letters

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. Letters in support were submitted in 2019.

Joe Usibelli Jr. received nominations from the following past BLOY recipients:

David Hale, 2013	Marc Langland, 1982
Kyong Hollen, 2011	Bart LeBon, 2002

The following organizations submitted letters of support:

Alaska Miners Association	McDowell Group
Alaska Resource Education	Resource Development Council for Alaska, Inc.
Fairbanks Children's Museum	United Way of the Tanana Valley
Greater Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce	U.S. Congressional Delegation for Alaska

The following community members submitted letters of support:

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 Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM)

Proceeds from this event benefit
 CBSM student organizations, development and scholarships.



Kurt and Diana Lindsey gave \$10,000 in honor of Joe Usibelli Jr. Their gift will kick start the fundraising portion of tonight's program. Their gift directly supports College of Business and Security Management scholarships. Thank you!



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Honoring Joe Usibelli Sr.

Joe Usibelli Jr. is the second Usibelli to receive the UAF Business Leader of the Year. Joe's father, Joseph Emil Usibelli, was the second recipient of the award in 1978. This is the third time in history a father and son have received the award, following Paul & Dan Gavora, and Cliff & Rob Everts.

After a long illness, Joe Sr. quietly passed away on May 12, 2022. He was born in a log cabin in a coal camp at Suntrana, Alaska, long before there was a road to Fairbanks. His parents, Emil Usibelli and Rose Peretti Usibelli Berry, cherished him. He and his sister Rosalie had true rural Alaska childhoods. He attended a one room school, and when he moved to Fairbanks for high school, he was well prepared academically but overwhelmed by the number of students at Old Main school.

He worked at the coal mine during summers and vacations. Joe graduated early and started at UAF when he was 16, and went on to earn a degree in civil engineering. Eight years later, Joe took over running the Usibelli Coal Mine due to the unexpected loss of his father, Emil Usibelli. Joe brought the coal mine to up to speed by streamlining production, upgrading equipment and developing new markets. By the time Joe retired, he had built the mine into one of Alaska's most prominent and prosperous businesses. He left UCM in the capable hands of his son Joe, who has preserved and built upon that success.



Thank you!

Usibelli Coal Mine would like to thank the UAF students who have worked so hard to organize and host the 2022 Business Leader of the Year event honoring Joe Usibelli Jr.



Congratulations to **Joe Usibelli** on the 2022 Business Leader Of The Year! N C Machinery thanks you for your continued leadership and dedication to the Alaska Mining Industry and the economic future of the Fairbanks community.

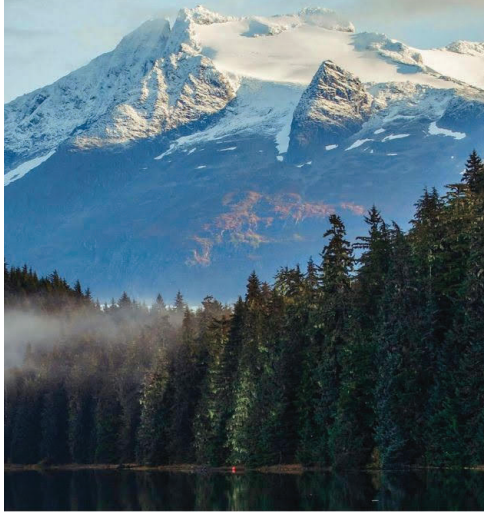
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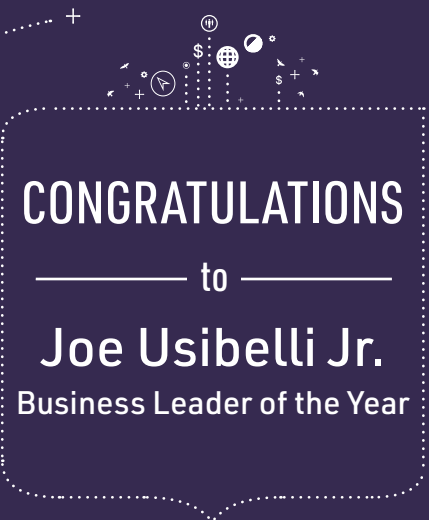
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The UAF Business Leader of the Year Community Steering Committee members are essential to the event's success. It is with their input that decisions are made regarding event structure, flow and guest engagement. With their planning and feedback, CBSM is equipped to provide the award recipient, guests and students the best experience possible.

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1984	Lawrence Heiner	2004	Michael Cook
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1986	William Green*	2006	Jim Lund
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1991	Tim Fargo	2011	Kyong Hollen
1992	Gary Roth	2012	Dan Gavora
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