

PRESENTATION BY FINALISTS FOR *Campus Academic Director*



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You may provide feedback by going to: bit.ly/3cdLZde

Presentation Zoom links:

Kim Williams - March 23, 10-11am: bit.ly/30xG51g

Susan Thames - March 25, 10-11am: bit.ly/3evLMJR

Valerie Burgess - March 25, 12-1pm: bit.ly/30xGAZc

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KIMBERLY WILLIAMS

A UAF and UAA alumna, Kimberly Williams is Yup'ik from Curyung (Dillingham), Alaska. She is the daughter of William and the late Mary Ann Johnson both of Dillingham. She serves on the Curyung Tribal Council and is on the board of directors for Bristol Bay Native Corporation. She has a long history with the university in various support and faculty roles since 2000. Williams holds a Master of Public Administration degree from UAA and a baccalaureate degree in biological sciences from UAF.

March 23rd, 2021 at 10am, join the Zoom presentation online at bit.ly/30xG51g or call in by phone: +1 669 900 6833 US with Meeting ID: 845 7257 2783

SUSAN THAMES

Susan Thames, a Dillingham resident since 1999, has worked for or with the UAF, BBC from 1999 - 2018. She has touched the lives of many in the Dillingham community through education, and has taken pride in the many accomplishments of those that she has worked with. She holds a Master's Degree in Cross Cultural Studies, spending seven years studying the Local Culture and the Native Ways of Knowing and Learning to receive this honor. She started her career in Education in 1987, and looks forward to many more years of working to bring educational opportunities to the community.

March 25th, 2021 at 10am, join the Zoom presentation online at bit.ly/3evlMJR or call in by phone: +1 669 900 6833 US with Meeting ID: 829 0923 5609

VALERIE BURGESS

Valerie Burgess is an experienced educator and communicator with a goal of seeing others like herself become first generation college students. Having graduated with a bachelor's in communication, her career as a published author and editor spanned three states, including local newspapers, international religious magazines, and nationally published curriculum. Among other positions she worked as an assistant editor and designer for Alaska Rural Newspapers, including the Bristol Bay Times. After receiving a Master of Arts in Teaching, she spent 16 years in the field of education teaching in Anchorage and Dillingham. She currently holds an Administrative Certificate having

completed principal internships at three schools, including Alaska Native Cultural Charter School (ANCCS) and the distance education program Family Partnership Charter School (FPCS). At FPCS as an intern and teacher, she held leadership roles including the Site Based Evaluation Specialist and Building Test Coordinator for multiple years. She has written online core curriculum for middle and high school students using Moodle, a learning management system like Blackboard. In addition, as an ordained minister, she directed We Care Ministries--an outreach program into prisons and long-term care facilities, as well as dealing with addictions intervention. She particularly enjoys reviving and making efficient fledgling programs. We Care grew from 80 in attendance to an average of 650 people during her five years of leadership. Currently she and her husband lead the Bristol Bay Church in Dillingham, AK. Her latest endeavor is a Certificate in Law and Higher Education from Regent University. She presently works as a Legislative Information Officer encouraging constituents in Dillingham, the Aleutians, the Pribilof, and the Upper Kuskokwim to use their voice in matters that concern their communities.

March 25th, 2021 at 12pm, join the Zoom presentation online at bit.ly/30xGAZc or call in by phone: +1 669 900 6833 US with Meeting ID: 822 4841 5828



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Please submit any questions you'd like the presenters to answer before 5pm on March 25, 2021. Submit by going to: bit.ly/3qE9sth

Presentation Zoom links:

Lewis Beaver - March 30, 10am: bit.ly/3L5WEe6

Dr. Li Yang - March 31, 10am: bit.ly/38u2r8g

UAF KUSKOKWIM CAMPUS

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LEWIS BEAVER

Lewis Beaver is a Yup'ik from Kwigillingok, Alaska, where he received his traditional training from his grandfather and Western education from the Lower Kuskokwim School District. Lewis is a father of six and grandfather of four. Mr. Beaver attended first the University of Alaska Fairbanks, and then the University of Alaska Anchorage where he earned a bachelor's degree in Education and a master's in Educational Leadership. For the past decade Lewis Beaver has been a school principal for the Lower Kuskokwim and Southwest Region School Districts running campuses in both Kongiganak and Manokotak. His passion to see young people rising up and following in his own footsteps by succeeding in the postsecondary environment brings him to his current pursuit of directing the University's Kuskokwim Campus.

March 30th, 2021 at 10am, join the Zoom presentation at bit.ly/3L5WEe6
or call in by phone +1 669 900 6833 US with Meeting ID: 820 1640 4350

DR. LI YANG

With more than 10 years of experience in higher education administration in the U.S., Dr. Li Yang started her career teaching English as a second or third language to indigenous students in Xinjiang, one of the most ethnically diverse, culturally rich and yet conflict-stricken regions in China.

Having studied in three countries (China, Germany and the U.S.) and worked in two, Dr. Yang understands how education contributes to and reflects inequalities in societies, and how education can provide possibilities for individual and societal change toward greater equality. The indigenous culture she grew up with in China has taught her the value of learning from nature, history and people, especially the elders from local community. Bringing in these perspectives to classroom has always been her way of approaching teaching.

Dr. Yang earned a bachelor's degree in English (with highest distinction), and a master's degree in British and American literature from Xinjiang University, and holds a doctorate in Comparative and International Development Education from the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities. She has spent much of her professional life in the U.S. developing, managing and recruiting for academic programs and is committed to helping engage scholars and students from diverse backgrounds. Over the past 10 years she has worked for both public and private institutions including Colorado State University, and Gonzaga University.

March 31st, 2021 at 10am, join the Zoom presentation at bit.ly/38u2r8g
or call in by phone +1 669 900 6833 US with Meeting ID: 893 9144 3720

