The Northern Alaska Indigenous Leadership Academy (NAILA) is a dynamic leadership development program specifically designed for emerging leaders. NAILA is facilitated by a team of Indigenous elders and instructors committed to community-based wellness and sustainable development. Together, with our students, NAILA is helping to prepare a new generation of Alaska Native leaders to meet the challenges ahead.

In 2017, the first cohort of NAILA students successfully completed the program and are now working as part of a larger network across the state committed to building a more sustainable future in the north.

Curriculum
- Blends Western education and Indigenous knowledge
- Community Sustainability
- Healing and Wellness
- Leadership Development
- Insight and wisdom from Elders

Blended Course Delivery
- Audio conference
- Face-to-face retreat
- Social media network for ongoing support

About the NAILA 2017 cohort
- 6 men and 19 women
- Age ranging from 46-20
- Traditional and nontraditional students as well as college graduates
- Native Youth Olympic coaches
- Volunteers in their communities and churches
- Live a traditional subsistence lifestyle
- One mayor and a city council member

“Attending the Northern Alaska Indigenous Leadership Academy (NAILA) gave me a chance to collaborate with other leaders from our state in a relaxed environment. We were able to discuss challenges that we face as leaders in our communities, and we were able to draw strength from one another as people who share the same passions.”

Caitlin Tozier
University of Alaska Fairbanks Student

“I found the most dynamic part of NAILA to be the expectations of public speaking; public speaking on personal and often less-discussed topics like historical and intergenerational trauma. I found it to be important that the participants came together with shared histories and shared visions of the future to work on improving the circumstances we find ourselves in now.”

Freddie Olin
University of Alaska Fairbanks Student

“NAILA gave me a connection to my heritage that I never had before, because I grew up in California instead of the North Slope. The Indigenous aspect of my NAILA experience gave me permission to be Native and motivated me to embrace opportunities to serve my community instead of holding back. I am very grateful for the generosity of NAILA’s sponsors.”

Nancy Grant
Iḷisaġvik College Student

--- 2017 NAILA Instructors ---

Evon Peter
Vice Chancellor for Rural, Community, & Native Education, UAF

Dr. Pearl Brower
President, Iḷisaġvik College

Charlene Stern
DANSRD Faculty, UAF
Northern Alaska Indigenous Leadership Academy

**Academy Timeline**

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**Our Goal:**

NAILA will engage a new generation of Alaska Native leaders and provide them with leadership skills to promote community development from within. Participants will become part of a peer network that will continue to foster organic dialogue, partnership, and initiatives, as well as, connect them with future opportunities to advance their skills and education.

**Who should apply:**

Individuals (18 years and older) from the Interior and Northern regions of the state who are working for or are interested in the health and well being of our communities. Artists, hunters, community members, students, professionals, educators, and parents are encouraged to apply. We seek individuals interested in creative and innovative approaches to revitalizing our cultures, languages, and ways of living, utilizing Indigenous knowledge and modern technology. To contact NAILA please email: uaf-naila@alaska.edu. To apply, visit: www.uaf.edu/naila/

**Academy Information:**

NAILA has a limited capacity and we can only accept 25 people into the Academy. Full scholarships to cover travel, tuition, lodging and meals will be provided to all accepted applicants. We have experienced that this number of participants allows for strong relationships to be built and adequate opportunity to participate for all. We are planning to accept a broad range of participants from across Northern Alaska, with diversity in culture, gender, and background. Please understand that if you are not accepted for this cohort it is most likely due to a limitation on the spaces we have available.

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**Northern Alaska Indigenous Leadership Academy**

**VALUES**

- We seek to honor the Indigenous values and knowledge of our peoples
- Always consider future generations in making decisions for today
- Sustainability in our movement is key for ourselves and our communities
- When we share what we know, we are made stronger

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